

## Victorian Architecture Awards Graduate Jury Program

The Awards Graduate Jury Program is an initiative of the Victorian Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects. The purpose of this program is to offer Architectural Graduates who are current Institute members the opportunity to sit alongside Awards juries at select awards program events. The program allows participants to experience the process of the Institute's Awards program and to be mentored by the experienced architects selected to be jury members for 2024.

**It is important to note that Graduate Jurors will be sitting on juries in a [non-voting capacity](#).**

### Eligibility

- You must be a member of the Institute
- You must currently be an Architectural Graduate (Master of Architecture)
- You must have graduated in the last 5 years (between 2019-2023)
- Those who have previously sat on an awards jury are not eligible to apply

### The Program

As a Graduate Juror, you will be expected to be available for the following events:

#### **Jury Briefing | February 22, 2024**

The purpose of the Jury Briefing is to allow members of the jury teams to meet each other and, more formally, to brief them on the requirements of sitting on a jury.

#### **Presentation to Juries | March 23, 2024 (Spillover on March 25 if needed) (TBC)**

Participants are invited to sit with their jury in a non-voting capacity to watch presentations. Graduates will also have the opportunity to sit through deliberations with jurors during breaks and lunch.

#### **Site Visits | April 29-May 3 2024**

Participants will be given a site visit schedule for their jury. Where possible graduates can accompany a jury on the Awards program site visit. Site visits may be scheduled at any point during this period. Regional sites may require visits outside of these dates. Transport will be discussed with the Jury Chair but it is ultimately the responsibility of the participant to arrange their own transportation.

#### **Sponsor/ Jury Drinks | May 30, 2024 (TBC)**

Participants will be given one ticket to this event to thank jury members and sponsors.

#### **Victorian Awards Dinner | June 14, 2024 (TBC)**

Participants will be given one ticket to the Victorian Chapter's Awards Dinner where winners will be announced.

## Selection Process

- Graduates will complete an application form.
- Fifteen graduates will be chosen from the pool of applicants by the Victorian Awards Committee. Each successful applicant will then be designated to an awards jury.
- The Committee will seek to promote diversity and professionalism throughout the program.
- All successful applicants are only able to participate in the Graduate Jury Program **once**.

## Conflict of Interest

Even though you are participating in a purely **non-voting capacity**, you must notify the Institute or your Jury Chair of any conflicts of interest for projects viewed at Presentation to Juries. Invariably some entrants may be a friend of a participating Graduate Juror in which case the potential conflict arising from any such relationship is a matter of integrity and ethical responsibility of the Graduate Juror concerned. However, a potential or perceived interest, or conflict of interest, arises where a Graduate Juror has any of the following:

- Involvement in a submitted project by direct or indirect participation in it; or
- Personal issues relating to the project including: previous conflicts, direct family relationships, or ethical/moral objections towards the nature of the project or any of its component, or other personal biases towards the client, entrant or others involved in the project.

Where a potential or perceived conflict of interest is identified, anyone involved in the judging process including the juror themselves must report it to the Awards Coordinator.

## Confidentiality

Confidentiality is a valued and respected Institute of Architects Awards tradition. Confidentiality is crucial to the success of the Awards program and supported by the entire community.

All jury deliberations and decisions that the Graduate Juror will participate in should be considered **strictly confidential**. Participants are required to refrain from making any public comment about any projects assessed within their respective jury's category. This includes details of site visit schedules and shortlisting.

All successful Graduate Jurors will be required to sign a Confidentiality Deed before participating.

## Communications and Social Media

Public statements regarding projects and the awards process are strictly prohibited by any Graduate Juror.

Graduates Jurors must not make any negative comment about any particular project to any person outside the jury.

Out of respect for the integrity of the judging process, participants are required to refrain from posting any social media regarding projects under consideration during the judging period. This particularly applies to site visits.

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