



GIFA AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE 2023 and the SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AWARD OF MERIT & AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE 2024

Architecture is the most visible and the public of the arts. An important function of all the Regional Institutes and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) is to recognize and promote excellence in architecture and to create public awareness and debate on architectural issues. The awards programme is in support of these goals and runs in two stages over a two-year period.

During the first stage, the Regional Institutes invite submissions, appoint, and convene a Panel of Assessors to decide the Regional Awards for Architecture and eligible projects to be submitted for national consideration. The Regional Awards for Architecture are announced and made at a regional function that takes place during 2023.

The second stage of the programme starts at the end of 2023 with the submission of entries by the regional panels of assessors for consideration of the SAIA Award of Merit and the SAIA Award for Excellence. A national Panel of Assessors, convened by the SAIA President, will convene after receipt of the projects by the National Office. This will be done to select the projects it wishes to inspect from the submitted entries. During the first few months of 2022, the National Panel of Assessors will inspect the projects in-loco. The SAIA Awards of Merit and the Awards for Excellence will be announced at a national function.

ENTRIES & ELIGIBILITY

The Gauteng Institute for Architecture (GIFA) invites members to submit entries for the GIFA and SAIA awards programme. Eligible projects will be forwarded to the national Panel of Assessors for adjudication of the SAIA Award of Merit and for Excellence. (See Form Headed Conditions for Entry: Projects Completed during 01 January 2021 – 31 December 2022, Item 6 for more information).

Work may be submitted to the Region by the author or any member of the Region with the author's, or other responsible person's, permission.

Projects that fall in an area under the jurisdiction of the Gauteng Institute for Architecture, and were completed during the period **1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022**, are eligible for entry to the 2023-2024 SAIA awards programme.

Please note that all the Regional Institutes are inviting entries for the awards. **Members who have done work in an area outside the jurisdiction of the Gauteng Institute for Architecture should obtain (and return) entry forms from the relevant Regional Institute where the project falls.**

Projects outside South Africa may be submitted to the member's Regional Institute. It should be noted that in-loco inspection of these projects may not be possible, and additional video material might be required to adjudicate the project through a virtual review. Should such projects go forward for national adjudication, and funding is made

available by the entrant to cover the costs, every effort will be made by the national Panel of Assessors to carry out an in-loco inspection.

To offer equal opportunity throughout the country for members to enter projects, the guidelines apply to all Regions, and a uniform format of the Call for Entry, Conditions for Entry and Submission Form has been established for use by all the Regions.

Please read and comply with the attached conditions and kindly submit all the required material in the prescribed format. Members should note that the awards are conferred on the building or project, not the authors or client, although their names (architectural practice) appear on the certificates. Please note that all documentation must be signed by a principal of the Architectural Practice. **(It is critical that if two or more practices are entering their project that this is made very clear on the entry)**

GIFA AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE 2023

This award is made by the Regional Institute to encourage and recognize good design or a noteworthy contribution to the field of architecture in the Region. It may be for:

Category A

- a new building or group of buildings.
- a work of technological importance.
- the conservation, restoration, and/or rehabilitation (refurbishment) of existing buildings, historic precincts, or areas.

There is no restriction on the building type, use, or size. It is also intended for small-scale alterations or interiors if they are of exceptional quality and contribute to the current discourse on architecture. Although the project may contain flaws, it should be clearly identifiable as having specific attributes worthy of recognition.

Category B

- a work of social importance, other than a building, for which the member or architectural practice was appointed as the architect.
- research in the field of architecture.

Category C

- a small project of max. value R7 500 000-00
- from a small practice with maximum 2 Professional Architects

SAIA AWARD OF MERIT & SAIA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

All eligible entries which have received a Regional Award for Architecture are submitted for national adjudication:

- Projects by paid-up SAIA practices are eligible for entry.
- Research, or a work of social importance, by a paid-up SAIA member or SAIA practice is eligible for entry.

The national panel of assessors, appointed and convened by the SAIA President, will consider all the submissions put forward by the regional committees. This round of national

adjudicators comprises the SAIA President (as Convener), a prominent architect, an academic, an eminent person with an interest in architecture, and a representative from the sponsors. The national panel will decide which projects to inspect in loco and, upon conclusion, which projects (if any) will receive the SAIA Award of Merit and the SAIA Award for Excellence.

In simpler terms, a project may receive a Regional Award for Architecture in the first phase and receive no further award, or it may be the recipient of both the regional Award for Architecture during the first year and receive a SAIA Award of Merit during the second phase of the Awards programme in 2024. Only projects, research, or work of social importance which have received the SAIA Award of Merit are eligible for the SAIA Award for Excellence.

GIFA / SAIA AWARDS PROGRAMME 2023-2024

An outline programme has been adopted with the following deadlines:

March-May 2023: Regions call for entries and appoint adjudication panels

July - August 2023: Regional adjudication

November 2023: Regional award functions

January 2024: Ensure projects with all the necessary documentation reach the SAIA National Office

Dates around the National Awards will be communicated later in the year.

Please note: Regions are responsible for submitting the list of projects, architects of the projects, names of the Regional Panel, and citations and recommendations to SAIA. Additionally, the regions are also responsible for submitting all projects and required documentation to the SAIA National Office together with the Awards Project List.

REGIONAL AWARD FUNCTION:

The GIFA Award for Architecture will be announced and conferred at the Awards function planned for 30 November 2023



Architect Olivier Galenge- GIFA **President**

