



2019 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WESTERN AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Invitation to Enter and Submission Information

As a leader in the field of educational facilities, Learning Environments Western Australia invites you to make submissions for the 2019 Learning Environments Western Australia Awards.

These Awards are open to registered LEA members whose educational facilities' projects demonstrate excellence in the planning and design of educational facilities across the Australasia region.

The core mission of the awards is to celebrate excellent learning spaces where innovative architectural ideas support the education philosophy.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony at the WA Awards Night and Christmas Drinks.

AWARDS TIMELINE

Registration

OPENS: Monday 9 September 2019

CLOSES: Friday 27 September 2019

Online Entry Submission (via Awardforce)

OPENS: Monday 16 September

SUBMISSIONS PORTAL CLOSES: Friday 18 October

Presentation Ceremony: December 2019

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AWARD CATEGORIES

There are 8 Categories for the Awards: An Award and/or Commendations may be presented for each category and an Overall Award (selected from the winning category entries) may be presented. The decision to give an award or commendation is dependent on the jury's assessment.

All entries must have been occupied for at least 6 months (that is: before 2 March) and construction completed within the last 3 years to qualify for entry.

If you are unsure which category your project "best fits", please contact the awards coordinator and discuss BEFORE submission.

Category 1: New Construction / New Educational Facility. This category applies to construction of a new school or educational institution on a new site/campus. These buildings may be the first stage of the new facility.

Category 2: New Construction / New Individual Facility(ies) Over AU\$8 Million. This category applies to a new building or new buildings in an existing school or campus.

Category 3: New Construction / New Individual Facility(ies) Under AU\$8 Million. This category applies to a new building or new buildings in an existing school or campus.

Category 4: Renovation / Modernisation Over AU\$5 Million. This category applies to renovated and modernised facilities – entrants need to demonstrate the changes that have occurred from old to new by photos and/or plans.

Category 5: Renovation / Modernisation Under AU\$5 Million. This category applies to renovated and modernised facilities – entrants need to demonstrate the changes that have occurred from old to new.

Category 6: Buildings or renovation/modernisation under AU\$2 Million: A learning environment that has been achieved within a budget.

Category 7: Landscaping/Outdoor Learning Area. Designed to showcase outdoor learning environments targeted to improving educational outcomes.

Category 8: An Innovative Education Initiative. Designed to showcase significant contributions to learning environments by schools, educators, students, designers, community organisations etc. Education Initiative must have been delivered to students for at least 6 months, since before 9 March 2019.

AWARD ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The project(s) recognised will best demonstrate the comprehensive effectiveness of planning and design as outlined in the Award Assessment Criteria.

An Award for each Category will be presented to the entrant whose educational facility project best meets the assessment criteria. Judging of these award entries is by experienced industry practitioners appointed by LE (Western Australia). The jury reserves the right to award, make commendations or not to make an award or commendations in any category.

Succinct answers including bullet points are encouraged. All criteria are equally weighted.

All Categories:

Criteria A: Planning Process:

- a) Provide evidence of a comprehensive planning process including project-specific research; consulting with clients, users, stakeholders and information gathering.
- b) Provide evidence that a comprehensive educational specification/brief and program of requirements has been developed as part of the planning process. [400 words max for both responses in total]

Categories 1 to 7:

Criteria B: Design Outcome: Provide evidence that the architectural design meets the requirements of the educational brief with a special emphasis on the educational value of the space. [250 words max]

Criteria C: Flexibility: Provide evidence of the unique functionality of the design as well as its responsiveness to changes in the educational program. [250 words max]

Criteria D: Innovation: Your description could include evidence of innovative design solutions; value for money; design elements and sustainability. [250 words max]

Category 8:

The **Innovative Education Initiative** category award will be presented to the entrant whose project best meets the following criteria. [All criteria equally weighted]

Criteria E: Innovative Program: Evidence that the education initiative challenges and transforms the role that educational facilities play in the learning process. [250 words max]

Criteria F: Innovative Approach: Evidence that the education initiative introduces innovative ideas or approaches to current practices in the development of educational facilities and aims to inform the field of educational facility planning. [250 words max]

Criteria G: Innovative Use: Evidence that the education initiative demonstrates innovative use of an educational facility by educators and students and/or members of the community. Include any evidence of improved educational experiences for students. [250 words max]

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Step 1: Register online at: [2019 WA Chapter Learning Environments Awards](#) between **(9 - 27 September 2019)** . You will be emailed an invoice.

A registration fee of AU\$270 +GST per entry submission, will be charged.

Note: One educational facility may be entered in multiple categories. However, one AU\$270 +GST fee for each entry/category the educational facility is entered is payable. Submissions for one educational facility in multiple categories should be tailored to suit each category [i.e: the text and photographs].

Entries for which no fee has been received will not be able to progress to Judging.

Projects withdrawn between registration and submission closing will receive a 50% refund only. No refund will be available after the submission closing date on 18 October 2019.

Payment/withdrawal must be received by COB 18 October 2019 .

Step 2: Submit your project(s) via the link below from 16 September 2019. Entries close on **18 October 2019** .

Go to: <https://learningenvironments.awardsplatform.com/>

Choose either **Register**, for new users, OR **Log in**, for existing users. And follow the instructions. The login is specific to the email address used.

Once you have logged in (and confirmed your email address) you can start your entry immediately.

For any questions regarding entry submissions please contact:

WA Chapter Awards Coordinator Lara Mackintosh via email at lea.wa.awards@gmail.com

Thank you for entering the awards and good luck with your submission.

SUMMARY OF THE ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS

Entry into the awards is an entirely online process. The following is a summary of this process. There are no interviews, site visits or presentations required. Once the online submission has been made, the process of entering the awards is completed. The jury panel will review the online submission to decide the award winners and/or commendations.

When logged into the online submission portal, an entry looks like this:

The screenshot shows the 'My entries' page in the online submission portal. At the top, it says 'My entries → Start entry'. Below this, a note states 'All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.' A progress bar consists of 12 parts, with 'Part 1: Project Summary' highlighted in dark blue. The other parts are: Part 2: Applicant and Project Team Details, Part 3: Project Data, Part 4: Project Timeline, Part 5: Project Planning Process, Part 6: Project Narrative, Part 7: Educational Facility Narrative, Part 8: Release Form, Part 9: Multi-page PDF, Part 10: Photos and Videos, Part 11: Webpage Information, and Part 12: Submission Poster. Below the progress bar, there are three dropdown menus: 'Chapter' (empty), 'Category' (empty), and 'Project name' (empty). At the bottom, there is a section for 'Project thumbnail image' with a 'Select file' button.

There are 12 “Parts” to be completed. These are summarised in the below table:

PARTS 1 to 3	Details of the chosen category, project details & data, entrant/applicant details, project cost and size.
PART 4	Project timeline: from brief through to post occupancy – optional to complete, but may be relevant/important for some projects/programs. PDF is optional.
PARTS 5 and 6	Responses to the specific award assessment/judging criteria are given here. Images may be uploaded.
PART 7	Educational Facility Narrative – this requires the Educational Facility to provide a detailed statement about the facility or program, on letterhead (PDF).
PART 8	Permission for LEA to use photos and images from the entrant and/or from professional photographers. A PDF statement from photographer is required and must be provided in the format stated.
PART 9	A multipage A4 PDF with plans, sections elevations and photos for the project. Renovation/modernisation projects should include before and after photos and/or plans to demonstrate extent of work completed.
PART 10	Photos and/or videos are uploaded here for publication and marketing purposes. A one page PDF with plan or diagram of project to be uploaded.
PART 11	Information required for the webpage/gallery/publication – photos and text required.
PART 12	Exhibition Poster (if required) PDF.

Entrants will be able to save their submission and return to it anytime during the submission period.

This Awards process has been reviewed and streamlined recently. Learning Environments Australasia welcomes feedback regarding your experience with entering the awards at any time.

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