



Student Design Awards

The AIA Charlotte Design Awards Program recognizes aspiring architects and student designers currently enrolled at the School of Architecture at UNC Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College and Queens University.

Eligibility

Awards entries may be previously completed work either for course credit or independent investigations. Regardless, award entries must be formatted to comply with design award program guidelines outlined below. Award entries must be submitted with written acknowledgement of sponsorship by a design faculty member in the entrant's academic program. **Students who graduated in Spring 2021 are eligible to submit.**

There are two awards categories;

1. **Early Design** (First, Second, or Third Year students of a degree program)
2. **Advanced Design Level** (Fourth Year, Fifth Year, and Graduate students).

Awards for the **Early Design** celebrate emerging talent and excellence in design with the promise of innovative thinking and creative exploration in architecture.

Advanced Design awards recognize exceptional, creative practices and applied research in building design, urban design, public interest design, sustainability, technologies, and innovative materials. Recipients of this award display a novel academic approach with the promise of developing new architectural paradigms.

Submission Content

Project submissions shall be in the form of a paginated Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) file in 8.5" x 14 (16:10) landscape format. A maximum of twelve (12) pages are allowed per submission.

Submissions shall include the graphic (visual) and narrative content sufficient to convey the design parameters and design solution. Submissions typically include a combination of photographs (monochrome or color), drawings (plans, sections, elevations), diagrams, benchmarks and annotations. Please include a graphic scale and north arrow on the plans, as applicable, for reference. Every submission should clearly depict the project scope, its aspirational goals, its relationship to context, program and so on.

It is critical to help jurors understand the important qualities of the project as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. *Please note that jurors will view digital images only.* Be aware of the number of images and information that can be comprehended from a single page viewed *in quick succession.*

Submissions should be as comprehensive as possible and relate to the salient aspects of the design. An image of each primary building facade should be evident in the submission. In the case of a group of buildings, a photograph showing the overall composition of structures should be included.

Entry Fee: \$25 per entry

Prize: Cash prizes will be awarded for each category. Cash prize amount TBD, with a minimum amount of \$500 for first place winners.