

# The Fifth Baku International Architecture Award

## General Provisions

The Baku International Architecture Award is an open, biennial award organised by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan with the support of the International Union of Architects (UIA).

We are proud to announce that the previous edition of the Award in 2019 enjoyed participation from 38 countries: Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Hungary, Vietnam, Greece, Georgia, Hong Kong, Denmark, Egypt, Iran, Spain, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, UAE, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Romania, USA, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, France, Sri Lanka, Estonia, South Africa, Japan, and about 200 works were submitted to the contest. The Award was held in the framework of the International Architectural Forum "Mass Tourism in Historic Cities" and recognised many interesting works.

The award winners came from 18 countries: South Africa, Egypt, China, Georgia, Japan, Azerbaijan, Kenya, Iran, Slovakia, Portugal, Malaysia, Spain, Argentina, UAE, Greece, Hong Kong, Denmark, Bangladesh.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year, the Fifth Anniversary Edition of the Award will be **held online**.

## Objectives and Goals

The main objective of the competition is to recognise new ideas for: development and implementation of urban planning and architectural projects, more expressive design for buildings and structures, search for composition, volumetric and spatial solutions; implementation of practical ideas to achieve the maximum diversity.

## Award categories

Entries are invited in the following categories:

- A** – best implemented project in the field of public architecture;
- B** – best implemented project in the field of residential architecture;
- C** – best implemented interiors;
- D** – best non-realised project;
- E** – best implemented project in the field of landscape architecture
- F** – best project undertaken in the field of rehabilitation and reconstruction of historic buildings;
- G** – best publication in the field of architecture.

## Eligibility

Architects provided with a diploma in architecture entitling them to carry out architectural activities in their country of residence may participate in the Award. Each participant can submit **only one project** for each category. Participation is free of charge.

## Submission materials

The submission materials for participation in the Award procedure are as follows:

- a filled in Registration Form of an International Award Applicant (*in block letters only*);
- information on the author or author group (authors first name, name, patronymic, phone number, actual address of residence, passport details, copy of diploma in architecture);
- plans, facades, photographs of the project, graphic materials will be presented on 80x100 cm format boards (**vertical orientation strictly**). For each project 2 boards maximum shall be accepted;
- entries shall be submitted under identification codes (letter of a category and a six-digit number, e.g. A 123456) placed in the upper right corner on all materials;
- a short explanatory text - two A4 format pages maximum in Azerbaijani, Russian or English;
- applicants in category **G** must provide a summary of their works, approximately 300 words, in Azerbaijani, Russian or English and full e-version of the publication;
- all applicants are required to include a statement that to the effect their submissions have not been previously recognized at the past Baku International Architecture Awards
- all projects (**in PDF format**) and all submissions should be sent to the email address [uaa@uaa.az](mailto:uaa@uaa.az).

### Questions and Answers

All questions concerning the Award procedure should be sent to the following e-mail address: [uaa@uaa.az](mailto:uaa@uaa.az). The organisers shall send answers to the participants as soon as possible.

### The working languages of the competition

The working languages of the competition: Azerbaijani, Russian and English.

### Awards

The prize fund of 52 500 AZN, has been established by the organizers. The prize fund will be awarded as follows:

**First prize of 4000 AZN;**  
**Second prize of 2500 AZN;**  
**Third prize of 1000 AZN**

Bank charges for transfer of award funds shall be paid by the winners.

### Jury of the Award:

A highly professional and impartial international jury whose composition be suggested by the UIA evaluate award entries.

**Esa Mohamed (Malaysia)**, President of the Jury, UIA Past President (2014-2017);  
**In-Souk Cho (Korea)**, UIA Representative; Co-Director, UIA Heritage & Cultural Identity Work Programme;

**Victor Leonel (Angola)**, President of the Africa Union of Architects (AUA);

**Joseph Kwan (Hong Kong)**, Director of Region IV, UIA Architecture for All Work Programme;

**Elbay Gasim-zada**, Chairman of the Board of the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan, UIA Council Member.

Members of the international jury may not participate in the award and may not have any contact with the participants. Only the organisers of the Award may answer participants' questions. The international jury can validly conduct its work in the presence of at least 2/3 of its members.

The jury will review all entries and eliminate those that do not meet the requirements listed above.

The decisions of the international jury are taken by simple majority, in a manner determined by the jury itself. In the event of a tied vote, the chairman of the international jury will have the casting vote.

The international jury shall be the only arbiter in all stages of the adjudication up to the awarding of the prizes.

The organizers of the award may invite experts who will comply with the confidentiality requirements and have no right to vote.

### **Timetable**

Announcement: **29 January 2021**

Deadline for submitting questions: **01 August 2021**

Deadline for the reception of entries: **01 September 2021:**

International jury: **28-30 September**

Announcement of the results: **04 October 2021.**

### **Public awareness**

The Award procedure and regulations will be published on the official website of the Union of Architects of Azerbaijan [www.uaa.az](http://www.uaa.az).

The UIA will also publish the Award announcement through its international communication network.

### **Issue of a catalogue of the works presented to the competition**

All of the awarded and recommended by the jury projects will be published in the catalogue.