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RAIC Research & Innovation in Architecture Award Terms of Reference

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1. Purpose

This award recognizes an architect, architectural practice and/or disciplinary knowledge in excellence in research and/or innovation in architectural practice, technology, or pedagogy and celebrates initiatives that advance professional practice and/or disciplinary knowledge. It considers exemplary approaches to sustainability, and the support and advancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Innovations may encompass a range of endeavours, including, but not limited to: new building details and technologies, spatial strategies, new ways of structuring practices, or new design or construction processes. The submissions may range from a whole building, to a detail, to a description of a business-related initiative.

Research within the profession or the academic environment may encompass submissions including, but not limited to: academic papers or reports disseminating groundbreaking research, novel contributions to teaching, or new academic programs and training that enhance learning in the profession of architecture.

2. Eligibility

All RAIC members are eligible to submit for this award.

3. Submission Materials

The following items must be completed or provided:

1. Completed submission form;
2. Submission entry fee;
3. A maximum three-page written description outlining the submission's objectives and significance, demonstrating how it achieves excellence in innovation, practice, pedagogy or research, and showcasing how it contributes to the advancement of the design of, or discourse on, architecture within the profession.
4. A maximum 200-word abstract summarizing the submission, provided in French and/or English;
5. A project credit sheet, if applicable. In the case of collaborations, the submission must include a clear description of the role of each individual;



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6. A signed declaration form.

For project-based submissions:

7. Up to ten (10) images (optional);
8. A completed image index, providing captions and full credit information for each image, if applicable.

For research-based, and other, submissions:

9. Supporting material, not to exceed 20 minutes in length (for audio or video), or 20 pages (for written material);
10. Links to websites and webpages (optional).

4. Selection Process

The RAIC Awards Advisory Committee will 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

A maximum of three (3) awards may be conferred. At its discretion, the jury may elect not to confer an award.

6. Frequency

The award(s) are to be offered every year.

7. Public Presentation

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