



AIA California’s Academy for Emerging Professionals Awards Program strives to advance local and regional excellence which recognizes and celebrates those who contribute to assisting Emerging Professionals and their colleagues in pursuing their personal and professional goals.

DEADLINES

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| <p>Call for Nominations Opens: September 1, 2023 Submittal Deadline: December 15, 2023</p> |
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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each completed nomination package must follow these guidelines:

- 8 ½ x 11 paper size
- Not to exceed 8MB and/or 12 pages
- Font 12 point or larger
- Portrait layout
- **Page 1:** Nomination Letter
- **Page 2:** Statement of Contributions
- **Page 3:** Biography and/or resume
- **Pages 4 – 5:** Two letters of recommendation that are explicit in their recommendation
- **Pages 6 – 12:** Supporting materials and documentation which can include a portfolio, articles, or photographs that support the nomination. Supporting materials are unique to the award category and should be thoroughly reviewed.
- **Educator Award only:** titles of courses taught, and programs administered by the nominee with brief descriptions of each.

AWARDS

- [Firm Mentorship Award](#)
- [Chapter Award](#)
- [Associates Award](#)
- [Young Architects Award](#)
- [Student Leader Award](#)
- [Educator Award](#)

Each award category has its own rules for eligibility. Please click on or scroll to the category you are submitting under for more information.

Have questions? Reach out to our Awards Coordinator, Ashley Taylor, at ataylor@aiacalifornia.org.



ELIGIBILITY

Firm Mentorship Award: The highest award given by the AIA CA AEP to an AIA firm that has made an extraordinary effort to mentor Emerging Professionals in their firm through the implementation of specific programs.

- Must be nominated by a chapter president, member of AIA California’s Board of Directors, an Educator or a member of the College of Fellows.
- Exhibits exceptional skill and leadership
- Cannot be a recipient of an Academy for Emerging Professionals Award within the last five years
- Firm Mentorship Award: AIA member led firms located in California that actively support interns in the pursuit of licensure and provide professional opportunities for emerging professionals.

ELIGIBILITY

Chapter Award: The highest award given by the AIA CA AEP to an AIA chapter in California for the development of superb programming and fostering the highest qualities of leadership within the emerging professional membership.

- Must be nominated by a chapter president, member of AIA California’s Board of Directors, an Educator or a member of the College of Fellows.
- Exhibits exceptional skill and leadership
- Cannot be a recipient of an Academy for Emerging Professionals Award within the last five years
- Chapter Award: Local AIA chapters in California that have developed creative programs for its Emerging Professionals to enhance active and consistent chapter participation at local, state and national levels.

ELIGIBILITY

Associates Award: The highest award given by the AIA CA AEP to an individual Associate AIA member in California, who best exemplifies the highest qualities of leadership and has demonstrated unparalleled commitment to their chapter or region’s membership, the community, professional organizations, and/or design and construction industries.

- Must be nominated by a chapter president, member of AIA California’s Board of Directors, an Educator or a member of the College of Fellows.
- Exhibits exceptional skill and leadership
- Cannot be a recipient of an Academy for Emerging Professionals Award within the last five years



ELIGIBILITY

Young Architects Award: The highest award given by the AIA CA AEP to an individual Young Architect in California who has shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession in the early stage of their architectural career.

- Must be nominated by a chapter president, member of AIA California’s Board of Directors, an Educator or a member of the College of Fellows.
- Exhibits exceptional skill and leadership
- Cannot be a recipient of an Academy for Emerging Professionals Award within the last five years

ELIGIBILITY

Student Leader Award: The highest award given by the AIA CA AEP to an individual student in California, for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the consistent growth and development of their AIAS chapter, school and/or community.

- Must be nominated by a chapter president, member of AIA California’s Board of Directors, an Educator or a member of the College of Fellows.
- Exhibits exceptional skill and leadership
- Cannot be a recipient of an Academy for Emerging Professionals Award within the last five years
- Student Leader Award: Student members of AIAS or AIA who are currently enrolled in an architectural program in California.

ELIGIBILITY

Educator Award: The highest award given by the AIA CA AEP to an Educator in California, for their outstanding contribution to the formal education of architecture students.

- Must be nominated by a chapter president, member of AIA California’s Board of Directors, an Educator or a member of the College of Fellows.
- Exhibits exceptional skill and leadership
- Cannot be a recipient of an Academy for Emerging Professionals Award within the last five years
- Educator Award: AIA members who are educators at a post-secondary Architectural Program in California.