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International LafargeHolcim Awards for Sustainable Construction open for entries

Call for exemplary construction projects, visionary design concepts

The LafargeHolcim Awards seeks leading projects of professionals as well as bold ideas from the Next Generation that combine sustainable construction solutions with architectural excellence. The 6th cycle of the international competition is open for entries until February 25, 2020. The Awards offer a total of USD 2 million in prize money and foreground projects and concepts from architecture, engineering, urban planning, materials and construction technology, and related fields.

Submissions in the LafargeHolcim Awards main category include sustainable construction projects at an advanced stage of design, with a high probability of realization. Construction/fabrication must not have started before January 1, 2019. The Awards Next Generation category seeks visionary design concepts and bold ideas at a preliminary stage of design, including design studio and research work. To participate in this category, authors may not be older than 30 years. Students and young professionals are welcome to enter the Awards main category with projects that have reached an advanced stage of design.

Independent expert juries in five geographic regions of the world evaluate submissions using the comprehensive “target issues” for sustainable construction of the LafargeHolcim Foundation. The criteria cover innovation and transferability; ethical standards and social inclusion; resource and environmental performance; economic viability and compatibility; and contextual and aesthetic impact. The competition promotes circular thinking and the reduction of CO₂ emissions across all disciplines. It identifies the ideas with the highest potential to tackle today’s challenges to increasing urbanization and to improve quality of life.

Submitting entries in the competition is free and must be made in English using a web-based form to provide information on authorship, a project summary, technical details, as well as project images and/or illustrations. A “Step-by-step” guide explains the process in detail and shows how to prepare an entry at www.lafargeholcim-awards.org

Since 2003, the LafargeHolcim Foundation advances the discourse on sustainable construction mainly through its Awards, the world’s most significant competition for sustainable design. The Foundation is an initiative of LafargeHolcim, the global leader in building materials and solutions.



“The LafargeHolcim Awards highlights each project’s contribution to solve a collective need and thus transform it into a collective desire.”

Alejandro Aravena, Partner Architect, Elemental, Chile

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“The LafargeHolcim Awards gives the project authors credibility and publicity; people begin to believe in them and that really helps them build career momentum.”

Brinda Somaya, Principal Architect, Somaya & Kalappa Consultants, India

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“The LafargeHolcim Awards offers the chance to ask the right questions about tomorrow’s construction – and to share the answers with a global audience.”

Marilyne Andersen, Professor of Sustainable Construction Technologies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL Lausanne)

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Useful Links

- Access the Awards entry form: www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/enter
- Download Step-by-step guide on how to enter a project: www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/guide
- Questions related to the Awards competition: helpdesk@lafargeholcim-awards.org
- Details on the “target issues” for sustainable construction: www.lafargeholcim-awards.org/target
- Browse through more than 250 previous LafargeHolcim Awards prize winning projects at: www.lafargeholcim-foundation.org/projects

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