

***WIKIARQUITECTURA
STUDENT AWARDS
2017***

ABOUT THE WAS AWARDS

The WikiArquitectura Student awards aim to celebrate the work done by students from all around the world during each academic year.

Most student's project's fate is to never leave the classroom and end up in a forgotten drawer after the final critique. There is nothing wrong with that since something new is always learned with each project, but **we believe the learning experience could be much richer by sharing those projects with a broader community, as broad as architecture schools exists around the world.**

Although there already exist some competitions and awards for students we believe most of them fail to achieve this goal by charging inaccessible entry fees that make it impossible for many students to take part on such events or by disappointing those who do take part with an opaque and often seemingly arbitrary selection process.

The WAS awards are an international, free and transparent alternative to these kind of events that we believe are necessary during the learning process of an architect and that schools themselves often find it hard to coordinate and organize.

The WAS Awards guarantee that any student from any country in the world can participate by eliminating any entry fees. They also transform the process in which the winners are selected, going from a process that usually only lasts a few hours to an individual and extensive review of each project that lasts for days. During this process every single project gets the full attention from the jurors, without any previous shortlisting or other commitments that limit the time that the jurors can spend on each projects. Participants will even be able to get direct feedback from the jurors about their project to help them improve and understand how to become successful at these kind of events.

Let's all get together to become better architects. Welcome to the WAS awards!

THE 2017 WAS AWARD

If you are or have been enrolled as an undergraduate architecture student during 2017 we are glad you found this page.

We are sure you'll have a bunch of great projects you've worked on during the last year and we want to see your best!

The WAS awards are FREE to join and will not only give you the opportunity to win some really cool prizes for work you've already done but they will also allow you to see where you stand not only against your classmates but also against other students from other schools in other places, some of which will have very different points of views and approaches to architecture than yours.

The WAS awards are a place to share, win, learn and keep growing as architects. Welcome to the WikiArquitectura Student Awards 2017!

ELIGIBILITY WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The call for the WAS awards 2017 is individual and international.

Undergraduate architecture students from any school around the world are invited to participate as long as they can provide proof of their student status.

The WAS awards organization will accept the following documents as valid proof of student status:

- A copy of the student ID
- A copy of the school enrolment documentation

Since different schools in different countries follow different academic calendars we only ask that participant meet the student status criteria during at least one day since the call opens until the submission deadline.

CATEGORIES

Students will be able to submit projects to three different categories:

- **Housing** - The housing award will evaluate single home projects or reduced complexes made out of individual houses
- **Residential buildings** - The residential award will evaluate apartment buildings and other forms of multi-family housing
- **Facilities** - The facilities award will evaluate public and private projects including; museums, libraries, sport complexes and others

Any given project will only be allowed to compete under one category, although students are welcome to submit different projects to each of the three categories. **Each student will be allowed to submit one project to each category.** The creation of multiple accounts by a single student with the goal of submitting more than one project to the same category will imply their immediate disqualification.

PROJECTS CRITERIA

The only **criteria for a project to be eligible for the WAS awards** are the following:

- **The project must have been developed during the last year** (since the day the registration opens).
- **The student submitting the project must be the sole author** of their work. This does not mean you can't get help from teachers and tutors of course!

THE JURY

The WAS awards will be judged by the WikiArquitectura team. Our team is made up by architects, teachers, historians and other professionals from different disciplines. Together we've spent over a decade studying, analyzing and documenting thousands of buildings around the world.

Most architecture competitions and awards for students pick their winners in just a few hours after the jury receives a handful of shortlisted projects. That's what happens when you get some "star architect" in the jury... they are busy people and they just don't have the time to look at every single project or spend significant time on any of them.

At WikiArquitectura we believe that's neither fair nor the best learning experience and that's why we've decided to replace those "star architects" with a devoted team with decades of combined experience.

This is what you can expect from the WAS awards jury:

NO SHORTLISTS

No project is less important than the other, and if you took the time to submit yours it's only fair that the jury should take the time to review it, so there won't be any shortlists of any kind. The jury will go through every single project equally.

NO RUSH

There will be no time limit for the jury to spend on a single project. If a project requires hours to be fully understood that's how long the jury will spend on it. The whole selection process will not take a few hours like it usually does but days, even weeks if that's what it takes!

PERSONAL FEEDBACK

Since the jury will go through every single project in depth during the selection process they will be able to provide personal feedback for each of them, giving you meaningful insights on which were the keys to your project that made them consider it or discard it.

PRIZES

Although the main goal of the WAS awards is to provide an alternative learning environment for architecture students around the world a few prizes have never done any harm to anyone!

We are happy to announce a pretty cool list of prizes for this 2017 edition of the WAS awards. **The winner from each category will receive the following prizes:**

- 600€ in cash
- See your project featured on WikiArquitectura's home page for 30 days (over 2M impressions)
- 3Doodler Create 3D Printing Pen
- A free Membership Pro at Build Academy. Get your AIA certified diploma for free
- Subscription to L'ARCHITECTURE D'AUJOURD'HUI magazine
- Subscription to SITE - built matters magazine
- Subscription to OPEN HOUSE - the life we share magazine
- Subscription to ARCHITECKTÚRA & URBANIZMUS magazine
- 3 SCALAE paperback issues of your choice (must pick from available issues on Amazon)
- Selection of TC cuadernos publications

CALENDAR

These are the dates you should mark on your calendar. Keep in mind that **taking part in the WAS awards is FREE**, and that the different registration periods only affect the prices of the complementary products that we make available to participants.

- **Special registration** – September 18th 2017 to November 5th

- **Early registration** – November 6th to November 26th
- **Regular registration** – November 27th to December 17th
- **Submission deadline** – January 8th
- **Winners announcement** – February 26th

All deadlines will be at midnight Hawaii time (GMT -10) because Hawaii sounds really cool and it will give most of you a few extra hours ;)

REGISTRATIONS & SUBMISSIONS

Registering for the WAS awards is FREE.

All registrations must be made on the WAS awards website (<http://wasawards.com>) by filling in the registration form. No registrations will be accepted via e-mail or any other form of communication.

Submissions will also happen on the WAS awards website. Once the registration process is completed students will get access to a private dashboard where they'll be able to upload their work.

Submissions can be a combination of texts, images and videos. Students are free to upload as much text as they wish and up to 10 images, although we strongly recommend keeping text under 300 words and keeping images simple. Don't photoshop two images into one single file, its bad karma!

Remember that **all text must be in English** for the jury to understand it.

COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Taking part in the WAS awards is FREE, however we would also like to make available some **complementary products which do have a cost.** This cost is meant to cover printing and shipping costs as well as additional time that the jury and other members of our team will have to spend drafting, composing, packaging and shipping products.

The available complementary services are the following:

- **Participation certificate** - This is a participation certificate with your name, printed on high quality paper and hand signed by a member of the jury, shipped to your home address.
- **Personalized feedback from the jury** - This is a PDF with personalized feedback from the jury giving you meaningful insight on which were the key aspects that made them consider or discard your project (roughly 300 words).

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS

By submitting your project to the WAS awards you are NOT giving up the rights to your work.

By submitting your projects to the WAS awards you accept and grant WikiArquitectura permission to advertise and publish any submitted material with proper credit. We also reserve the right to modify this material in order to meet the requirements that different publishers or distribution channels might have.

For any other purpose you remain the sole proprietary to the right of your work.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

The WAS awards are a place to share, learn and keep growing as future architects. We hope that all participants will understand that and help us achieve our goal.

If we find that any participant is trying to go against this motto, either by submitting projects from others, participating after graduating, creating multiple accounts to submit more projects than allowed or any other action that might be considered intentional and in bad faith, they will be immediately disqualified.

OTHER NOTES

WikiArquitectura also reserves the right to modify this brief at any point in time as long as this modification is in favor of the majority of participants or can't be avoided for reasons out of our control. In any case we will do our best to communicate any changes to all participants by e-mail and through our social networks.

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