



Hamilton/Burlington  
Society of Architects

## **2018 HBSA ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURE AWARDS**

### **CALL FOR ENTRIES**

The Hamilton Burlington Society of Architects presents the 2018 HBSA Achievement in Architecture Awards to celebrate the outstanding work of its members. This award program endeavors to inform the public of the importance and value of excellent architecture practice in the Hamilton and Burlington areas.

The principal aims of the Hamilton-Burlington Society of Architects Architecture Awards are:

- To recognise HBSA architect members and others for their achievements in relation to the profession of architecture;
- develop high public awareness and understanding of the importance of architecture and the value of design; and
- encourage architects to strive for excellence in architecture and thereby promote the advancement of architecture.

### **Award Categories**

- Heritage or Adaptive Re-Use
- Renovation Residential
- Renovation Mixed Use/Commercial
- Renovation Institutional
- New Residential
- New Mixed Use/Commercial
- New Institutional
- Studies and Proposals

### **Recognition**

All eligible projects will be showcased and award winning projects announced at the HBSA Celebrates event on November 15, 2018 and in electronic and print media, including the HBSA Website.

## Eligibility

- Open to **current members of HBSA** as of October 1, 2018.
- An entry may be any building, study or proposal completed since October 15, 2016.
- All built projects entered must have been designed by an architect licensed in Ontario at the time of the project's completion.
- When one architect is not the sole author, all other participants contributing substantially to the design of the project must be given credit as part of the submission, regardless of professional discipline.
- Project must be located in the Province of Ontario

## Award of Excellence

The first and highest award in each category, the 'Award of Excellence' is given to the work judged to be the most significant for the advancement of architecture in each category. Juries must determine one Named Award in every category where at least four entries are eligible for consideration.

## Award of Merit

The second tier of recognition is a 'Commendation'. This is for projects of special merit, demonstrating significant architectural skill. An Award of Merit may be given regardless of the number of eligible entries received in a category. The Juries may award one or more Awards in any category.

## Small and Large Building Awards

Juries may choose to distinguish between "small" buildings and "large buildings" and awards projects as either Awards of Excellence or Merit under each category.

## Jury

A Jury consisting of industry professionals, educators and peers will adjudicate all categories of awards. Jury to be announced at a later date.

## Judging Process Overview

The process of judging nominees will generally be by consensus and include as a minimum:

- consideration of all entry material for each entry against the Core Evaluation Criteria
- preparation of a written citation for each awarded project agreed by all jury members
- provision of a written account of the jury process and decisions, for publication.

- keeping all decisions and outputs strictly confidential until announced at the HBSA Awards presentation event.

Materials and information for assessment will be in accordance with the entry requirements. Juries are required to make judgement on the quality of the project and not its presentation.

Any doubt regarding the appropriateness of an entry in a particular category is to be determined by the Jury Chair and the Awards Director, where applicable Juries may choose to consider projects in categories other than the category the project was originally entered in, combine categories or create new ones based on their review of the submissions.

### **Core Evaluation Criteria**

Awards are given for architectural design excellence. Jurors will consider the project's response to the client's program, site, and geographic and social context. They will evaluate its physical organization, form, structure, materials and environmental features.

Please consider the following criteria:

**Form:** Architecture is a field filled with big ideas, but ultimately architects build things. Form is the visible shape and configuration of the project. The jury will consider how the project's built-form manifests the stated intent through its materiality, shape, detailing, etc. The project's form should have a clear stance on its relationship to its surroundings, its users, and the public at large. It isn't enough to be beautiful, and the form need not be cutting edge or trendy, but rather high quality, appropriate, and relevant for its audience, context and the message it is supporting.

**Function;** Function refers to the purpose for which the project is intended. This is frequently a complex and long list of requirements that can range from the simple (shelter) to the arcane (particular social interactions). The jury will refer to the project's description to understand which functional criteria was the primary concern. Good functionality means the project works well for the intended use, regardless if it is targeted at the client, the users that occupy the project, the public that encounters it, or even the virtual visitors that are confronted by its photographic representation.

**Innovation;** Architecture is a relentlessly forward looking field that embraces new technologies and countenances shifting social and demographic trends with curiosity and eagerness. Projects that take a fresh approach or work to improve existing practices are innovative projects.

**Sustainability;** Sustainable architecture seeks to minimize the negative environmental impact of buildings by efficiency and moderation in the use of materials, energy, and

development space and the ecosystem at large. Projects should incorporate sustainable features.

## Submission Requirements

1. A completed and signed submission form. The form shall be scanned and attached to the submission e-mail. A copy of the form is available at [www.hbsarchitects.com](http://www.hbsarchitects.com) and is included as an appendix to this document.
2. Project Summary: A maximum 500 word description of the project or program in PDF format that includes a statement of the problem and its goals, size, and cost, if applicable. (Use Arial 12pnt text)
3. Project Description: A maximum 1200 word statement in PDF format outlining architectural design issues and key design concepts that emphasis the process, and implementation and a description of the merits of the project. This document may include images or diagrams to explain concepts and be a maximum of 6 letter size pages (excluding a title page).
4. Digital Images: A maximum of 10 images (photos, drawings, graphics, diagrams, plans, etc.) These shall including a site plan or context plan. Images must comply with the following specifications:
  - Only JPEG image-format saved at high-quality/low-compression setting are acceptable. Low-quality/high-compression JPEGs will not be accepted. Images must be 300 dpi, and approximately 3000 x 2000 pixels. All images should be in RGB color mode (CMYK will not be accepted).
  - All file names are composed of a project name, then a sequential number followed by a title. Single digit numbers must start with zero "0" (ex.: "SmithHouse01title.jpg"... "SmithHouse09title.jpg", "SmithHouse10title.jpg"). Do not use punctuation or symbols in the titles.
5. The maximum size of the e-mail with all attachments shall not exceed 8 megs. Compressed archive files (.zip, .sit) will not be accepted.
6. Adjudication is anonymous. Do not include any logos, names or other identification in any part of the submission, except the Submission Form.

7. All submissions become the property of the HBSA. Submission materials will not be returned and may be used to promote the HBSA and awards in print and on-line media.

## **Submission Deadline**

Complete entries including all required forms, images and statements are to be emailed to [hbsaawards2018@gmail.com](mailto:hbsaawards2018@gmail.com) on or before **Friday, October 12, 2018 4:00 PM local time**. All deadlines are strictly observed.

## **Fees**

Entry fee is **\$100** per entry for built works and **\$25** per entry for Studies and Proposals. The fee is non-refundable. Tax is included.

A cheque or money order payable to **Hamilton Burlington Society of Architects** must be mailed to:

HSBA Awards c/o  
Grguric Architects Inc.  
28 King Street East  
Stoney Creek, Ontario L8G 1J8

**Payment must be received by October 18, 2018** for the entry to be considered. On-line payment may be possible for an additional fee.

## **Multiple Entries**

Multiple entries for built works are encouraged. Each entry must be submitted as a separate e-mail complete with all of the submission requirements and pay a separate fee.

Submissions to the Studies and Proposals category are limited to one per HBSA member and one per firm. Firm must be located in the HBSA catchment area.

## **Amendments**

These terms and conditions may be amended from time to time by the HBSA in their sole discretion. Notification of any amendment to these terms and conditions shall be deemed to have been given to the Applicant, by 10:00 a.m. on the first business day after publication of the amended terms and conditions on the web site of the HBSA.

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