The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada

RAIC Architectural Journalism and Media Award
Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose

This award recognizes an architect, architectural practice or individual that presents a narrative about architecture which promotes public understanding and awareness of architecture, the role of architects and their impacts on society, and/or the value of design and design excellence. The entry can range from a single significant contribution to a collection of work.

2. Eligibility

Any individual or collective of individuals is eligible for this award. Entries shall include, but are not limited to, their work on books, films, exhibitions, and curated events presented or published within the past five years. They may also include a series of shorter pieces that together comprise a collection of work, such as a series of articles, videos, podcasts, radio or television segments, etc.

3. Submission Materials

The following items must be completed or provided:

1. Completed submission form;
2. Submission entry fee;
3. A representative excerpt of the work for review by the jury, not to exceed 20 minutes in length (for audio or video), or 20 pages (for written material);
4. A digital copy or link to the work in its entirety, to serve as a reference for the jury (if applicable/available);
5. A maximum three-page written statement, explaining the significance and impact of the submission;
6. A maximum 200-word abstract summarizing the submission, provided in English and/or French;
7. A signed declaration form.

4. Selection Process
The RAIC Awards Advisory Committee shall appoint a jury each year. The judging process, led by a professional advisor, shall reflect the RAIC’s values throughout. The number of jurors may vary from year to year.

5. Number of Awards

Up to two (2) awards may be conferred. At its discretion, the jury may elect not to confer an award.

6. Frequency

The award is to be offered every year.

7. Public Presentation

The presentation of the award(s) will be made at a public event.