

# 7<sup>th</sup> SIP Planning Awards 2021

The Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP) is pleased to invite participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> SIP Planning Awards 2021. Held bi-annually, this prestigious Planning Awards recognise urban planners and consultancy firms in Singapore and beyond for their excellence in urban planning.

SIP wishes to honour the achievements with like-minded professionals and firms that identify with the Planning Principles SIP champions:

- ✓ **Inclusiveness**
- ✓ **Planning is Multi-disciplinary**
- ✓ **Singapore Planning Principles**
  - **Planning for long term, Planning for Capacity**
  - **Integrated Planning**
  - **Liveable City**
  - **Sustainability**
  - **Resiliency**

For the 7<sup>th</sup> SIP Planning Award, SIP would like to take this opportunity to reflect on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our economy and daily lives; to deliberate on how planners and allied professionals should deal with the issues relating to our built environment going forward. Other than the planning professionals, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of more allied professionals, both locally and internationally, who are contributing to the creation of a more vibrant planning community in this new normal.

In view of the above, SIP has introduced substantial changes to the award categories. In this 7<sup>th</sup> edition, SIP would like to honour both projects and people. New categories of award are created to reflect the transformations in the planning professions.

Except for Outstanding Student Project, there will not be differentiated submissions for SIP members and International participants as in the past.

Award winners will be announced in 2021 at the award presentation event to be reviewed at a later date. Summaries of the winning projects will be posted on the SIP website.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

For the 7<sup>th</sup> SIP Planning Award, SIP is pleased to announce a total of 11 categories of entry. To recognise not only outstanding planning projects, but also individuals who have contributed significantly to the planning professions, there are 10 categories under PROJECT and 1 category under PEOPLE:

### UNDER PROJECT

#### 1. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING > 5000 HA

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovation and excellence in developing liveable communities that are economic engines at regional level. Applications may include but are not limited to visioning and comprehensive planning of large new and/or existing urban areas and growth corridors supported by clear regional economic development strategies.

#### 2. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING > 500 HA & UP TO 5000 HA

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovation and excellence in developing liveable communities at district level. Applications may include but are not limited to visioning, planning and development of townships, industrial parks and urban centres.

#### 3. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING < & UP TO 500 HA

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovation and excellence in developing liveable communities at neighbourhood and/or district level. Applications may include but are not limited to visioning, planning and development of townships, industrial parks and urban centres.

#### 4. EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DESIGN, PLACEMAKING & PUBLIC SPACE

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovative urban design principles that curate delightful urban experience of a locale, with the emphasis on the development of the place's character and the sense of identity that is unique to the people and the place itself. The project shall display the critical and positive role played by the planners and/or urban designers in such undertaking.

#### 5. EXCELLENCE IN URBAN DESIGN, HERITAGE & CONSERVATION

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovative urban design principles that curate delightful urban experience of a locale, with a strong emphasis on the design response to the historical and cultural significance of a given period. An in-depth analysis of the urban morphology of the area where the plan is located will be highly regarded. The project shall exemplify a sensitive approach towards respecting and/or preserving urban fabric, and in so doing bring about a positive change in the wider urban environment.

#### 6. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCY

This award is for a plan that demonstrates innovative approach and design solutions in mitigating risks, adapting to changes and supporting environmental sustainability in the face of disruptive events. Such events include not only climatic and natural disasters, but also negative impacts arising from rapid urbanisation. A holistic consideration of various urban systems critical to environmental sustainability will be highly regarded.

## **7. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING FOR HEALTH & WELL BEING**

This award is for a plan that demonstrates its innovative approach and design solutions in integrating health and well being of people in an urban development. Arising from the COVID-19 experience, it is time for urban planners and designers to rethink how planning should improve the abilities of the cities, districts, neighbourhoods and communities to adapt and respond better to future pandemics.

## **8. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS**

This award is for a plan that demonstrates the significance of social inclusiveness in urban development, engages the communities as an integral part of the planning process and produces tangible outcomes. The engagement of communities may include participatory design, feedback and outreach through working sessions, meetings, workshops and digital platforms.

## **9. EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING DRIVEN BY INNOVATIVE URBAN SOLUTIONS & TECHNOLOGY**

This award is for a plan that demonstrates the integration of innovation and smart solutions in an urban development. These solutions may include technologies and infrastructures that impact how people work, live, travel and perform all other activities of their daily lives. The in-depth consideration for implementation will be highly regarded.

## **10. OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT**

This award is to recognise creative student planning projects on a range of topics including but not limited to urban planning, urban design, sustainability concepts involving environmental, social and economic considerations. Applicants must be enrolled in a tertiary institution in Singapore.

## **UNDER PEOPLE**

## **11. YOUNG PLANNER OF THE YEAR**

This award is to recognise outstanding contribution by planners under 40 years old towards the advancement of the planning profession in Singapore. The planner shows the tenacity to go above and beyond to seek opportunities to demonstrate the role planners can play in shaping our urban environment. Candidate must be nominated by a SIP member (full or affiliate).

## ELIGIBILITY

Except for the categories of Outstanding Student Project, all other categories are open to both SIP and non-SIP members.

For the category of Outstanding Student Project, one key member of the team must be a Student Member of SIP and a student of master planning, urban design or related field from a recognised tertiary institution in Singapore.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### For the 10 categories under PROJECT:

- State the category of award the team is competing in.
- Name of project leader and all team members. For all SIP Members Categories, one of the project members must be a SIP member (please state membership class).
- Signed letter of indemnity or owner's consent (consent form) for the use and display in public of all materials and information submitted & for publication.
- A minimum of two (2) mounted foam boards in A1 size are compulsory. A maximum of four (4) A1 boards are allowed.
- A digital copy of the presentation boards is required and resolution should be at least 200dpi. All fonts used for the submission shall be not smaller than size 12. Display boards and all other award material become the property of the Singapore Institute of Planners and will not be returned. Applicants may request retrieval of display boards at a date convenient to all parties.

- A Power Point electronic submission is also required as participants may have more details and other supporting information that cannot be sufficiently displayed on the visual boards.
- Please ensure that your names, company's logo, name and address are NOT printed on the front of the submission package, or on any of the visual boards and they should also NOT appear on the powerpoint and digital copy of the presentation boards.

### For the category of Young Planner of the Year under PEOPLE:

- The submission is by nomination.
- The nominator is to fill an A4 nomination form in fonts not smaller than size 12. The form shall specify name of the planner and shall contain the information to demonstrate the individual's commitment to pursue professional development through active participation in planning related events and program, individual's contribution to achievements in planning profession as well as how the individual demonstrates leadership quality that is role model to other young planners.
- The nominee may be called for interview or presentation.

## REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees for project entries are as follows:

- **SIP Members: S\$300 per project entry**
- **Non-SIP Members: S\$600 per project entry**

To qualify as a SIP Member project entry, one key member (of the team or individual) must be a Full Member of the Singapore Institute of Planners.

There shall be no registration fee for the categories of Outstanding Student Project and Young Planner of the Year.

The registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE after acceptance of registration.

## DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION

Registration for all 10 categories under Project is due **Friday, 12 noon, 30 April 2021.**

Application materials must be RECEIVED by **Friday 12 noon, 25 June 2021.**

There is no registration for the Young Planner of the Year. The nomination form must be **RECEIVED by Friday 12 noon, 25 June 2021.**

Submissions made after these timelines will not be accepted. Judges' decisions are final. No appeal will be entertained.

## PHYSICAL SUBMISSION:

Entries are to be wrapped and labelled 'SIP Planning Awards 2021' and submitted to the following address:

### Singapore Institute of Planners

93 Toa Payoh Central #05-01

Toa Payoh Central Community Building  
Singapore 319194

Shortlisted entries may be displayed to the public at a venue and date to be confirmed.

By participating in this award program, you and your team have agreed to bear all costs related to your entry from the start to the end of the competition. Display boards and all other award material become the property of the Singapore Institute of Planners and will not be returned. Applicants may request retrieval of display boards at a date convenient to all parties.

## RECOGNITION OF PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS

The entries must be led and officially submitted by the planning team, office, or individual planner.

As planning involves a team effort, the SIP Planning Awards 2021 shall show appreciation by extending the award plaques/ certificates to the entire team members consisting of the project leader, master planner, urban designer, infrastructure engineers, transport engineer, landscape designer, sustainable specialists etc. where applicable.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

To merit a SIP Planning Award, the entry must provide an outstanding model in master planning and urban design. Ideally, it should also reflect a significant advancement in the practice for the benefit of the community.

### For the 10 categories under PROJECT, entries will be judged against the following criteria:

Total 100% Breakdown:

- 25% Originality & Innovation
- 25% Planning/Urban Design Approach and Methodology
- 25% Core Values Demonstration
- 15% Implementability
- 10% Presentation and graphics

#### 1. Originality and Innovation:

How does this plan show an innovative approach to planning? How can the plan or elements of the plan be used as a best practice example?

#### 2. Planning /Urban Design Approach and Methodology:

How does the planning/urban design methodology illustrate a holistic and thorough approach of planning and design practices? How does the plan demonstrate a high quality of research and analysis in determining its proposed concepts?

#### 3. Core Values Demonstration:

How does the plan champion and provide for all users and potential users in an equitable manner? How does the plan protect and nurture the natural environment? How does the plan ensure the continued economic success of the project, from operating and maintenance costs to return on investment? What are the short term and long-term benefits

for the various public and private stakeholders? Emphasis will be placed on the specific themes related to the award categories. In addition, for the urban design categories, the core value demonstration will revolve around the design approach for the public space and/or the approach in heritage conservation or adaptive re-use.

#### 4. Implementability

The project should show completion through any of the following factors:

- Implementation of the project on the ground
- Approval of the project by a government or regulatory authority
- (For student projects) Submission to a polytechnic or tertiary institution

#### 5. Presentation & Graphics

How are the vision, planning objectives and core values being communicated to all stakeholders? This also applies to how the plan is being presented to the award's panel of juries in a way that allows the juries to appreciate the value proposition of the plan in a clear and concise manner.

### For the category of Young Planner of the Year under PEOPLE, entries will be judged against the following criteria:

1. Individual's commitment to pursue professional development through active participation in planning related events and program
2. Contribution to achievements in planning profession
3. Leadership and role model to other young planners
4. Presentation and Interview

## CONTACT

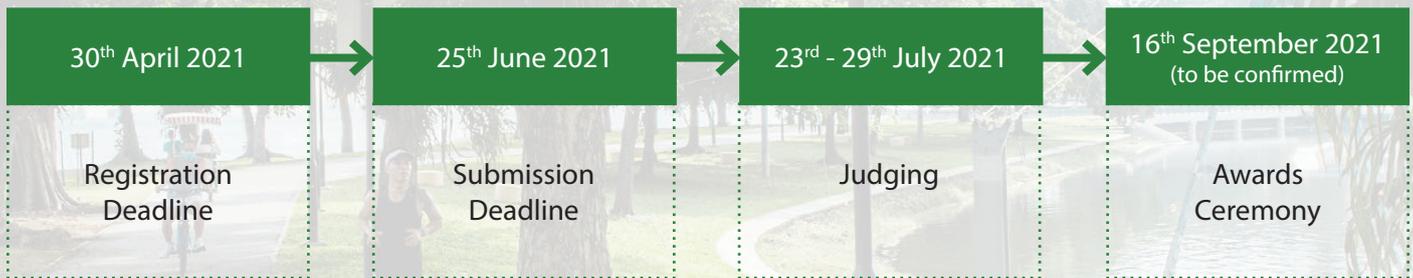
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## TIMELINE



# REGISTRATION FORM

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Individual, Team, or Practice): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Individual, Team, or Practice): \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Project Leader): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project (one project per form): \_\_\_\_\_

## CATEGORY

### UNDER PROJECT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning > 5000 ha                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning for Environmental Resiliency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning > 500 ha & up to 5000 ha        | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning for Health & Well Being                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning < & up to 500 ha                | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning for Community Engagement & Social Inclusiveness   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Urban Design, Placemaking & Public Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Planning Driven by Innovative Urban Solutions & Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Urban Design, Heritage & Conservation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Student Project  |

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I / We agree to abide with the rules of the competition and agree to allow SIP to publicize the submitted entries for the purpose of promoting town planning practice. I / We also will ensure that the submitted entry is the original work and the entry is submitted with clients' knowledge.

Name (Project Leader): \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# LETTER OF INDEMNITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Project Leader)

being the project leader, representing my company, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Company / Institution)

acknowledge that I have obtained permission and rights from my client(s) / project owner(s) to use and display the following projects in public and submit the necessary information about the project to the SIP Planning Awards jury panel:

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\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Project)

I agree that my submission(s) will be the property of the award program organiser and I will not hold the award program organiser responsible if my submission is lost or damaged in the process despite due care from the organiser.

Name (Project Leader) : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# NOMINATION FORM

(For Young Planner of the Year)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe how he or she demonstrates the commitment to pursue the development of the planning profession:

2. Describe his or her contributions to achievements in the planning practice:

3. Describe how he or she is a role model to other planners:

Nomination by \_\_\_\_\_ SIP Membership no. \_\_\_\_\_

