

# **The Student Prize**

**AT Awards Entry Pack**



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The Student Prize was launched to encourage – and to recognise – a step change in education with a move away from form-making and new-build projects and an increasing emphasis on extending the life of existing buildings and/or designing with long-term performance, resilience and flexibility in mind.

We accept projects by students of architecture or any related discipline from across the construction industry, at any stage of their education, and from any part of the world. Projects can be submitted by tutors or students. Joint or team entries are actively encouraged. Read the judges' verdicts for a snapshot of the issues discussed.

**“Every student should definitely enter as you have nothing to lose. It’s good to present on this scale to industry professionals and see what their opinions are, and to bring your work into the real world”**

*Ali Francis*  
*Former Student Prize winner*

*Left: 2025 Student Prize winner, Jihoon Baek from the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL*





# About the awards

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We launched our awards as a direct riposte to the prevalent awards culture. Instead of focussing on what's new, what's fresh, what's perfect, what's pristine, we look at what has endured, what's flexible, what's adaptable, what works, what performs. Submitting an entry isn't about salesmanship or showmanship. It's about engaging with this discussion; revisiting projects with the benefit of hindsight and reflecting on lessons learnt.

The aim is not to hold an annual beauty parade, but to establish a canon; an archive of projects that represent best practice and have demonstrated their worth. And to demonstrate the long-term value of projects that stand the test of time. Crucially, these awards exist to make the long-term value of architecture visible: to show that flexibility, longevity, and performance are not secondary virtues, but the most meaningful measure of success.

Isabel Allen  
**Editor, Architecture Today**





# Previous winners

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**Riddle, Rubble and Ripple by Jihoon Baek from the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL**

“In envisaging a new, climate-resilient future for open metropolitan land, this beautifully illustrated project offers hope that, with imagination, we just might be able to adapt our cities in a way that is both sustainable and joyous.”

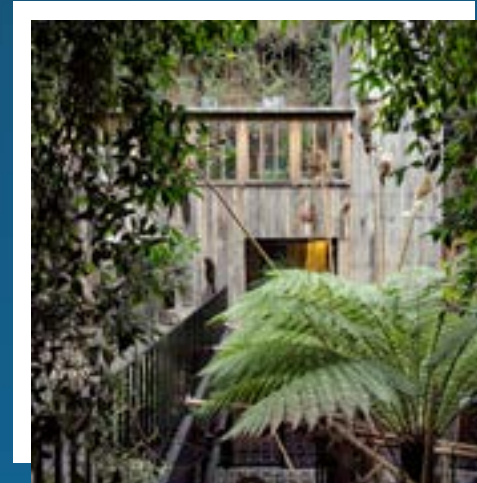
[Find out more](#)



**Docklands Heronry by Yuen Wah Williams from the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL**

“A well-researched, supremely assured project that addresses the uncertain future of large office buildings, suggesting elegant ways to adapt them to mixed uses and transform the public realm. Grounded in a mature understanding of Canary Wharf’s development and the mechanics and constraints of office conversion, the project is both visionary and entirely believable.”

[Find out more](#)



**Re-housing Manchester – The Carbon Conscious Collective by Ali Francis and Elle Thompson from the University of Sheffield**

“A bold and approach to the challenge of breathing new life into 1960s tower blocks. This deft interweaving of an ambitious social agenda and a sophisticated understanding of the practicalities of construction is a serious project, executed with the playfulness and ingenuity we expect – and need – from the emerging generation of practitioners.”

[Find out more](#)

**“Students should absolutely enter the Awards. Even the process of applying, and then curating your projects in a clear manner, presenting it to industry professionals, getting that different perspective from university tutors, is great”**

*Elle Thompson  
Former Student Prize winner*







# Why enter?

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- Demonstrate your ability to produce work that deliver long-term value over time.
- Showcase your expertise in this sector to a wide audience of judges, collaborators and clients
- Reconnect with clients and collaborators and to reflect on lessons learned
- High-profile media exposure with all shortlisted projects announced on *Architecture Today's* website and social media channels
- All winning projects covered extensively on *Architecture Today's* website and in a **special awards issue of *Architecture Today***
- All winning projects are rephotographed by leading architectural photographer Timothy Soar
- Teams behind the winning projects record a **presentation** on their scheme, which is widely promoted through AT's media channels and forms part of an archive of best-in-field projects that have stood the test of time

**“The only awards that matter”**

*Rab Bennetts,  
Bennetts Associates*





# Process

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All entries are thoroughly reviewed by our Awards Panel, who typically select three finalists in each category. The teams behind the shortlisted projects are invited to present their project to our expert jury at the Live Finals, a day of live crits which will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> July at The Society Building in central London.

We work with the successful entrants to record their presentations for the AT archive of outstanding buildings that have stood the test of time, a free-to-access resource for academia, practice and clients.

The winning project in each category is rephotographed by Timothy Soar and published on AT's website and in a **special awards issue of *Architecture Today***.

**“These awards have real integrity”**

*Paul Monaghan,  
Allford Hall Monaghan Morris*







# Jury

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**Isabel Allen,**  
Editor, Architecture Today

**Dav Bansal,**  
Partner, Howells

**Peter Bishop,**  
Professor in Urban Design, The  
Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

**Catherine Burd,**  
Director, Burd Haward Architects

**Andy Downey,**  
Director, Elliott Wood

**Jonathan Falkingham,**  
Founder & Creative Director,  
Urban Splash

**Johanna Gibbons,**  
Partner, J & L Gibbons,

**Lee Mallett,**  
Director, Urbik

**Selina Mason,**  
Director of Masterplanning &  
Strategic Design, Lendlease

**Paul Monaghan,**  
Executive Director, Head of  
Design Studio, AHMM

**Gerry O'Brien,**  
Design Director, Co-Founder,  
Agentia Design Engineering

**Roger Madelin,**  
Joint Head, British Land

**Sunand Prasad,**  
Principal, Perkins&Will

**Neil Thomas,**  
Founder and Director, Atelier One

**Kimberly Tryba,**  
Managing Principal, LILA Studio

**Charlotte Walker,**  
Senior Planner, Lichfields

**Cindy Walters,**  
Director, Walters & Cohen Architects

**Keith Williams,**  
Founder + Director of Design, Keith  
Williams Architects





# Winners' Party

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The winners will be announced at an awards party on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 76 Southbank, a Grade II listed building designed for IBM by Sir Denys Lasdun and completed in 1983, and recently refurbished and extended by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris for Wolfe Commercial Properties.

**“This is a critically important award, particularly in the era we live in, where responsibility is increasingly central to architectural practice. This is not about designing something wonderful and then disappearing; it’s about standing by your decisions and a powerful way of reflecting on those responsibilities, and reminding ourselves what they really mean”**

*Peter Bishop,  
The Bartlett School of  
Architecture, UCL*







# Entry criteria

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The Test of Time Awards are designed to showcase, celebrate and share knowledge about buildings that have stood the test of time.

Projects will only be considered if they have been in use for at least three years and can demonstrate a strong track record for delivering on their environmental, functional, community and cultural ambitions.

Each category is open to new-build and retrofit projects. Projects can be of any scale or typology and in any part of the world, but must have been completed before April 1st 2023 to be eligible for entry.

You do not have to be a registered architect to submit a project. We actively encourage submissions from consultants, clients, charities, residents and community groups.

Group submissions are particularly welcome. Some of the strongest submissions and presentations have been made by a designer in tandem with a collaborator or client.

**“I want to congratulate Architecture Today for doing what many of us have dreamed of happening for a long time. To reward buildings, not out of fashion the day they’ve finished, not because of the way they look, but how they actually work out in practice, and how they stand the test of time”**

*Sunand Prasad  
Perkins&Will*





# Start your entry today

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**Deadline for entries**

19th June 2026

**Live Finals**

16th July 2026

**Awards Party**

12th November 2026

**Single entry**

£395 + VAT

**Multiple entries**

£295 + VAT

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**“These awards are a  
breath of fresh air. This  
kind of conversation was  
way overdue”**

*Hanif Kara,  
AKT II*







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