



**UIA Gold Medal and Triennial Prizes
2026**

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INTRODUCTION

To encourage merit, talent, and internationally significant achievements, the International Union of Architects (UIA) awards a number of prizes every three years presented during the UIA World Congress.

The UIA Gold Medal

Created in 1984, the UIA Gold Medal recognises outstanding architectural achievement by an architect or group of architects, taking into account all aspects of a body of work developed over an extended period. Past recipients are Hassan Fathy, Reima Pietilä, Charles Correa, Fumihiko Maki, Rafael Moneo, Ricardo Legorreta Vilchis, Renzo Piano, Tadao Ando, Teodoro González de León, Álvaro Siza Vieira, I.M. Pei, Toyo Ito, and Paulo Mendes da Rocha.

The UIA Young Architects Prize for Architectural Excellence and Innovation in the Design Process

Created in 2025, the UIA Young Architects Prize recognises a young architect or a team of architects under the age of 40 who has completed at least one realised project demonstrating outstanding creativity and innovation, both in the architectural design process and the built work. The prize aims to encourage the emerging generation of architects to make meaningful contributions to architectural excellence and social engagement. The inaugural recipient will be announced in 2026.

The Patrick Abercrombie Prize for Urban Planning and Design

Named after the first UIA President, Patrick Abercrombie, known for his role in the post-war reconstruction of Great Britain, the Abercrombie Prize has recognised exemplary works of urban and regional planning and design since it was first awarded in 1961. Past laureates include Edmund N. Bacon, Jan Gehl, Nuno Portas, Peter Hall, Mahmoud Yousry Hassan, Joan Busquets i Grau, and I'AUC.

The Auguste Perret Prize for Technology in Architecture

Named after UIA Honorary President Auguste Perret, renowned for his pioneering use of reinforced concrete, this prize has been attributed since 1961 to reward work characterised by technological excellence. Past laureates include Thomas Herzog, Norman Foster, Françoise Hélène Jourda, Shigeru Ban, Anupama Kundoo, Rudy Ricciotti, and Philip F. Yuan.

The Jean Tschumi Prize for Architectural Writing

Named after former UIA President and member of the Modern Movement, Jean Tschumi, this prize has recognised excellence in architectural criticism and writing since it was first awarded in 1967. Past recipients include Reyner Banham, Peter Cook, Liangyong Wu, Juhani Pallasmaa, Kenneth Frampton, Louise Noelle Gras, Ashraf Salama, Doğan Kuban, Anne Beim, and Vladimír Šlapeta.

The Robert Matthew Prize for Sustainable and Humane Environments

Named after UIA Past President Robert Matthew and first awarded in 1978, this prize embodies the aims of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). It has recognised individuals and groups, who have made significant contributions to sustainable and socially responsive architecture including Hassan Fathy, Stefan Foster, Giancarlo de Carlo, Carin Smuts, Francis Kéré, and Hoàng Thúc Hào.

The Vassilis Sgoutas Prize for Implemented Architecture Serving the Impoverished

Named after UIA Honorary President Vassilis Sgoutas and awarded since 2008, this prize acknowledges ingenious and implemented architectural solutions that serve impoverished populations. Past laureates include Arquitectos sin Fronteras, Architectes de l'Urgence, Paul Pholeros, Fabrizio Carola, Carlos Gonzalez Lobo, Huang Thuc Hao, David Kaunitz and Ka Wai Yeung, Marina Tabassum, and Đoàn Thanh Hà.



ELIGIBILITY

Nominees for the UIA Gold Medal and Triennial Prizes may include any living, professionally qualified architect, firm or collective entity. In the case of firms or groups, the achievements must reflect sustained collaborative efforts over an extended period, with the consistent leadership by the same individuals. With the exception of the Jean Tschumi Prize, all nominees must be professionally qualified architects. For group or team submissions, the group must be led by a professionally qualified architect.

For the UIA Young Architects Prize, individual nominees or the team leader must be under the age of 40.

Each nominee must meet the eligibility criteria set out for the specific prize. Member Sections may not nominate the same candidate more than twice for the same prize, whether in consecutive or non-consecutive editions. The UIA encourages diversity and broad representation in the nomination process.

NOMINATIONS

Each Member Section may submit up to three nominations per prize who are nationals or residents of their country while UIA Members of Council may nominate candidates from any country.

Nominations must comply with these regulations and adhere to the timeline published by the UIA Secretariat.

SUBMISSIONS

Member Sections and Members of the Council may submit nominations for the Gold Medal and Prizes exclusively via the UIA Awards Platform: <https://uia.awardsplatform.com/>.

Nominations should include:

- A photograph of the candidate or candidates (maximum 5 MB)
- A short biography of the candidate (up to 600 words)
- A statement from the nominating body or individual explaining the reasons for the nomination for a particular UIA Prize
- A summary of the candidate's work (up to 1000 words)
- A maximum of 10 photographs (maximum 15MB each) of the candidate's work (in the case of the Jean Tschumi Prize, photographs can be replaced by scanned images of selected writings).

All materials must be submitted exclusively via the UIA Awards Platform, and only in the following file formats: .docx, .pdf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .png, .tif, .tiff, or .eps. The UIA is unable to accept materials submitted in other formats, or via e-mail, post or courier. All nomination materials must be submitted in one of the two UIA working languages: French or English



PRE-SELECTION OF NOMINATIONS

For both the UIA Gold Medal and the Young Architects Prize, a panel of UIA elected officials will pre-select a shortlist of five to seven nominees for consideration by the respective juries.

The UIA panel is composed of the following elected officials:

- President: Regina Gonthier
- Immediate Past President: José Luis Cortés
- Secretary General: Rui Leão
- Treasurer: Seif Alnaga
- Vice-President Region I: Teresa Táboas Veleiro
- Vice-President Region II: Jerzy Grochulski
- Vice-President Region III: Nivaldo Andrade
- Vice-President Region IV: Zhang Li
- Vice-President Region V: Vity Claude Nsalambi

JURY COMPOSITION

Each category will be evaluated by a dedicated jury of three members: one UIA elected official and two external jurors.

The UIA Gold Medal

- **Regina Gonthier**, UIA President
- **David Adjaye**, Adjaye Associates, United Kingdom
- **Lu Wenyu**, Amateur Architecture Studio, China

The UIA Young Architect Prize for Architectural Excellence and Innovation in the Design Process

- **Rui Leão**, UIA Secretary General
- **Kjetil Thorsen**, Snøhetta, Norway
- **Tatiana Bilbao**, Tatiana Bilbao Estudio, Mexico

The Patrick Abercrombie Prize for Urban Planning and Design

- **Jerzy Grochulski**, UIA Vice-President, Region II
- **Alessandro Gess**, l'AUC architectes et urbanistes, France; Laureate 2023
- **Giancarlo Mazzanti**, El Equipo Mazzanti, Colombia

The Auguste Perret Prize for Technology in Architecture

- **Zhang Li**, UIA Vice-President, Region IV
- **Shigeru Ban**, Shigeru Ban Architects, Japan; Laureate 2011
- **Werner Sobek**, Werner Sobek, Germany

The Jean Tschumi Prize for Architectural Writing

- **Teresa Táboas Veleiro**, UIA Vice-President, Region I
- **Vladimír Šlapeta**, Architectural historian and educator, Czechia; Laureate 2023
- **Louise Noelle Gras**, Architectural historian and critic, Mexico

The Robert Matthew Prize for Sustainable and Humane Environments

- **Vity Claude Nsalambi**, UIA Vice-President, Region V
- **Hoang Thuc Hao**, 1+1>2 Architects, Vietnam; Laureate 2023
- **Kashef Chowdhury**, URBANA, Bangladesh



The Vassilis Sgoutas Prize for Implemented Architecture Serving the Impoverished

- **Nivaldo Andrade**, UIA Vice-President, Region III
- **Ka Wai Yeung**, Kaunitz Yeung Architecture, Australia; Laureate 2021
- **Palinda Kannangara**, Palinda Kannangara Architects, Sri Lanka

If the jury determines that no nominee is suitably qualified for an award, it may elect not to make an award.

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