ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) is pleased to announce the CAA Student Award for 2021-22. The competition is facilitated by the CAA Education Committee.

CAA Student Award 2021-22

CAA Student Award aims to celebrate the creativity of architecture students throughout the Commonwealth. This competition also provides participating students the opportunity to showcase their visions for the future.

The theme of the CAA Student Award 2021-22 is designing for ‘Climate change and Resilience’. Students will show their visions for the innovative design related to this special topic. The most outstanding contribution will showcase particular relevance to the country or origin of the student.

‘Climate change and Resilience’ in architecture shows solutions to serve basic community needs and seeks to address a humanitarian issue such as poverty, disaster relief, conflict, etc. Given the harsh realities and environments faced by many people in the world, architecture today should serve the fundamental purpose of shelter along with other amenities such as education, health, interactive spaces for the family and the community.

This socially responsive architecture goes far beyond the walls of a building. It becomes a mechanism to bring in positive changes in the community to improve people’s lives - everyday, in times of crisis, and many years in future. It becomes a catalyst for promoting education, economic development, and the health and well-being of the community. Issues of ecology, global warming, energy saving, technology, and accessibility under the broader umbrella of sustainability are expected to be addressed in this design as much as possible.

Criteria for the CAA Student Award

Who should enter?

The Applicant should be a currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate student in an architecture program of a CAA Member Organization (MO) country. The entry can be from an individual student or a team.

Why should the student enter?

CAA Student Award 2021-22 is the student’s opportunity to get involved and show her/his social responsibility and empathy towards humanity.

What is the Medium?

Medium is free. The student may use pen and ink, pencil, freehand, digital, mixed media, collage, or in any combinations of these media.

What is the Award?

There will be a Regional Winner for each of the 5 Commonwealth Regions, namely Africa, Asia, Caribbean and the Americas, Europe and the Pacific, and 1 Best Award. A Regional Award recipient will receive the award certificate and £400, and the Best Award will receive the award certificate and £800.
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT

The following documents should be submitted. All submissions will be online.

1. Registration
   1.1 Nominations of names of students to be submitted to the Student Award Committee by Member Organizations (MOs). MOs will receive nominations from the schools/departments of the respective regions/countries.
   1.2 Nominated student will register with the MOs using the link provided with all required information:
   Name(s) of student or team members, b). Name of Department/School, University, c). Student ID number(s), d). Email, e). Phone number.

2. Submission
   2.1 Drawings including concept sketches, plans, elevations, sections, 3D images, and other relevant details in A2 size sheets in PDF format. Maximum number of sheets are limited to 4.
   2.2 A separate A4 sheet with a paragraph (not more than 500 words) explaining why the entry might be considered for the Award in PDF format. Paragraph exceeding 500 words will not be reviewed.
   2.3 Submission link will be shared by the Student Award Committee to the students.

JURY
The Student Award Jury Board will comprise of members from the five CAA regions.

SCHEDULE

- 17 November 2021: Announcement on CAA Website. Announcement to be sent to all Member Organizations (MOs). MOs will send the announcement to architecture departments/schools.
- 2 December 2021: Nominations sent from MOs to Student Award Committee. Departments/schools to send the names of nominated students to the corresponding MOs by 1 December 2021.
- 10 February 2022: Submissions of selected projects to Student Award Committee by MOs. Each MO will send 2 entries. This selection from all entries of a CAA country is usually done by an independent Jury Board in the country appointed by the MO. This Board selects 2 from all entries.
- February–March 2022: Jury Review 2022: A Regional Award for each of the 5 Commonwealth Regions, namely Africa, Asia, Caribbean and the Americas, Europe and the Pacific, and 1 Best Award. The decision will be final and without appeal.
- April 2022: Announcement of the Award.
- August 2022: Award recipients receive the awards.
DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP & ACCEPTANCE OF COMPETITION REGULATIONS

A declaration should accompany all submissions agreeing to abide by the award conditions and accepting the decision of the Jury as final. This to be included in the announcement and in the registration process.

COPYRIGHT

The ownership of Copyright in the work of all Nominees will be in accordance with the UK Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, that is, Copyright rests with the author of the submitted design. This to be included in the announcement and also in the registration process.

ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries regarding the submission requirement to be made by 10 December 2021. FAQ (frequently asked questions) might be published on the website.

The Student Award is being managed and administered by the Education Committee, Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA). All enquiries relating to the competition should be directed to comarchitect.org@gmail.com with a copy to admin@comarchitect.org