

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

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NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POST GRADUATE THESIS IN ARCHITECTURE 2019

GENERAL RULES

INVITATION

- 1.1 **The Council of Architecture (Promoter)**, with a view to encourage and motivate the students of Post Graduate Courses has instituted a National Awards for Excellence in post graduate thesis in architecture submitted in compliance to requirements of Master's degree program in Architecture and invites students to participate in this prestigious programme by submitting their thesis projects in accordance with the conditions and instructions set out below.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1.2 The term 'Student' shall mean a bonafide student, of a College of Architecture approved by COA, **who has appeared for the Final Year M. Arch. examination at the conclusion of the academic year 2018-19.**
- 1.3 Each thesis must be submitted by the Head of the institute/ Principal of the college, with the consent of the student. **Each college/school of architecture approved by the Council of Architecture may send a maximum of two entries per sanctioned intake of 20 or part thereof for the batch appearing for the Final Year M. Arch. examination at the conclusion of the academic year 2018-19.**

APPROVAL OF CONDITIONS

- 1.4 **This awards program will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the Council of Architecture, which also apply in case of points which have not been specifically covered by these conditions.**
- 1.5 A copy of the awards guidelines have been filed with the Council of Architecture.

PERSONS INELIGIBLE

- 1.6 No blood relative of any member of the Board of Assessors shall take part either directly or indirectly in the awards program nor be entrusted either directly or indirectly with work connected with the award winning thesis. No member of the promoting body or an associate or an employee or any member concerned with the preparation or organizing of the competition shall be eligible to assist a student participating in the program.

ENTERING IN THE AWARDS PROGRAM

- 1.7a The conditions for participation and registration forms are available from the respective Colleges of Architecture and are also available for download on the website www.coa.gov.in.

The scanned images of the complete set of registration forms (Registration Form and Declaration Forms A,B,C) duly filled in and completed in all respects together with soft copy of report and pdf of poster should be sent to the Director, COA-TRC, Pune, through Principal/HOD, by e-mail to coapgta2019@gmail.com not later than **5.00 pm on 29th July, 2019, Monday.**

The hard copy of the complete set of registration forms, in original, (Registration Form and Declaration Forms A,B,C) duly filled in and completed in all respects should be sent to the Director, COA-TRC, Pune by registered speed post or courier service to reach the address below not later than **31st July, 2019 Wednesday.** No registration fee is charged.

Director,

Council of Architecture Training & Research Centre (COA-TRC),

2nd Floor, A-4(B), Abhimanshree, Off. Pashan Road, Pune - 411 008.

Tel: 0 9764-000-352

Email: directorcoatrc@gmail.com

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

- 1.8 The members for the Jury shall be appointed on the Board of Assessors to advise on the conduct of the awards program, adjudicate on the thesis reports submitted and make the award. The appointments shall be made by the promoter from amongst the eminent architects.

ADVISERS

- 1.9 If necessary the Board of Assessors may consult the advisory committee of the awards program. The advisory committee may be consulted on any aspect of the competition and one or two members of the advisory committee may remain available during the judging to give advice on various aspects of competition when invited to do so.

PRIZES AND MENTIONS

- 1.10 The promoter undertakes to accept the decisions and the awards of the Board of Assessors and pay the following awards:

At the Final Event:

1. To the author of the **best three** thesis reports - **Rs. 75,000.00** each
2. To the author of the **three runner up** thesis reports - **Rs. 20,000.00** each (Selected to the Final Jury)

The awards mentioned above shall have two components – Cash & Books for all winners and Crossword Voucher only for best three.

Certificate of Excellence will be given to the authors of the best three entries

Certificate of Merit will be given to the three runner up entries

Certificate of Participation will be given to all the entries

SUBMISSION OF THESIS PROJECTS

- 1.11 Submission of the thesis reports implies acceptance of the awards program conditions. Participants are advised to retain copies of the material submitted.
- 1.12 Each copy of the thesis report comprising a competition entry **must bear only on the last page a sticker provided by the promoter**. No other symbol, motto or distinguishing mark will be placed on any part of the report except the title of the project at the designated location. The entire entry and all the documents of each competitor shall be dispatched in a single packet using the label.
- 1.13 The thesis reports must be accompanied by a registration/declaration/proof of identity in the specified format (Registration Form and Declaration Forms A,B,C) signed by the participant and the head of the institution, enclosed in an envelope. Each competitor must be prepared to satisfy the Board of Assessors that he/she is the bonafide author of the thesis he/she has submitted.
- 1.14 Submissions delivered by hand **should reach the promoter** at the address on the website www.coa.gov.in, not later than **5.00 pm on 16th August, 2019 Friday**.
- 1.15 Submission material, if sent by post or through forwarding agent, must be dispatched not later than **3.00 pm on 09th August, 2019**. Proof of dispatch clearly showing the date of dispatch shall be forwarded to the promoter separately with a covering letter informing him of the dispatch of the thesis project.
- 1.16 Submission material, if sent by post or through forwarding agent must reach **the Director, COA-TRC, Pune** at the address on the website www.coa.gov.in, not later than **5.00 pm on 16th August, 2019**.
- 1.17 **Submission Material:**
- a. Five copies of the spiral bound printed volume,
 - b. A2 size poster/s
 - c. DVD containing soft copies of matter stated in 1.36

The submission material should be packed together in a plain brown paper, sealed and bear the title- **NATIONALAWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN POST GRADUATE THESIS IN ARCHITECTURE 2019**. The packet may be made waterproof if necessary.

INSURANCE OF THESIS PROJECT

- 1.18 Each participant is responsible for insuring his entry against loss, damage or non-delivery up to the time of its receipt by the promoter at the address given.
- 1.19 On receipt by the promoter, each entry may be insured by him (the promoter) for the sum of Rs 2,500.00 till is returned to the competitor after the award.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

1.20 The promoter will place a secretariat at the disposal of the Board of Assessors to minute their meetings and record their decisions.

1.21 The deliberations of the Board of Assessors will be confidential. No member of the Board or Technical Adviser or member of the promoter's staff or competition secretariat may disclose any details of the competitions, deliberations or decisions.

The decisions of the Board of Assessors are final and binding on the promoter.

1.22 The judging of the entries are scheduled to take place in two stages as listed below –

Stage 1 (Shortlisting)

Each entry will be assessed by a panel of experts. Each thesis project received as an entry for the awards programme shall be allocated a code number and the author shall be duly informed of the same via e-mail. Each coded entry shall be assessed in strict confidence by a team of jurors to shortlist ten entries. These entries will be forwarded for Stage 2. The jury shall also select two entries as standby, (to be listed in order of merit), to be forwarded for Stage 2 in addition to the shortlisted ten. The authors of entries selected as standby shall present their entry in stage 2 only if authors of any of the shortlisted entries, are not present at the venue, and only after presentations of other shortlisted participants are complete.

Stage 2 (Jury)

All the participants are invited to remain present for the stage 2 (jury). Authors of the ten short listed thesis projects, shall make an audio visual presentation to the members of Jury (Assessors) in a public jury attended by eminent citizen, public and students, held in a public auditorium, on the given date. The participants must remain present in person to make the presentation.

The representative of the promoter will open the envelope containing code numbers of the shortlisted candidates 30 minutes before commencement of first presentation, and by draw of lots the first presentation will be decided and announced. Before the beginning of first presentation code number of the second presenter will be announced. At the end of first presentation the code number of the third presenter will be announced, and the end of second presentation the code number of fourth presenter will be announced and so on. Each participating student will be given a minimum of 20 minutes & maximum of 35 minutes for the entire Jury. It will consist of maximum of 15 minutes for the presentation on screen using projector only & approximately 15-20 minutes for the question-answers.

Three thesis projects will be selected as winners on completion of the Jury.

Three thesis projects will be selected as runners up on completion of the Jury.

1.23 The promoter will announce the awards of excellence on the date of the final Jury in the evening after completion of presentations.

- 1.24 A copy of the report of the Board of Assessors will be made accessible for inspection to participants at the same time as the Board's award is made public.

DISQUALIFICATION

- 1.25 The Board of Assessors may disqualify entries for the following reasons:
1. If dispatched by post or through the forwarding agent to or delivered in person at the promoter's address given on the website www.coa.gov.in after the last date and time given in 1.15.
 2. If received by the promoter at the address given on the website www.coa.gov.in by post or through forwarding agent after the last date and time given in 1.14 and 1.16.
 3. If the participant disregards any of the conditions of the program.
 4. If the participant attempts to influence any member of the Board of Assessors.

TERMINATION OF AWARDS PROGRAM

- 1.26 If against all expectations entertained by the promoter, the result of the awards program is such that none of the participants could be declared by the Assessor as the winner of the award, program could be regarded as terminated and the promoter will on the advice of the Board of Assessors award ONLY the consolation awards to all the thesis projects selected for National Jury.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD AND EXHIBITION

- 1.27 The promoter will publish the award of the Board of Assessors and inform the Council of Architecture after having first informed the authors of the award winning thesis projects.
- 1.28 All posters of the participating entries will be exhibited for two days at a public gallery at the jury center.
- 1.29 Names of all authors will be given on the website www.coa.gov.in after the completion of the stage 2 Jury.

RETURNING OF ENTRIES

- 1.30 Within one month after closing of the exhibition, collection of the unsuccessful entries will be arranged by the respective colleges/student authors from the jury center/promoter as informed. After that the promoter will be free to dispose off the balance uncollected entries at will. The entries of the ten national finalists shall be retained by the promoter for records.

RIGHTS

- 1.31 All CDs/DVDs will be retained by the promoter as his property.
- 1.32 Copyright of all thesis projects including the thesis projects winning the first prize will be that of the authors of the designs, however, promoter will have right to publish the projects received,

in architecture journals and as compilation of entries received, for purpose of records and academic interest.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

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

AWARDS PROGRAM TABLE

1.34 The competition will be run in accordance with the following time table:

IMPORTANT DATES	
Awards guidelines will be made available by the promoter	19 th July, 2019
Deadline for Registration by email (Scanned images of Registration Forms + soft copy of report + pdf of poster) on coapgta2019@gmail.com	29 th July 2019, 5.00 pm
Deadline for hard copy of Registration Forms (in original) to be received at COA-TRC, Pune	31 st July 2019, 5.00 pm
Allocation of code numbers to participants by COA-TRC, Pune	07 th August 2019, 5.00 pm
Deadline for dispatch of coded entry, if sent by post or through forwarding agent (5 Hard copies of report + Hard copy of poster (1 or 2 sheets) + DVD).	09 th August 2019, 3.00 pm
Deadline for receipt of coded entries by post or through forwarding agent at COA-TRC, Pune.	16 th August 2019, 5.00 pm
Deadline for receipt of coded entry (5 Hard copies of report + Hard copy of poster (1 or 2 sheets) + DVD) at COA-TRC, Pune by hand	16 th August 2019, 5.00 pm

JUDGING DATES	
Short listing of coded projects	August/September 2019
National Jury (Tentative date)	September/October 2019 Specific date shall be announced
Declaration of Awards (Tentative date)	September/October 2019 Specific date shall be announced

SUBMISSION FOR AWARDS

To be submitted, as per 1.35 and 1.36, at the time of registration, (on or before 16th August, 2019, 5.00 pm). The entry shall be sent to the Director, COA-TRC, Pune at the address given in 1.37:

1.35 Each entry should be submitted in the form of:

1. 5 copies of a spiral bound, printed A4 sized volume containing a report on the thesis project of the participating student in approx. 6000 words in not less than 25 A4 sized

pages limited to a maximum of 40 pages, **(one copy shall bear on the last page, a sticker provided by the promoter).**

2. A2 size posters (minimum 1 and maximum 2) giving the list of the project **(each shall bear on the reverse, a sticker provided by the promoter)** and
3. a DVD **(bearing a sticker provided by the promoter)** to include documentation supported by editable drawings and high resolution photographs as stated in 1.36

1.36 The DVD shall contain:

- Scanned copies of the completed **registration form and declaration forms A,B,C,**
- **Passport size photograph of the participant,**
- **Minimum four photographs of Models or 3D visualizations.** (All the photographs and visualization shall be in jpg format at resolution of 300 DPI.)If required, short films/documentaries may also be submitted. Maximum length of a video submitted should be not more than 20 minutes.
- **A synopsis** of the thesis project in approximately 2000 to 2500 words.
- **Project report:** The participant should submit a high resolution editable file of the submitted essay, the project report as a MS word file in Arial 12 points, double spacing in A4 portrait format.
- **AutoCAD/Photoshop/Corel draw drawings:** Drawings included as part of the report in simple line drawings with line thicknesses (without render) in proper layers - Purged files in AutoCAD format or suitable format
- **jpeg/pdf files:** 3d views, conceptual drawings, model images, rendered plans, sections, elevations should be in Jpeg images/PDF format.
- **Power point presentation:** A copy of the presentation to be made to the jury at the Finals.

1.37 **NAME ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS**

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1.38 **Details regarding dates venues and jury coordinators will be displayed on the website shortly.**

1.39 **Any changes in dates or details of jury event will be displayed on the website www.coa.gov.in**

1.40 *Label(stickers) for report*

Label stickers (to be pasted on the reverse of the last page) for the printed report will be available for download on the website www.coa.gov.in.

To,

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