



AASA Education Prize for Early Career Academics 2022

The Association of Architecture Schools of Australasia is excited to announce the AASA Education Prize for Early Career Academics 2022.

The prize represents an opportunity for emerging academic staff at AASA member universities to gain recognition through a peer-reviewed competition. This year the prize will focus on excellence in digital and online learning pedagogy. The decision to focus the prize in this area reflects the significant shifts in architectural education that occurred as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the outstanding contribution that has been made to the sector by early career academics during this period.

The AASA seeks to celebrate, reward and disseminate innovative learning and teaching practices, that speak to the specific and exceptional culture of architectural education in our region.

Objectives

- Promote the work taking place at member programs through an open forum for dissemination and exchange that highlights different approaches to architectural education and research.
- Support early career academics by providing an esteem opportunity and measurable output
- Demonstrate to a wider community the work of AASA programs and articulate the value of architectural education and research.
- Provide an opportunity for exchange of ideas and approaches between institutions.
- Gather examples of outstanding pedagogy that can be disseminated internationally to enhance the collective reputation of Australasian architecture schools.

Prize Framework

- The prize was first awarded in 2019 for outstanding work in Design Studios.
- The prize was suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic, but the expectation is that it will be regularly awarded henceforth with a differing focus.
- \$5000 of AASA budget has been allocated this year to support the prize.
- Up to 4 prize finalists will receive funding to travel to a public exhibition, presentation and launch of their work at Curtin University in October 2022 as a part of the AASA annual general meeting.
- From the shortlisted submissions a winner will be selected and announced at the launch event. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$1000.
- The work of prize winners will be further displayed and archived on the AASA website and disseminated through the AASA newsletter, industry press releases and directly to the AASA's partner associations in Europe and North America.

Staff Eligibility

- Academic staff who are full time or fractional may apply, but must be at Level A or B. If sessional, academic staff are eligible if within 5 years of commencing their teaching activity.
- Only 1 entry per university. Entries must be endorsed and supported by the Head of School, including commitment to provide supplementary support for AGM attendance if their staff member is an awarded finalist and costs exceed the award.

2022 Education Prize Call for Submissions

- Innovation in the development and implementation of digital, online and remote learning pedagogy.
- Submissions that demonstrate the articulation of a research question and contribution to disciplinary or broader knowledge through the use of digital technologies.
- Submissions that evidence the development of rich and authentic student learning experiences, that are disciplinary specific.
- Submissions that produce high quality digital and/or physical artefacts that are appropriate for public dissemination.

- Submissions shall include a maximum 500-word description, visual examples of student work produced during the studio and/or documentation of student learning experiences.
- Submissions can include interactive content (ie embedded video, links to websites etc.)
- Courses that commenced after 1 March 2020 and concluded before 1 July 2022 are eligible.

Evaluation Criteria (2022)

- Original or innovative use of digital technologies to facilitate or enhance student learning experiences.
- Selection and application of technologies is relevant to the discipline and adds to the learning experience.
- Research questions posed by the subject are aligned to the technology used, while addressing issues of significance and relevance to the discipline and wider community.
- Student output is clear, coherent, and of exceptional quality

Jury

- The jury is composed of 2 senior academics from AASA member programs, 1 AASA executive committee member, and 1 at-large member. Jury nominated by the AASA executive committee and appointed annually.
- Conflicts of interest held by jury members shall be declared where required.

Timelines and Procedure

- Call for submissions announced: 8 August 2022
- Deadline for submissions: 5 September 2022 5pm AEDT
- Jury convenes and successful awardees contacted by 12 September 2022
- Prize funding disbursed to the member institutions by 26 September 2022
- Exhibition at local venue (to be confirmed), Perth: 17 – 19 October 2022
- Exhibition opening and moderated presentation/discussion with all prize winners and AASA AGM delegates (including public invitation to attend) on 18 October 2022 @ 6pm

Submission Details

- Interactive PDF files 500MB limit, 20 pages, landscape
- Content of submission shall not include identifying information of the academic staff member or his/her institution to allow for objective jury review.
- Include contact details of the applicant in the body of the email when submitting (academic name, institution name, phone contact, email address)
- Electronic submissions (wetransfer, dropbox, google drive etc) should be forwarded by the due date to AASA Secretariat via martha.liew@aasa.org.au by 5 September 2022 5pm AEDT