



World
Architecture
Festival

Awards entry guide

29 November –
1 December 2023

The world's largest live architecture awards

World Architecture Festival 2023 will take place on the 29 November to 1 December. At the heart of the festival sits a unique awards programme. Raise your profile and showcase your work at the world's largest live awards event for architects and designers.

- Celebrate your teams' achievements and hard work
- Demonstrate to clients that you are a global player
- Tell the world how proud you are of your work
- Be seen as a thought-leader in global design and innovation
- Prove that your practice is great to work for and work with
- Create an invaluable international network of clients and partners

“I think of WAF as the architectural Olympics”

Angus Campbell, Senior Partner, Foster+Partners



Why enter the awards?

- Present your project to WAF's esteemed international jurors. Discuss your design and use their feedback to strengthen your future work.
- Our finalists, judges and attendees span the globe. Develop an invaluable international network that you can seek advice from, partner with and win work from.
- Your project will be permanently listed on the worldbuildingsdirectory.com, the world's largest online directory of contemporary architecture.
- WAF generates 350 pieces of international press coverage each year. CNN, Al Jazeera, BBC, The New York Times, Domus Web and ArchDaily are just a few media outlets you will be seen in.
- The WAF jury consists of more than 150 industry experts. WAF's unique, rigorous judging process strengthens your credibility and sets you apart from the competition.
- Attend the festival to be inspired and expand your knowledge of your profession
- Increase your chances of winning at WAF by entering the Special Prizes and WAFX for free. Plus, all entrants from China will automatically be considered for the WAFChina awards for no extra fee

“ I love to judge these awards. If you've got a project you would like to share with more people then come to WAF ”

Cany Ash, Founder Partner, Ash Sakula Architects



Awards categories

Completed buildings

- Civic and community
- Creative re-use
- Culture
- Display
- Health
- Higher education and research
- Hotel and leisure
- House and villa
- Housing
- Mixed-use
- Office
- Production, energy and logistics
- Religion
- Retrofit
- Education
- Shopping
- Sport
- Transport
- Villa

Future projects

- Civic
- Commercial mixed-use
- Competition entries
- Culture
- Education
- Experimental
- Health
- House
- Infrastructure
- Leisure-led development
- Masterplanning
- Office
- Residential

Landscape

- Architecture/ infrastructure
- Gardens, parks, ecological/ environmental



World Festival of Interiors: Inside – WAF's sister awards taking place at the same time and place!

- Bars & Restaurants
- Education
- Health and Fitness
- Hotels
- Public Buildings
- Residential – single dwelling
- Residential – housing, more than one dwelling
- Retail
- Temporary/ Meanwhile uses
- Workplace – large
- Workplace - small

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How to enter

1. Open your account at worldarchitecturefestival.com or insidefestival.com
2. Choose the category that you want to enter. You can enter a project into more than one category and there is no limit to the number of categories that you can enter.
3. Tell us the details of your project, provide a project description and upload images and plans to support your entry.
4. Upload the artwork for your entry boards that will be used by the judges to make their shortlisting decisions and be displayed at the festival. We will print your entry boards.
5. You can save and come back to your entry at any stage, including after you have paid. All information has to be complete by the entry deadline on 5 May 2023.

Key dates

5 May Entries close

10 July Shortlist announced

14 July Last day for finalists to buy festival passes at a discounted rate

29 - 30 November World Architecture Festival begins and category judging commences

1 December Final rounds of judging takes place and the overall winners are decided and announced at the Gala Dinner

“ A WAF Award is a gold standard in a crowded architectural award landscape. Winning reinforced our established profile on a global stage and confirmed that we’re still doing great and important work ”

Mark Middleton, Managing Partner, Grimshaw



The judging process

❶ 5 May 2023

All entries are received

All entries must be submitted online by 5 May 2023

❷ 14 - 15 June 2023

Shortlist decided

Leading architects and industry professionals gather to look at the entry boards and decide on a shortlist.

❸ 10 July 2023

Shortlist is announced

All finalists will be published on the WAF and Inside websites, international press and WAF's renowned media partners.

❹ 29 - 30 November 2023

Live category judging at WAF

All finalists present for 10 minutes to a panel of three category judges followed by 10 minutes of Q&A with the jury. Judging takes place in a 'crit' room open to all delegates. Category winners are announced at the end of each day.

❺ 1 December 2023

Live judging for best in show winners

Each category winner presents again for the Completed Building, Future Project, Landscape or Interior of the Year Super-Jury.

❻ 1 December 2023

The final winners are revealed

The World Building, Future Project, Landscape and Interior of the Year winners are announced at the end of the day. Winners have been meticulously weighed over three rounds of peer-review judging.



Prices

Entries

WAF early bird rate (ends 24 March): £795

WAF standard rate: £875

Inside early bird rate (ends 24 March): £645

Inside standard rate: £725

+VAT where applicable

Enter three or more and receive a
15% discount using the code MULTI23

Delegates

Delegate passes start from £999 +VAT

All finalists must purchase two tickets to
attend and present at the festival

Join in the conversation

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