SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
an independent, student-run, non-profit organization
INTRODUCTION
The AIAS Honor Awards were developed to publicly recognize outstanding achievements by students, educators, and practitioners who have exhibited an exemplary commitment to the education and development of architecture students. This public recognition is the highest honor the organization can bestow. The 2021 American Institute of Architecture Students Honor Awards are as follows:

Chapter Honor Award
Chapter Leader Honor Award
Educator Honor Award
Emerging Professional Honor Award
Outstanding AIA Component Honor Award
Outstanding Freedom by Design Program Award
Outstanding Freedom by Design Project Award
Design Excellence Honor Award
Special Accomplishment Honor Award
Student Research Honor Award

Since 1956, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) has functioned as an intercollegiate network and representational voice for architecture students. The AIAS is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to linking its student constituents to the diverse academic, social, and creative opportunities that are critical in their development as design professionals.

The mission of the AIAS is to advance leadership, design, and service among architecture students.
GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of the nomination packet is to tell the compelling story of the nominee. In addition to information required for each award category, the use of photos, memorabilia, and other supplemental materials is strongly encouraged within the required format. Video and animation linked within the pdf document are allowed but do not count toward the file size limit. Physical Submissions will not be considered.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS
All additional inquiries should be directed to the Vice President.

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SCHEDULE
All submissions must be submitted by, AUGUST 31, 2021. Nominations received after that deadline will not be considered.

APRIL 2021
Nominations and award submission open

AUGUST 31, 2021
All materials must be submitted via Slideroom

SEPTEMBER 2021
Jury appointed

OCTOBER 2021
Jury deliberation facilitated by the Past VP

DECEMBER 2021
Awards Ceremony at AIAS FORUM

SUBMISSIONS
In order to ensure the fair and thorough evaluation of all nominees for the AIAS National Honor Awards, the following must be submitted in the manner described below. Please note that the use of photos, memorabilia, and other supplemental materials is strongly encouraged within the required format. Videos and animations will also be accepted through Slideroom.

Honor Awards may be conferred to more than one recipient each year at the discretion of the jury. Self-nominations are encouraged.

HOW TO SUBMIT
1. Visit www.aias.org/honor-awards
2. Click the Apply Now button – you’ll be taken to Slideroom
3. Hit Apply Now again
4. Login to Slideroom (Create a free account if you don’t have one)
5. Select 2021 Honor Awards
6. Click Begin Application
7. Follow the steps through Slideroom and hit Submit!

NOTE: All award materials must be submitted per specifications noted in each award sheet included in this document.

Email submissions will not be considered.
THE AIAS CHAPTER HONOR AWARD

The highest award bestowed upon a chapter of The American Institute of Architecture Students for its consistent growth and stability while providing outstanding educational and professional programs to its members and others.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2020 University of Nevada, Las Vegas & University of Arizona
2019 NewSchool of Architecture and Design Honorable Mention: Northeastern University
2018 Carnegie Mellon University
2017 University of Nevada, Las Vegas Honorable Mention: Ryerson University
2016 Carnegie Mellon University Honorable Mention: University of Arizona
2015 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
2014 University of Minnesota Honorable Mention: Illinois Central College + Ryerson University
2013 Illinois Institute of Technology
2012 Syracuse University
2011 University of Detroit Mercy
2010 University of Nebraska – Lincoln
2009 University of North Carolina – Charlotte
2008 University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2007 University of Kansas
2006 Auburn University
2005 Mississippi State University
2004 University of Nebraska
2003 Ball State University Honorable Mention: Oklahoma State University
2002 AIAS Orange County Honorable Mention: Oklahoma State University
2001 University of Hawaii
2000 Carnegie Mellon University
1999 University of Minnesota
1998 University of Oklahoma
1997 University of Hawaii Honorable Mention: Mississippi State University
1996 University of Colorado at Denver
1995 Kansas State University
1994 Mississippi State University
1993 Kent State University
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THE AIAS CHAPTER LEADER HONOR AWARD

(Formally known as the Chapter President Honor Award) The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS Chapter Leader for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the consistent growth and development of the AIAS chapter on their campus.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2020 Genevieve Enriquez, Woodbury University
   Nicholas Romano, University of New Mexico & Gabriella Spatz, Bowling Green State University
2019 Tommy Harlandez, NewSchool & Belén Vizcay, UT Arlington
2018 Zain IslamHashmi, Carnegie Mellon University
   Honorable Mention: Alexander Stiegl, Cal Poly, SLO
2017 Caroline Barick, Syracuse University
   Honorable Mention: Dominic Amendariz, UNLV
2016 Kelsey Kaufman, Southern Illinois Univ. Carbondale
   Honorable Mention: Amelia Rosen, Carnegie Mellon
2015 Katherine Etien, Savannah College of Art and Design
   Honorable Mention: Brianna Ulund, Cal Poly, SLO
2014 Samantha Raben - Louisiana Tech University
2013 Samantha Parsloe and Stephen Russell, Mass Art
2012 Chris DePalm, Syracuse University
2011 Amanda Gare, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
2010 Dina Damri, University of Detroit Mercy
2009 Jared McKnight, Pennsylvania State University
2008 Lilie Bassett, Auburn University
2007 Ryan Carl Wang, University of Washington
2006 Ada Black, Lawrence Technological University
2005 Melissa Schnecker, Auburn University
2004 Michelle Acosta, Arizona State University
2003 Jason Nguyen, Drew University
   Honorable Mention: Kimberly Lapinicky, Lawrence Tech
   Honorable Mention: Morgan Ennis, University of Maryland
2002 Nathan Razzi, University at Buffalo
2001 Jesse Tuck, North Dakota State University
   Honorable Mention: Thea Habersetzer, U. of Washington
2000 Naol Kido, University of Hawaii
   Honorable Mention: Kevin Sebastian and Mellany Whitkop, University of Oregon
1999 Margaret Tarampi, Carnegie Mellon University
1998 Danielle Yafuso, University of Hawaii
1997 Randy Goin Jr., AIAS For Lauderdale
1996 Dean Albright, University of Colorado at Denver
1995 Luis Ibañez, Cal PolySan Luis Obispo

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE CHAPTER LEADER HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Member of an overall stable chapter (financially, culturally, etc.) in Good Standing in 2020-2021
- Motivated, energetic, and involved membership
- Creates an environment that encourages involvement of a motivated and energetic chapter exec board that exhibits cooperative skills and a desire and ability to present successful programs
- Prominence within the architecture program with appropriate faculty, administration and with AIA component leadership
- Exemplary involvement with campus community and professional organizations as well as local businesses, the design and construction industry, or others
- Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The Applicant (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. Dean, Department Chair, or equivalent
  3. AIAS Chapter Faculty Advisor
  4. Local AIA Component representative (optional)

- Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Curriculum vitae or resume of nominee
  2. Example of AIAS work completed by nominee
  3. Any support materials that help exemplify the unique and special accomplishments of this candidate in facilitating an exemplary chapter culture, i.e. photographic evidence or videography
  4. Headshot
The most prestigious award that the AIAS confers on an AIAS Faculty Advisor or educator whom has exhibited outstanding contributions to the formal and informal education of architecture students, and whom champions the mission on the organization through guidance and leadership of their students.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2020 Elizabeth Martin-Malikian, Kennesaw State University
2019 John Folan, Carnegie Mellon University
2018 Eva Klementmann, Illinois Institute of Technology
          Katherine Schwannauer FAIA, Clemson University
2017 Michael Klotz, University of Arizona
2016 Robert Wiseley, The Ohio State University
2015 Jim Lutz, University of Minnesota
          Hon. Mention: Hsiu-Jen Huang, SCAD
2014 Anthony “Tony” Castillo - Ball State University
2012 Vaughn Horn, Tuskegee University
2011 Brian Ambrozak, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
2010 Andrew Payne, Savannah College of Art and Design
2009 Mark Keane, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2007 David W. Hinse, Auburn University
2005 Neil Frank, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2004 Mohammed Bilbeisi, Oklahoma State University
2003 Rusty Smith, Auburn University
          Honorable Mention: Mike Andrejasich,
          University of Illinois at UC
2002 Dr. Rumiko Handa, University of Nebraska
2001 Vivian Lotmass, AIA, Carnegie Mellon University
2000 William J. Carpenter, AIA, Southern
          Polytechnic State University
1999 Laura Lee, AIA, Carnegie Mellon University
1998 Shannon Criss, AIA, Mississippi State University
1997 Joyce Nee, AIA, University of Hawaii
1996 James Fausett, Southern Polytechnic State University
1995 Tom Hoffman, Andrews University
1994 Spencer Leineweber, University of *Hawaii
1993 David Scott, FAIA, Washington State University
1992 Frank Bosworth, Bowling Green State University
1991 Leighton Liu, University of Hawaii

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE EDUCATOR HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

• Outstanding contribution to the formal and informal education of architecture students at any post-secondary institution
• Teaches an understanding of the importance of practicing architecture for the public interest
• Exemplary education of the public on the virtues of excellence in architecture and the environment
• Outstanding contributions to academic, career counseling, or mentorship of architecture students
• An underlying alignment of the AIAS mission: to advance leadership, design, and service among architecture students

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

• Letters of Support from:
  1. The Applicant (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. Dean, Department Chair, or equivalent
  3. Current or past student
  4. Additional letter if desired (optional)

• Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Curriculum vitae or resume of nominee
  2. Titles of courses taught and programs administered by the nominee with a brief of each, and supporting material (teaching evaluations, syllabi, or student work)*
  3. Headshot

*Limit to 10 pages
The AIAS Emerging Professional Honor Award

Awarded to an alumni member of The American Institute of Architecture Students who is successfully representing the mission and beliefs of the organization in their chosen career path.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019  Stephen Parker, SmithGroupJJR
       Honorable Mention: Matt Barnett
2018  Ryan McEvoy, Quinn Evans Architects
2017  Alex Alaimo, AIA NY Emerging Architects
2016  Shawna Hammon, Perkins+Will
       AIAS North Carolina State Alumni
2015  Eduardo Castaneda, CallisonRTKL
       AIAS UT Arlington Alumni

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AIAS EMERGING PROFESSIONAL HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON EXEMPLIFICATION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN AREAS SUCH AS (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Professional practice advancement
- Advocacy for the future of the profession
- Excellence in design practice
- Continued involvement within the AIAS or allied organizations
- Special accomplishments, local or national awards
- Mentorship
- Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The Applicant (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. At least two letters of support from individuals familiar with work and accomplishments of nominee (student, colleague, faculty, employer, etc)

- Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Curriculum vitae or resume of nominee
  2. Any support materials needed to convey achievements of nominee, i.e. photographic evidence or videography
  3. Headshot
The most prestigious award conferred upon a component of The American Institute of Architects whom has exhibited outstanding contributions to the mentorship and development of architecture students, and whom champions and supports the mission of the organization through collaboration with local chapters.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AIAS OUTSTANDING AIA COMPONENT HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Exemplary engagement with local AIAS chapter and student leaders
- Outstanding contributions to professional development and career counseling of architecture students typical of strong mentorship practice
- An underlying alignment of the AIAS mission: to advance leadership, design, and service among architecture students

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The individual submitting nomination (must be an AIAS or AIA member) or The AIAS Chapter President working directly with the component nominee
  2. AIA Component President, Executive, or Member
  3. AIAS General Member, Faculty Advisor, Director, or Administrator

- Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Robust summary of AIA programming, events, and initiatives in combination with the AIAS
  2. Any support materials needed to convey achievements of the nominee as they pertain to the evaluation criteria, i.e. photographic evidence, videography, etc.
  3. The local AIA Component’s stance on K-12 outreach and supporting materials (encouraged but not required).
  4. AIA Component group or event photo.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2020 AIA Toledo
2018 AIA Las Vegas & AIA Nevada
2017 Heather Kourv, Hon. AIA and AIA Memphis
The AIAS Freedom by Design Program Honor Award

The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS Chapter’s Freedom By Design Program for radically supporting the lives of people with accessible and equitable design solutions.

Past Recipients
2018 Wentworth Institute of Technology
2017 North Carolina State University
2016 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2015 University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2014 Louisiana Tech University
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2013 University of Minnesota

Submissions for the AIAS Outstanding Freedom by Design Program Honor Award is judged on the following criteria:

• FBD program demonstrates the mission of the AIAS and embodies the spirit of Freedom by Design
• Scale and frequency of project completion year to year
• Consistency in project design and execution
• Community engagement and internal collaboration
• Successful fundraising and/or successful management of funds
• Impact and outcomes of design advocacy
• Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

Each submission should contain the following requirements:

• Letters of Support from:
  1. The FBD Director or Chapter President (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. Student participant in the FBD Program
  3. Freedom by Design Program Design Mentor, Construction Mentor, Community leader or impacted client, or faculty advisor (two max)

• Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Freedom by Design Program leader names with titles and list of responsibilities
  2. PDF of Freedom by Design program budget (can be a compilation of project budgets), information about fundraising efforts to execute projects, etc. (Project Binder can be submitted).
  3. Any support materials of final and ongoing projects, evidence of success, i.e. photographic evidence, videography, etc.
  4. Freedom By Design Team Photo
THE AIAS FREEDOM BY DESIGN PROJECT
HONOR AWARD

The highest award bestowed upon a single project of an AIAS Chapter’s Freedom By Design Program that radically impacts the lives of people with accessible and equitable design solutions.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019  University of Nevada Las Vegas
       Honorable Mention: New Jersey Institute of Technology
2017  University of Minnesota
2016  New Jersey Institute of Technology
2015  University of North Carolina Charlotte
2014  University of Tennessee, Knoxville

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AIAS OUTSTANDING FREEDOM BY DESIGN PROJECT HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Project completion (project must be complete at the time of submission)
- Demonstrative of ability to apply design principals in real world applications
- Client engagement and internal collaboration
- Community engagement
- Ability to teach/learn from process
- Successful fundraising and/or successful management of funds
- Economic use of materials if applicable
- Impact and outcomes of design advocacy
- Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The FBD Director or Chapter President (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. Student participant in the FBD project
  3. Freedom by Design Program Design Mentor, Construction Mentor, Community leader or impacted client, or faculty advisor (two max)

- Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Freedom by Design Project Binder that contains: program budget (can be a compilation of project budgets), Information about fundraising efforts to execute project, presentation highlighting thorough process and product of the project, sketches, charrette pictures, and final project.
  2. Any support materials of final project, evidence of success, i.e. photography, videography, etc.
  3. Freedom By Design Team Photo

2019 University of Nevada Las Vegas
Honorable Mention: New Jersey Institute of Technology
2017 University of Minnesota
2016 New Jersey Institute of Technology
2015 University of North Carolina Charlotte
2014 University of Tennessee, Knoxville
SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DESIGN EXCELLENCE HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Clear communication of intent
- Presentation graphics and composition
- Well-crafted and holistic project
- Nominated work must represent a sensitivity to some of the following categories:
  1. Site context (cultural, climate, historical)
  2. Concerns of sustainability
  3. User experience
  4. Design for the public interest
  5. Use and understanding of precedence
  6. Understanding of forms and relationship of forms
- Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- The project must have been completed within the 2020-2021 academic year.

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The Applicant (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. A faculty member who oversaw the work of the nominee
  3. At most two additional letters of support from individuals familiar with work and accomplishments of nominee (optional)

- Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Full project brief / studio project outline with concise description of project expectations
  2. Any support materials that present the project in a holistic fashion
  3. Headshot or Team Photo

- Work may be submitted in a format as large as 18”x24”
THE AIAS SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT HONOR AWARD

The highest award bestowed upon an AIAS individual, program, or event that has been unique and special and have helped lead to the success of an AIAS Chapter. This award is targeted towards individuals, programs, or events, excluding Freedom by Design efforts.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2019  Selena Zhen, Carnegie Mellon University
       Honorable Mention: Oussama Khalfi
2013  Tuskegee AIAS Career Focus, Tuskegee University
       Honorable Mention: University of Bahrain – Muhammed AlEmadi
2012  Freedom by Design Program, Lawrence Technological University
2011  SUPER Jury, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
2010  North Dakota State University
2009  Kate Bidwell, University of Memphis
2008  Savannah College of Art and Design, AIAS Chapter Lecture Series
2007  Rebuilding the Seventh, University of Kansas
2005  Internship Fair, Auburn University
2004  The Rooms of a City, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
2003  Eric Kleinsteuber, University of Florida
2002  Student Mentoring Program, Arizona State University
2001  Joyce Nee, AIA, University of Hawaii
2000  Oklahoma State University
       Honorable Mention: Kevin Clark, University of Nebraska
1999  University of Minnesota
1998  Mississippi State University
1997  University of Kansas
1996  Virginia Polytechnic Institute
1995  Andrews University
1994  Miami-Dade Community College
1993  Savannah College of Art and Design
1992  Miami-Dade Community College
1991  Kent State University

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Demonstrates the mission of the AIAS
- Motivated, energetic, and involved membership
- Creates an environment that encourages involvement of a motivated and energetic chapter that exhibits cooperative skills and a desire and ability to present successful program
- Impact on the success of the AIAS Chapter
- Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The Applicant (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. Dean, Department Chair, or AIAS Chapter Faculty Advisor
  3. AIAS member impacted by the individual, program, or event (two max)

- Supporting Materials:
  1. Main Requirement - Curriculum vitae or resume of nominee (if individual)
  2. Main Requirement - Program / Event leader names with titles and list of responsibilities
  3. Any support materials that help exemplify the unique and special accomplishments of this candidate in facilitating an exemplary chapter culture, i.e. photographic evidence or videography
  4. Headshot or Team Photo
THE AIAS STUDENT RESEARCH HONOR AWARD

Awarded to those individuals or teams of students in architecture programs who have exhibited outstanding merit in high level architectural and design research.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2020  Destanee Cook, University of Nevada Las Vegas
2019  Samantha Pires, New Jersey Institute of Technology
2018  Kelsey Kaufman, Southern Illinois Univ. at Carbondale
2017  Chris Daemmrich, Tulane University
2016  Kashika De Saram, Univ. of Minnesota
2015  Alex Libengood, Clemson University
2014  Studio Kayini - Arizona State University
2012  Study of the complexities of the Central Asian Facade, U. Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2011  R+D in Concrete in Haiti, Ball State University
2010  Tracie Reed, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2009  Mathew Erwin and Adam Sauer, Georgia Institute of Technology
2007  Kristin Saunders, University of Kansas
2006  Jennifer Thompson, Auburn University
2004  Capilla del Santo Cristo de la Salud in Old San Juan, Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
2002  Dean Johnston, University of Hawaii – Manoa
2001  Carnegie Mellon University
2000  Carnegie Mellon University
1999  University of Minnesota
1999  Mississippi State University
1998  Mississippi State University
1997  University of Hawaii
1995  University of Colorado at Denver

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AIAS STUDENT RESEARCH HONOR AWARD ARE JUDGED ON EXEMPLIFICATION OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN AREAS SUCH AS (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Design research
- Written dissertation
- Applied research or initiative
- Main Requirement and all supporting documents (letters of support exempted) have high graphic quality

EACH SUBMISSION SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters of Support from:
  1. The Applicant (Written as a Cover Letter)
  2. The AIAS Chapter Faculty Advisor or thesis advisor / mentor
  3. At most two additional letters of support from individuals familiar with work and accomplishments of nominee (optional)

- Supporting Materials
  1. Main Requirement - Project brief / abstract describing intent and origin of research.
  2. Any support materials or information needed for the nominee to cohesively convey the products or outcomes of research or applied research.
  3. Headshot or Team Photo