

VALUE

Call for entries

Young architects and designers are invited to submit work to the annual Architectural League Prize Competition. Projects of all types, either theoretical or real, and executed in any medium, are welcome. The jury will select work for presentation in lectures, digital media, and an exhibition in June 2020. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$2,000.

Established in 1981 to recognize visionary work by young practitioners, the Architectural League Prize is an annual competition, lecture series, and exhibition organized by The Architectural League and its Young Architects + Designers Committee. For more information about The Architectural League and work by past winners, please visit archleague.org/leagueprize.

Eligibility

The competition is open only to current full-time residents (who need not be citizens) of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Entrants must be ten years or less out of a bachelor's or master's degree program. Current students are ineligible. Complete eligibility requirements, including information on partnerships and collaborative work, can be found at archleague.org/competition/lp20.

Theme: Value

Value is a slippery construct in architecture, leading to thoughts of numbers, colors, measurement, worth, and ethics. Value can be personal or shared, analytical or sensorial. It suggests economic and aesthetic highs and lows and hints at the ideological urgencies that undergird and influence the production of architecture. In its many forms, value demonstrates a stance toward the wider world, influencing how we act, sense, imagine, and create, both collectively and individually.

In a time of political and social precariousness when all cultural value sets seem publicly permissible, this year's Architectural League Prize competition asks how notions of value operate in your work. How are your values mediated by the processes of design? What are the discursive contexts, forms of representation, and/or spaces of action in which these values manifest themselves?

Submission requirements

A single printed portfolio, which may include several projects, must be bound and no larger than 11" x 14". The portfolio may not contain more than thirty double-sided pages. Digital materials will not be accepted.

The competition theme is given as a basis for young architects and designers to reflect upon and reevaluate their work. A written statement not to exceed 250 words is required, which defines and considers the work under the rubric of the competition theme. Significant weight is given to how an applicant's work addresses the theme. The written statement must be on the first page of the portfolio.

Entries must be received at the League office by 5pm EST February 10, 2020, or postmarked by that date. Entries should be delivered to 594 Broadway, Suite 607, New York, NY 10012.

Entry fee

Each entrant must submit an entry fee of \$35. Entrants may pay the fee online via the competition page on archleague.org/competition/lp20 or include cash or a check payable to The Architectural League of New York with their submission. If paying online, please be sure that the credit card is in the name of one of the entrants; we are unable to accept payments made on behalf of others.

Entry forms

Each entrant must submit two versions of the entry form, one online on archleague.org/competition/lp20 and one copy included with the submission. Insert the completed hardcopy form into an unsealed envelope attached to the inside back cover of the submission. To maintain anonymity, no identification of the entrant may appear on any part of the submission, except on the entry form and return envelope (see below).

Portfolio return

Portfolios will be returned by mail only if a self-addressed envelope with prepaid postage or a label is also enclosed. Please ensure that return postage does not expire before August 2020. The Architectural League assumes no liability for original drawings. The League will take every precaution to return submissions intact, but can assume no responsibility for loss or damage. Portfolios may be discarded after one year if no return envelope is provided.

The Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers 2020

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February 10, 2020
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Selection

Winning entrants will be notified by mid-March 2020.

Jury

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