

# **COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE**

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## **Annual International Essay Writing Competition 2020 for Teachers in Schools of Architecture**

### **BACKGROUND:**

**The Council of Architecture, India, (Promoter)**, has instituted an annual international essay writing competition for teachers in schools of architecture. This annual essay competition is organized through the Training and Research Centre of Council of Architecture (COA-TRC) in an effort to engage the energy, creativity and vision of the educators in architecture in promoting a culture of nation building. It also aims to inspire the architecture fraternity to appreciate and learn from the educators, ways to harness the benefits of the available facilities and train young architects to make society a better place to live in. Teachers in schools of architecture are invited to submit their entries for this competition as per the prescribed format available on [www.coa.gov.in](http://www.coa.gov.in)

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

All teachers in schools of architecture (full time, contract, visiting) teaching subjects at B. Arch or M. Arch are eligible to submit their entries for this competition.

Submission of a valid proof of identity as teacher is mandatory.

### **PERSONS INELIGIBLE**

No member of the organizing body or an associate or an employee or any member concerned with the preparation or organizing the competition shall be eligible to participate in the competition.

### **Topic: Rethinking the Urban.**

Thoughts and ideas on making cities livable, resilient, inclusive and sustainable are invited in the form of an essay.

### **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:**

Prospective participants shall register for the competition by filling up the online registration form.

Entries on the topic for the COA Teachers' Essay Competition 2020 shall be submitted online, to [coa.essay2020@gmail.com](mailto:coa.essay2020@gmail.com) subsequent to registration.

Essays must be in English, in 2000-2500 words.

Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will not be accepted.

Essays must be authored by only one or two persons. Essays co-authored by more than two persons will not be accepted.

**SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Proof of identity as teacher in school/college of architecture, in the form of scanned image of valid identity card or certificate from head of school.
2. Essay in MS Word format,
3. Essay in PDF format,
4. A plagiarism check report, for the entire essay, from any online plagiarism checker.
5. Scanned image of the duly filled up registration form, authenticated by head of the school of architecture.

**COMPOSITION:**

The Essay file shall be composed on A4 sized page as follows:

(a) fonts, type and size

- Title : Calibri, 14 point, Bold

- Headings : Calibri, 11 point, Bold

- Body : Calibri, 11 point, Regular

(b) margins and spacing

- Spacing between lines : 1.0 points

- Margins : Normal i.e. 2.54 cm on all sides

(c) footer details

Page numbers must be mentioned at the bottom right corner of the Essay along with the title of the Essay on every page.

Footnotes may be given where necessary with font Calibri and size of 8 points.

(d) The Essay should be followed by a Bibliography/ List of references with MLA format of citation.

(e) The body of the Essay must include a tab for important keywords right under the title (these will not be counted in the word limit but used to classify the essay domains).

(f) The Title of the Essay file shall be written as: COATRC-FEC20-Author Name/s.

eg. *COATRC-FEC2020-Name of author 1+Name of author 2.*

**AWARDS:**

First Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Second Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 35,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Third Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Special mention: 2 Nos., Certificate + Interview/video clip on COA Social

### **JURY PANEL**

A jury of eminent architects shall be constituted. The Jury shall be appointed to advise on the conduct of the competition, adjudicate on the essays submitted and make the award. The jury members shall be appointed by the Promoter from amongst eminent architects.

### **JURY PROCEDURE:**

The entries received shall be judged by panels of eminent architects.

Before commencing the process of assessment each entry will be screened for completion of submittal requirements and checked to ensure that the identity of the author is in no way revealed.

Thereafter each complete entry will be allotted a code number and then forwarded for assessment.

Broadly, jurors are expected to rate the essays on the basis of:

- organization of the structure of the essay
- argument: content and clarity of thought,
- evidence: giving examples with sources and significance
- mechanics: i.e style of writing, language and grammar, bibliography, references.

### **STAGES OF ASSESSMENT:**

**Stage 1:** A panel of jurors will assess the coded entries on the basis of guidelines provided and mark each entry out of a total of 100 marks. The top 30 entries will be identified to be taken to stage 2

**At Stage 2:** Each coded entry will be assessed by a panel of jurors independently to arrive at the best ten essays to be taken to stage 3.

**At Stage 3:** Each of the ten entries will be once again assessed independently by a panel of jurors to identify the top three essays and two essays deserving special mention.

The promoter will announce the Winners and Citations of the Annual International Essay Writing Competition, after completion of all the stages of evaluations. A copy of the report of the jury will be made accessible for inspection to participants at the same time as the jury's decision is made public.

### **DISQUALIFICATION**

The jury may disqualify entries for the following reasons:

- 1.If received by COA after the declared deadline.
- 2.If the participant disregards any of the conditions of the program

3.If the participant attempts to influence any member of the Jury Panel

### **COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

The competition will be run in accordance with the following time table, also declared on the website [www.coa.gov.in](http://www.coa.gov.in)

Important dates:

- Competition guidelines to be made available by the promoter: 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- Deadline for Registration: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11:59 pm IST
- Deadline for submission of duly completed entry to be sent to [coa.essay2020@gmail.com](mailto:coa.essay2020@gmail.com) by e-mail: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11:59 pm IST
- Declaration of winners and prize distribution: March 2021

### **TERMINATION OF COMPETITION**

If against all expectations entertained by the promoter, the result of the competition is such that none of the participants could be declared by the jury as the winners of the competition, the program could be regarded as terminated and the promoter will on the advice of the jury, award only the citation awards to selected entries.

### **RIGHTS**

All material received as an entry will be retained by the promoter as their property.

Copyright of all the essays entered, including the winning essays, will be that of the author/s. However, Council of Architecture will have the right to publish the essays received, online/in print, in journals, magazines and as compilation of entries received, for purpose of records, academic interest and creating an archive, without the need of prior permission from author.

### **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

In the event of dispute not related to the judging procedure or the award of the jury panel, the settlement will be by arbitration without recourse to the legal authorities.