



ANNUAL SESSIONS 2026

**SLIA YOUNG ARCHITECT OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Sri Lanka Institute of Architects
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SLIA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE -2026
AWARD FOR THE YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR

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The SLIA wishes to introduce the SLIA Annual Awards Programme for Young Architects Award for Session 2025/2026. The purpose of the Awards is to give recognition to outstanding Projects completed in Sri Lanka or outside Sri Lanka by SLIA Members.

Members are allowed to submit any number of projects designed by them or as a team. However, in the latter case, the submission shall carry the consent from the Author/s.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Architects who are Corporate Members of the Institute and registered with the ARB and those who are below forty (40) years of age on 31st March 2026, will be eligible to apply.
- 1.2. Applications may be made by any Member who is a Member in Practice or the sole proprietor of a Practice or a Partner or a Director of a company or a salaried employee either in the Private Sector or in the State Sector.
- 1.3. Salaried Architects shall produce Authorship of his work from the Head of the Organization. (In the case of the State Sector, from the Head of the Department.)
- 1.4. If the Member is a Partner in a Partnership or a Director of a Company, consent should be obtained from the other Partners or from the other Directors for the authorship of the projects.

2. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION NOMINATION

- 2.1. Announcement of the SLIA AWARDS 2026 will be sent by the SLIA through a General Circular to the membership.
- 2.2. Application and portfolio should be submitted via online awards application portal only www.awards.slia.lk , on or before Wednesday 31st December 2025. The Technical Committee shall have the right to reject any application that does not confirm to these guidelines.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

- 3.1 Contribution to the Built Environment by practice of the Architectural Profession, within the last six years.
The jury will look into the design quality in terms of aesthetics, innovation and appropriateness to the total environment. Minimum three completed projects out of which one project should display contributions made to the society. **(50 Marks)**
- 3.2 Participation in Institute Activities. **(30 Marks)**
- 3.3 Contribution to Architectural Education and to Architectural Research/Publications **(15 Marks)**
- 3.4 Any other activities related to the profession. **(05 Marks)**

4. SUBMISSIONS

All applications must accompany the following in a portfolio.

- 4.1. Details of three building projects completed within the last six years. The submissions shall include Drawings consisting of plans, sections, elevations, etc. to a suitable scale.
- 4.2. Each project should have a 200-word description of the project. The location of the building name and address of the owner, contractors and other consultants to be given.
- 4.3. Wherever the author is a member of a Social Responsibility Project, his status and role must be appropriately documented and supported.
- 4.4. Detailed CV (Curriculum Vitae) is also to be forwarded with the submission.

4.5. Submission Format:

4.5.1 Image files (Design Submission) :

- a. Resolutions should be in 72dpi (web version)
- b. Landscape image width should be not more than 1300px. height can be according to the image ratio.
- c. Portrait image height should be not more than 1300px. width can be according to the image ratio.
- d. 10 no's image files can be uploaded
- e. Permissible Image formats are JPG, JPEG, PNG.

4.5.2 PDF's (portable document format)

- a. Application and Declaration form should be compressed to the minimum size as possible. 2MB to 5MB.
- b. Where available provide PDF of COC
- c. Additional Documents to be by way of pdf.
- d. Drawings and other documents can be images and pdfs.
- e. CV file should be in pdf

4.7 NON- REFUNDABLE ENTRY FEE OF RS.11,000.00/ = TO BE PAID WITH EACH SUBMISSION.

4.8 **SUBMISSIONS CLOSE AT 16.00 HRS ON WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2025.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

5. CLARIFICATIONS

- 5.1 Applicants may seek written clarification on the submission procedure from the Senior Vice President of the SLIA via honysecretary@architects.lk
- 5.2 The decision of the Jurors on Young Architect Awards 2026 will be the final and conclusive

6. JUDGING

6.1 The judging process will be in two stages:

Stage One

- a. The elected Jury Panel shall select submissions of those the Panel deems to be suitable for the second stage evaluation. The short-listed submissions will be announced in January 2026, Final Awards will be announced at the Inauguration Ceremony of the Annual Sessions 2026 (in February 2026). The Jury Panel will comprise the following:
 - The Convener
 - A Past President
 - A practicing architect with at least 20 years of experience
 - A Member who is the recipient of a SLIA Design Award or SLIA Young Architect Award or a design award awarded by a foreign architectural institution, ARCASIA, UIA or CAA
 - A non-architect who is reputed to possess an interest in art and architecture (optional) or substitute by a member.

Stage Two

The Jury Panel may visit if necessary to the all three buildings or selected or may not (if the submission is an overseas project a 3-5 min high Resolution video clip is compulsory). The prospective young architect of the submitted projects will be requested to submit a short video clip of each project not more than 5 minutes (if jury panel unable to visit to the sites physically/request only). The architect or his nominee and the client must be present at the site visit of the Jury Panel

The Jury Panel will include a reputed Architect from an ARCASIA country in addition to the members of the Stage One Jury panel subject to travelling possibilities / availability.

- 6.2 The Jury panel shall be convened by the Senior Vice President via online or physically meeting collectively. The entries will be judged collectively by the jurors approved by the Council. In the event of a Juror being an applicant for an award, he / she shall withdraw from the judging, giving sufficient notice to the Senior Vice President. The Senior Vice President shall be a Juror and chair the meetings, have a casting vote, and administer implementation of procedures and criteria approved by Council, take on the spot decisions to ensure smooth functioning of the panel and be responsible to Council.
- 6.3 The jurors reserve the right not to make an award if, in the opinion or of the judges, the submissions do not conform to the required standards.
- 6.4 The author retains their copyrights, nevertheless SLIA shall have the right to publish and / or display the Award entries in any manner as it seems fit for future publications digital or print.

- 6.5 The SLIA shall have the right to retain and store the submissions as archival material. While the award-winning submissions shall be kept with SLIA for a minimum of three years.
- 6.6 Any Member of the Jury Panel will not be eligible to apply for any Awards, be nominated, or nominate another member for an award, nor permit submission from his/her practice/agency.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT

The nominee will be announced in January 2026 and the winner of the young Architect of the year Award will be presented at Inauguration Ceremony in 2026.

8. CLARIFICATIONS

- 8.1 Applicants may seek written clarification on the submission procedure from the Senior Vice President of the SLIA via svp@architects.lk
- 8.2 The decision of the Jurors on SLIA Annual Awards 2026 is final and conclusive.

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