

# BEYOND JUST GREEN

SILA Student Awards 2023

## ABOUT SILA

The Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects (SILA) is a non-profit organization representing the landscape architectural profession in Singapore. It was established in 1985 with the objectives to promote the profession of landscape architecture, support research and education in landscape architecture, as well as create and maintain a high standard of professional qualification.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE AWARDS

Under SILA's key thrust, we welcome initiatives and collaborations with local tertiary institutions, and work closely with them to continuously advance the learning and practice of landscape architecture. SILA believes in continuous learning and innovation. We believe in providing educational support to grow our profession and nurture the future leaders of our profession.

Therefore, the SILA Student Awards is organized with the following goals:

- To spread awareness of the courses available in Singapore and in the region for the pursuit of landscape design and disciplines in related fields, to nurture the future leaders of the landscape architecture profession.
- To publicly acknowledge the efforts and talents of future landscape practitioners from Singapore and regional institutions.
- To create an environment which will encourage, raise exposure, and sustain the creative spirit of young landscape practitioners and enhance standards of landscape architecture in Singapore and the region.
- To establish strong ties between Singapore and regional institutions to promote networking and raise the profile of the landscape architecture profession.

The theme 'Beyond Just Green' epitomizes the intellectual rigour of the profession, inspiring creative design solutions within parameters determined by research and analysis. It aims to create awareness that landscape architecture goes beyond the 'green' norms of designing with plants and gardens.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Current students or fresh graduates between 2020-2023, from landscape architecture or landscape design-related institutions. For fresh graduates, only work done within the period as a student will be accepted.

Both individual and team submissions are allowed. Participants may submit multiple entries and are eligible to be awarded for more than one award.

## **EVENT MILESTONES**

Early Bird Period:	17 <sup>h</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2023
Registration Deadline:	12 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2023
Submission of Entries	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2023, 5pm

\*The timeline is indicative and subject to change.

## **AWARD CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION**

After the announcement of the winners, all submission materials may be exhibited at a Public Exhibition in Singapore at a date and venue to be confirmed.

Registration and participation in the Student Design Awards acknowledges agreement by the participants for their submission to be exhibited publicly, in connection with the Student Design Awards.

Attendance is not compulsory for overseas winners to receive awards.

## REGISTRATION AND FEE

Registration is to be made online via Glueup, with entry fee of \$45.

Discounted entry fees at \$35 for submissions within the early bird period.

Upon successful registration, the participant will receive a Competition Registration Number at the registered email address. The numbering system will be at random.

## SUBMISSION FORMAT

All submissions shall be placed in the link the secretariat provided.

Each project must contain the following two (2) folders:

- o Executive Summary
- o Electronic boards

### Executive Summary

To provide 100 words Executive summary in .pdf format. Briefly describe the concept behind the submission.

### Electronic boards

Each entry is to submit 2 x A1 (landscape format) PDF softcopy in .pdf, .png or .jpg format at a resolution of 300dpi. Please submit the filename according to the format "Panel\_<Reg. No.>".

Overseas entry need not be a project located in Singapore. Projects can be sited in students' respective countries or a project done as part of their academic coursework.

A link will be provided for the submission of panels after registration. Each entry to be kept to a maximum of 20MB. All submissions must be received by Thursday, 31st Aug 2023, 5pm (Singapore date and time).

Note that no names or any form of identification shall be shown on the entry.

Incomplete submission may mean disqualification from the awards.

The Organisers reserves the right to disqualify any participant/s if:

1. The submission is received after the closing date and time stipulated;
2. Any of the terms and conditions of the competition or specific instructions are disregarded;
3. The design proposal is found to be not an original work of the participant.

## CATEGORIES AND JUDGING CRITERIA

SILA Student Awards 2023 will be awarded based on the division of two student groups, Tertiary-level (local Polytechnic Diploma / ITE NITEC students) and University-level (local and overseas Degree Undergraduates / Masters Graduates) based on the following categories and judging criteria, including new categories marked \*:

### Best Design Showcase

- Understanding and analysis of context
- Suitability of design proposal to brief
- Innovation and originality of the design solution
- Appropriate use of design elements to achieve the intent
- Sensitivity to users and environment
- Feasibility of design implementation

### Outstanding Contextual Analysis & Investigation

- Analytical data-driven approach in establishing baseline
- Comprehensiveness of contextual investigation and analysis including physical site factors, social fabric, historical and cultural influences, ecology and biodiversity
- Clarity in the presentation of the analysis results and problem statement

### Planting Design Excellence

- Well-integrated planting design scheme
- Effectiveness of plant selection in reflecting the overall design scheme
- Emphasis on usage of native varieties and sensitivity to biodiversity

### Outstanding Graphic Presentation

- Effective and appropriate use of tools to convey the design intent
- Creative use of graphic presentation techniques
- Compelling visual narrative

### Pioneering Technology for Sustainable Design \*new\*

- Innovative use of technologies to improve design outcomes
- Adoption of new technologies to improve design process

### Social Impact through Design \*new\*

- Effective response to social parameters of the context
- Creation of social value through design proposal
- Contribution to societal well-being

**PRIZES**

Best Design Showcase Category:

	<b>Tertiary</b>	<b>University</b>
Gold Award	Cash S\$ 500	Cash S\$ 800
Silver Award	Cash S\$ 400	Cash S\$ 600
Bronze Award	Cash S\$ 300	Cash S\$ 400

For each of the other categories:

<b>Tertiary</b>	1 no.s	Cash S\$ 100
<b>University</b>	Gold Award	Cash S\$ 150
	Silver Award	Cash S\$ 100
	Bronze Award	Cash S\$ 50

*SILA Student Awards is organized by SILA, and all rules, jury and winner nomination remain at the sole discretion of SILA.*

*SILA reserves the right not to award any Award when appropriate.*

*SILA also reserves the right to change or amend the Rules, to postpone the Awards, to interrupt it or to cancel the Awards at any time without prior notice and without any compensation to any participant.*