



DEADLINES

Call for Nominations Open: September 3, 2024
Nomination Package Deadline: December 12, 2025
Selections Made at Virtual Board of Directors Meeting: TBA - March

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There is a **non-refundable** \$395 nomination fee for the Firm Award. This fee must be paid online at the time of submission. Late, disqualified, or incomplete packages will not be refunded and credits for next year will not be granted. \$0 entry fee for all other awards.

NOMINATION PACKAGE GUIDELINES

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 of firm or resume (if an individual)
- 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.

AWARDS

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



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Firm Award

The Firm Award is the highest honor the AIA CA can bestow on an architectural firm. It is intended for firms that have consistently produced distinguished architecture for a period of at least 10 years. Equally important, the award recognizes mentoring, continued collaboration among individuals and significant contributions made by the firm to the profession in areas of design, research, planning, technology, practice and innovation.

- Proven cumulative effect on the profession
- Work shall be a product of a collaborative environment that has consistently directed itself toward the future while remaining respectful of the past
- Developed a culture which educates and mentors the next generation of architects
- Widely known by the quality of its products to both architects and non-architects
- Promotes ethnic and cultural diversity, gender equity, and the inclusion of marginalized groups of citizens through design and/or practice
- Firms may enter themselves for consideration or be nominated by an AIA member(s), or local chapter

NOMINATION PACKAGE CONTENT: Each completed nomination package should focus on the following accomplishments:

1. **Impact on the Built Environment:** Impact the firm has had on the design profession through the firms' portfolio. This can be regional, geographic, inpatient, outpatient, educational, within the design culture, etc.
2. **Achievements and Service:** A history of service to the design community and achievements that have significantly impacted the profession.
3. **Innovation:** Consistently created unique and creative solutions to the design field. The firm has strived for innovation, impactful solutions, and the betterment of client outcomes through design.
4. **Practice and Leadership:** Firm demonstrates leadership within their practice and beyond. Commitment to the growth of the design profession and the support of young professionals.
5. **Advocacy and Values:** Commitment to the advancement of the field. Consistent advocacy to improve design processes and efficiencies. Maintained high moral values and qualities throughout career. Shown dedication to the profession through the integration of relevant cultural, environmental, and technological practices.



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Distinguished Practice Award

The Distinguished Practice Award is presented to an individual with significant contributions and accomplishments toward a specific building type or practice area. This award recognizes an individual architect's work, their responses to the challenges of an individual building type, innovations within the design and construction process, design excellence, and a collaborate spirit.

- Individuals may be nominated by an AIA member or local chapter

NOMINATION PACKAGE CONTENT: Each completed nomination package should focus on the following accomplishments:

1. **Impact on the Built Environment:** Impact the candidate has had on a specific building or practice type through their body of work. This can be regional, geographic, educational, within the design culture, specialty, etc.
2. **Achievements and Service:** A history of service to the design community and achievements that have significantly impacted the profession.
3. **Innovation:** Consistently created unique and creative solutions to the design field. The candidate has strived for innovation, impactful solutions, and the betterment of client outcomes through design.
4. **Practice and Leadership:** Candidate demonstrates leadership within their practice and in the build environment. Commitment to the growth of the design profession and the support of young professionals.
5. **Advocacy and Values:** Commitment to the advancement of the field. Consistent advocacy to improve design processes and efficiencies. Maintained high moral values and qualities throughout career. Shown dedication to the profession through the integration of relevant cultural, environmental, and technological practices.



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Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is presented to an individual (or group) in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the improvement of the built environment and to the profession of architecture in California.

- Proven career of innovation within the design and construction process across the lifetime of their career
- Design excellence and a collaborative spirit
- Not a member of the AIA California Executive Committee within the last three years
- Individuals may be nominated by any AIA member or local chapter

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1. **Impact on the Built Environment:** Impact the candidate has had on the design profession through their body of work. This can be regional, geographic, educational, cultural, within advocacy, etc.
2. **Achievements and Service:** A history of service to the design community and achievements that have significantly impacted the profession.
3. **Innovation:** Consistently created unique and creative solutions to the design field. The candidate has strived for innovation, impactful solutions, and the betterment of client outcomes through design.
4. **Practice and Leadership:** Candidate demonstrates leadership within their practice and beyond. Commitment to the growth of the design profession and the support of young professionals.
5. **Advocacy and Values:** Commitment to the advancement of the field. Consistent advocacy to improve design processes and efficiencies. Maintained high moral values and qualities throughout career. Shown dedication to the profession through the integration of relevant cultural, environmental, and technological practices.



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Lifetime Achievement Award for Healthcare Facility Design

This award is given in recognition of a career of dedicated commitment to the build environment and in recognition of significant contributions and accomplishments toward the design and development of healthcare facilities in California.

- Background in the design and delivery of healthcare facilities
- Proven career of innovation within the design and construction process
- Design excellence and a collaborative spirit
- Commitment to future generations
- Individuals may be nominated by any AIA member or local chapter

NOMINATION PACKAGE CONTENT: Each completed nomination package should focus on the following accomplishments:

1. **Impact on the Built Environment:** The impact the candidate has had on the healthcare design profession through their body of work. This can be regional, geographic, inpatient, outpatient, educational, within the design culture, etc.
2. **Achievements and Service:** A history of service to the healthcare design community and achievements that have significantly impacted healthcare delivery services and the profession.
3. **Innovation:** Consistently created unique and creative solutions to the process of healthcare delivery. The candidate has strived for innovation, impactful solutions, and the betterment of patient outcomes through design.
4. **Practice and Leadership:** Their commitment to the growth of improvements to the process of healthcare delivery services and patient care outcomes through their practice. Their commitment to the growth of the design profession and support of young professionals.
5. **Advocacy and Values:** Commitment to the advancement of patient care outcomes through design solutions. Consistent advocacy to improve healthcare processes and efficiencies. Maintained high moral values and qualities throughout career. Shown dedication to the profession through the integration of relevant cultural, environmental, and technological practices.



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Norma Sklarek Humanitarian Award

This award recognizes an architect or architecturally oriented organization for their social responsibility. The type of social issues is purposefully flexible to remain constantly relevant.

- Individuals may be nominated by any AIA member or local chapter

NOMINATION PACKAGE CONTENT: Each completed nomination package should focus on the following accomplishments:

1. **Impact on the Design Field:** Impact the candidate has had on the design profession through body of work.
2. **Achievements and Service:** A history of service to the design community and achievements that have significantly impacted the profession.
3. **Innovation:** Consistently created unique and creative solutions to the design field. The candidate has strived for innovation, impactful solutions, and the betterment of client outcomes through design.
4. **Practice and Leadership:** Candidate demonstrates leadership within their practice and beyond. Commitment to the growth of the design profession and the support of young professionals.
5. **Advocacy and Values:** Commitment to the advancement of the field. Consistent advocacy to improve design processes and efficiencies. Maintained high moral values and qualities throughout career. Shown dedication to the profession through the integration of relevant cultural, environmental, and technological practices.



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Honorary Membership

This award is bestowed on a person who is not eligible for AIA membership, but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture in California or to the arts and sciences allied therewith.

- A person of esteemed character who is not eligible for membership with outstanding statewide accomplishments.
- Must be nominated by a member of the AIA California Board of Directors

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1. **Impact on the Built Environment:** Impact the candidate has had on the design profession through their body of work.
2. **Achievements and Service:** A history of service to the design community and achievements that have significantly impacted the profession.
3. **Innovation:** Consistently created unique and creative solutions to the design field. The candidate has strived for innovation, impactful solutions, and the betterment of client outcomes through design.
4. **Practice and Leadership:** Candidate demonstrates leadership within their profession and beyond. Commitment to the growth of the design field and the support of young professionals.
5. **Advocacy and Values:** Commitment to the advancement of the field. Consistent advocacy to improve design processes and efficiencies. Maintained high moral values and qualities throughout career. Shown dedication to the profession through the integration of relevant cultural, environmental, and technological practices.