

Architects Board of WA

Architects Board Graduate Award



The Architects Board of Western Australia

The Architects Board of Western Australia (Board) administers the *Architects Act 2004* (Act), the legislation that regulates architects in Western Australia (WA). The Board's key role is to protect consumers of architectural services.

The Board manages the architect registration process, accredits architectural courses delivered by WA universities, conducts the Architectural Practice Examination, monitors the correct use of the word "architect" and investigates any contraventions of the Act. The Board also has a disciplinary role that complements its consumer protection functions.

Conditions

1. The Architects Board Graduate Award is presented by the Board and is to be known as the "*Architects Board of Western Australia Graduate Award*" (Award).
2. The Award is provided annually to a graduate student from one of the following universities: Curtin University, the University of WA and the University of Notre Dame Australia. The graduate student must have completed the degree of Master of Architecture, and, in the judgement of the relevant selection panel, have demonstrated excellence in their studies and be likely to benefit from undertaking further research and/or study (which may, but is not required to, include travel) in order to pursue a career in architecture, as a registered architect.
3. The recipient of the Award will receive a certificate and a monetary amount of \$7,000.
4. The Award is to be used by the recipient for the purpose of further research and/or study in the field of architecture, which may include intrastate, interstate and/or overseas travel (in compliance with any COVID-19 or other government-mandated health restrictions imposed by Australia, WA and/or any other relevant jurisdiction from time to time).
5. Upon completion of the proposed further research and/or study, the recipient of the Award will be required to provide a report to the Board within 12 months on the results achieved with the assistance of the Award and invited to deliver a presentation to the Board (in compliance with any COVID-19 or other government-mandated health restrictions imposed by Australia, WA and/or any other relevant jurisdiction from time to time).
6. The Board reserves the right not to present the Award in any given year if the Board determines that there are no suitable candidates in that year.
7. In addition to the Award, the Board has the discretion to present up to two commendations in any given year in the amount of \$500 each.

8. The Award and/or the commendation(s) may, or may not, be presented to candidates from the same university in the same year.

Assessment Process

1. The relevant School of Architecture from each of the above-named universities will nominate two final year students who, in their opinion, have demonstrated excellence in their studies and are most likely to benefit from further research and/or study (which may, but is not required to, include travel) in order to pursue a career in architecture, as a registered architect. Those names should be forwarded to the Board by the date nominated each year by the Board, along with a brief summary of the reasoning behind the selection of each candidate.
2. For each year the Award is presented, the Board will convene a selection panel of three persons comprising two Board members (or nominees) and the Board Registrar.
3. For each year the Award is presented, the selection panel will interview each of the candidates selected by their respective university. In the event that a candidate for the Award is unable to attend an interview at the Board's offices (due to either COVID-19 or other government-mandated health restrictions or the candidate's personal circumstances at the relevant time), a phone interview or electronic communication with the panel may be offered to the candidate.
4. Candidates are to:
 - a. present, on the day of the interview, a selection of work from their final year portfolio;
 - b. provide, a minimum of two weeks prior to the interview, a copy of their academic record; and
 - c. provide, a minimum of two weeks prior to the interview, a written statement of 1,000 words or less, outlining:
 - i. how they see themselves using their degree toward their career in architecture as a registered architect and how winning the Award would assist that goal;
 - ii. how they propose to use the prize money if successful, including an outline of any proposed research project and/or study plan (including any proposed travel);
 - iii. the proposed means and timing of communicating any information and experience gathered with the assistance of the Award, including the proposed target(s) of such communication; and
 - iv. how they see the Board assisting them throughout their career as an architect.
5. Upon completion of the interviews, the selection panel will select the winner(s) of the Award and any commendations and will communicate the result to the winner(s) of the Award and/or commendations.