



# STUDENT AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Celebrating outstanding ideas, creativity  
and impact by our future leaders.

## RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE IN

**UP**

### URBAN PLANNING

This category recognises projects that demonstrate strong planning thinking and the ability to address complex urban issues through strategic, and systems-based approaches.

**UD**

### URBAN DESIGN

This category recognises projects that translate planning ideas into meaningful spatial and physical environments, with strong attention to people, place, form, and experience.

**UR**

### URBAN RESEARCH

This category recognises projects that demonstrate strong research, analytical thinking, and evidence-based insights relevant to urban planning practice.



## KEY DATES



REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
31 MAY 2026



SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
27 JUNE 2026



AWARD CEREMONY  
TBC NEARER TO THE DATE

YOUR IDEAS. OUR FUTURE.  
TOGETHER, WE BUILD ISLANDS OF TOMORROW.



# STUDENT AWARDS

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read the following clauses and terms carefully before submitting your entry.

### ABOUT THE AWARDS

The PlanEX Students Awards recognise outstanding ideas, creativity, and impact by students who are passionate about shaping a better and more sustainable future.

## UP

URBAN PLANNING

#### Eligible project types may include:

- Masterplans and strategic planning
- Land use, transport, housing, social, or environmental planning proposals
- Integrated approaches to urban systems, infrastructure, resilience, and governance
- Regional, city-scale, district-scale, or precinct-scale spatial or physical planning

**Key emphasis:** Big-picture thinking, systems integration, feasibility, policy relevance, and long-term impact.

#### Eligible project types may include:

- Public realm and placemaking proposals
- Site planning, urban form, and spatial design strategies
- Streetscape, neighbourhood, or district design
- Inclusive, human-centric, and climate-responsive urban design
- Blue-green infrastructure, walkability, active mobility, and community spaces

**Key emphasis:** Design quality, spatial clarity, user experience, placemaking, and climate-responsive solutions.

#### Eligible project types may include:

- Urban studies with clear planning relevance
- GIS, spatial analytics, modelling, mapping, or data-driven analysis
- Policy evaluation and urban systems research
- Qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-method research
- Social, environmental, economic, mobility, or behavioural studies related to cities
- Policy development, planning guidelines, or scenario planning

**Key emphasis:** Research rigour, relevance of findings, clarity of analysis, and contribution to planning knowledge or practice.

## UD

URBAN DESIGN

## UR

URBAN RESEARCH

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#### ELIGIBILITY

The PlanEX Student Awards 2026 are open to:

- A recognised tertiary institution in Singapore
- Undergraduate students
- Master's students
- Recent graduates, provided the submitted project was completed during the eligible academic year
- The submitted project must have been completed as part of an academic studio, thesis, dissertation, research paper, or school project within the stated eligibility period (projects completed within the past 2–3 academic years are eligible)
- Each submission must be supervised by a professor, lecturer, or tutor who is SIP Member
- For team submissions, at least one key member of the team must be a SIP Member

The submission process for the PlanEX Student Awards 2026 will be conducted in two phases:

#### Phase 1: Registration

**Deadline: 31 May 2026, 12:00 PM (SGT)**

Electronic registration must be submitted by the stated deadline. No Registration fee is required.

Phase 1 registration shall include:

- Registration Form (Project). One registration form is required per project submission

#### Phase 2: Submission of Application Materials

**Deadline: 27 June 2026, 12:00 PM (SGT)**

All application materials and supporting documents must be uploaded electronically by the stated deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The awards can be open to students from planning and built environment-related disciplines, including:

- Urban Planning
- Urban Design
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Integrated Sustainable Design
- Urban Science, Policy and Planning





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Participants are required to submit the following materials and information as part of their entry:

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

##### I. Award Category

Clearly state the category under which the project is being submitted.

##### II. Project Team Information

Please provide the name of the project leader and all team members. At least one project member must be a registered SIP member. Please indicate the membership class where applicable.

##### III. Publication Consent

By participating, entrants agree to allow SIP to use submitted materials for publications, exhibitions, presentations, social media, and electronic communications related to the awards and associated events.

##### IV. Presentation Boards

- A minimum of two (2) A1 presentation boards in digital format is required.
- A maximum of four (4) A1 boards may be submitted.
- The resolution of each board must not exceed 120 dpi.
- All text used in the submission must be no smaller than font size 12.
- Content should remain legible within each individual board and should not be spread across multiple panels.

##### v. Judging Criteria Statements

Participants are required to provide written responses for the following judging criteria through the online submission portal:

- Relevance to Urban Environment/Design/Policy Response
- Innovation & Creativity
- Research & Analytical Rigour
- Clarity of Communication

Each criterion submission is limited to a maximum of 500 words.

##### vi. Additional Supporting Materials

Participants may submit additional supporting slides in PDF format if the presentation boards alone are insufficient to communicate the project clearly.

- Maximum: 30 slides
- Format: PDF only
- All slides must be uploaded through the online portal.

##### vii. Anonymous Submission Requirement

To ensure impartial judging, participants' names, institution/company names, logos, and addresses must not appear on the presentation boards, slides, or any submitted visual materials.

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

##### Relevance to Urban Environment / Design / Policy Response — 20%

- How does the project address a real urban issue, challenge, or opportunity?
- How does the planning or urban design methodology demonstrate a holistic and well-considered approach?
- How effective is the proposed strategy, framework, policy response, or design intervention?

##### Innovation & Creativity — 30%

- How does the project demonstrate originality and innovation in its planning, urban design, research, or policy approach?
- What makes the proposal unique, forward-thinking, or creative?

##### Research & Analytical Rigour — 30%

- How strong is the quality of evidence, analysis, and supporting research informing the proposal?
- How effectively does the project demonstrate site analysis, contextual understanding, methodology, data interpretation, or analytical rigour?

##### Clarity of Communication — 20%

- How clearly are the project vision, planning objectives, and core values communicated?
- How effectively does the submission communicate its ideas to stakeholders and the jury panel?
- How strong is the quality of storytelling, graphics, presentation structure, and overall clarity of the submission?

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#### REGISTRATION FORM



<https://forms.gle/1Zy1SbC5Sx07rAz6>

**Winners of the SIP PlanEX Student Awards 2026**

The Singapore Institute of Planners (SIP) is delighted to announce the winners of the **PlanEX Student Awards 2026**.

Congratulations to all award recipients! Your creativity, rigour and commitment to shaping better cities and communities are truly commendable. We are proud to recognise the next generation of planners and urban designers, and we look forward to seeing the contributions you will make to the profession.

Our thanks go to every student and team who submitted work, and to the mentors and educators who supported them.

**Winners**

| Award  | Category       | Project Name                                                                                        | Student / Team                                                                                              |
|--------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gold   | Urban Design   | Reimagining Orchard_Rejuvenating Lucky Plaza                                                        | Wong Yui Heing<br>Patrick                                                                                   |
| Bronze | Urban Design   | Coastal Flow                                                                                        | Olina Kok Xin Yun (Team Leader),<br>Fionna Teh, Varaza Narayana Akbar,<br>Muhammad Khidir Bin Mohamad Fahmi |
| Silver | Urban Planning | Soolarpunk Isle                                                                                     | Wang Tianyun (Team Leader), Yu Lewen,<br>He Zihan                                                           |
| Silver | Urban Planning | Johor's Blue City                                                                                   | Sean Koh (Team Leader), He Xinyi,<br>Samantha Lu, Yeo Megan, Zhu Qiuhui                                     |
| Bronze | Urban Planning | The Living Industry City                                                                            | Mao Mei (Team Leader), Yang Yunting, Eng Justin Z,<br>Yuan Zhiyi                                            |
| Bronze | Urban Research | Optimization of EV Charging Station Locations Using a Genetic Algorithm: A San Francisco Case Study | Lei Chuxi                                                                                                   |

Once again, congratulations to all our winners, and thank you for your contributions to the planning and design community.