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2021

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As one of the most prestigious awards an architect and designer can win in the Los Angeles design community, AIA Los Angeles (AIALA) goes to great lengths to make the Awards as celebrated as possible. This year is no exception!

A panel of distinguished jurors, from international architects and fellows, to critics, professors, and theorists, will bring their expertise to our local judging table – evaluating and selecting works that represent the best in our design field.

The annual AIALA Design Awards & Exhibit honors excellence in:

Design Awards: Built work in Los Angeles or by Los Angeles architects

Next LA Awards : Unbuilt work in Los Angeles or by Los Angeles architects

In both Design and Next LA categories, jury awards may be given in three classifications: Citation, Merit and Honor.

NEW THIS YEAR - FIRM & PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

This year, we are pleased to announce that building performance will be a critical, and required, component of the Design Awards and have aligned this year's program with the energy measure from the National AIA 2030 commitment for design excellence in support of environmental sustainability. The AIA 2030 commitment requires that all new buildings, developments, and major renovations shall be carbon neutral by 2030. AIALA is joining other local chapters in major cities across the nation, to merge design awards with those recognized by the Committee on the Environment (COTE). AIALA recognizes that as ecological stewardship is an integral part of the design process and our built environment, design awards will therefore recognize projects that successfully integrate environmental considerations along with a building's design agenda.

All firms submitting design awards will be required to submit proof of being a 2030 Commitment signatory. If your firm has not yet signed onto the 2030 Commitment, you can sign on here: <https://2030ddx.aia.org/registerFirm>. If you need to register, we suggest you begin now.

Built project entries will require a narrative of the project's sustainability features, energy calculations, and proof of being submitted to the AIA 2030ddx platform.

JUDGING

Separate juries will be convened for each award program: AIALA Design, and Next LA Awards. The decisions by the juries are final and binding. Winners will be kept confidential and will be publicly announced at the AIALA Design Awards Ceremony.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The AIALA Awards Ceremony will be in October. Date, time and type of gathering (virtual or in-person) are to be announced at a later date. Winners of the awards will be announced at the event, where they will be presented with their award certificates. In addition to honoring the winners of the AIALA Design and Next LA Awards, the 2021 AIALA Presidential Award recipients will also be recognized. Tickets for the awards ceremony will be available for purchase through the chapter office. Check <https://www.aialosangeles.org/awards/design-awards/> for ceremony updates.

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REGISTRATION

Individuals or firms may submit any number of projects to the AIALA Design and Next LA Awards. An entry will be eligible even though the submitting architect is not the sole author, providing the submitting architect credits all other participants who substantially contributed to the design of the project. AIALA uses **Submittable**, a paperless, digital submission entry. All registrations and awards submissions must be completed through this platform.

FEE STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE

		DESIGN or NEXT LA AWARD
EARLY BIRD PRICING APRIL 13 - MAY 3	1ST ENTRY	\$195
	EACH ADDITIONAL	\$185
	STUDENT	\$50 [NEXT LA ONLY]
REGULAR PRICING MAY 4 - MAY 27	1ST ENTRY	\$215
	EACH ADDITIONAL	\$205
	STUDENT	\$50 [NEXT LA ONLY]
LATE PRICING MAY 28 - JUNE 11	1ST ENTRY	\$245
	EACH ADDITIONAL	\$225
	STUDENT	\$50 [NEXT LA ONLY]

DEADLINES

Your entry form and fee must be submitted via **Submittable** no later than **Friday, June 11, 2021** (11:59pm PST).

The submission period will be from June 1, 2021 - August 2, 2021. All award submittals are due on **Monday, August 2, 2021** (11:59pm PST).

ADDITIONAL FORMS AND MATERIALS

The additional submission form will be ready and sent to registrants starting June 1, 2021.

Detailed submittal requirements, including category definitions, specifications for entry materials and template, will be posted after registration closes on <https://www.aialosangeles.org/awards/design-awards/>.

CATEGORIES

AWARD CATEGORIES

Selecting an award category

Focus of award category

	DESIGN AWARDS	NEXT LA
<i>Selecting an award category</i>	Submit complete built works to the Design Awards category	Submit unbuilt works to the NEXT LA Awards category
<i>Focus of award category</i>	Recognizes the best built work located in Los Angeles or by Los Angeles based architects.	Recognizes the future of Los Angeles architecture by awarding projects that are not yet built in Los Angeles or by Los Angeles based architects.

ENTRY TYPOLOGIES

Commercial/Mixed Use
Healthcare/Institutional/Civic
Educational
Single-Family Residential
Multi-Family Residential
Temporary Housing
Affordable Housing
Adaptive Re-use/Renovation/Historic Preservation
Interior Architecture
Cityscapes
Competition (NEXT LA only)
Architectural Installations

Entries are not limited to listed typologies.

Note: Awards are not bestowed per typology. Projects are grouped by typology for ease of jury coordination only.

All entries must follow the Submissions Requirements instructions and follow the prompts on **Submittable**.

ELIGIBILITY

The AIALA Design Awards showcase the best of built and unbuilt work located in Los Angeles or by Los Angeles-based architects located elsewhere. Entrants must be members of any chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Award winners will be announced and celebrated at the AIALA Design Awards Ceremony in October 2021.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Built work, completed after January 1, 2018. 2. NEW: Provide proof of project submission on DDX platform 3. NEW: Provide required building energy information, in online form through Submittable 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unbuilt work originating no earlier than January 1, 2018. Project must be less than 75% through completed construction at the time of judging in September 2021.

SUBMITTER ELIGIBILITY

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Only Architect, Associate, or Student members in good standing (at the time of registration) of any Chapter of the American Institute of Architects may submit entries.	
NEW: Firms must have at least one Architect, Associate, or Student member in good standing, and provide that member's ID number to register and submit.	
Los Angeles based practices are eligible to submit regardless of the project's location.	
Projects located in Los Angeles are eligible for submission regardless of the architect/firm's practice location.	
NEW: Submitting firm must be a signatory of the 2030 Commitment ; provide proof of firm's signatory .	
Projects by any 2021 AIALA Design or NEXT LA Awards jury member (or the firm of the jury member, regardless of location) are ineligible .	

AWARD ELIGIBILITY

DESIGN AWARDS	NEXT LA
Eligible for Honor Award only if required building energy information is provided.	Eligible for Honor Award
Eligible for Merit Award	
Eligible for Citation Award	
Projects previously awarded a Design Award are not eligible for resubmission in this category.	Projects previously awarded a NEXT LA Award are not eligible for resubmission in this category. They are eligible for submission to the Design Awards if they meet the criteria.

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REGISTRATIONS DUE
JUNE 11

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