

Each project will be evaluated by a panel of industry professionals using the judging questions listed below. These questions guide how judges assess your entry and help ensure a fair, consistent scoring process across all submissions.

Reviewing the judging questions can help you craft a strong, well-rounded presentation that speaks directly to what judges are looking for in each category.

All Categories¹

- **Overall Design & Aesthetic Appeal:** How well does the project demonstrate creativity, innovation, and visual appeal?
- **Functionality & Space Optimization:** How effectively does the design enhance usability, flow, and overall functionality of the space?
- **Craftsmanship & Quality of Workmanship:** How well-executed are the construction details, materials, and finishing touches?
- **Material & Design Innovation:** How well-executed are the construction details, materials, and finishing touches?
- **Impact & Client Satisfaction:** How well does the final result meet the client's needs and goals?

Historical

- **Overall Design & Aesthetic Appeal:** How well does the project demonstrate creativity, innovation, and visual appeal?
- **Historical Character:** How well does the renovation maintain and complement the historical character of the structure?
- **Functionality & Modern Adaptation:** How effectively does the design balance historical features with modern-day usability and comfort?
- **Craftsmanship & Quality of Workmanship:**

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- **Impact & Client Satisfaction:** How well does the final result meet the client's needs and goals?

Universal Design

- **Overall Design & Aesthetic Appeal:** How well does the project demonstrate creativity, innovation, and visual appeal?
- **Accessibility & Ease of Use:** How well does the design accommodate individuals with varying abilities?
- **Functionality & User Experience:** How effectively does the space support ease of movement, intuitive navigation, and independent use for all occupants?
- **Safety & Comfort:** How well are safety features, such as non-slip surfaces, proper lighting, grab bars, and step-free transitions, integrated into the design?
- **Impact & Client Satisfaction:** How well does the final result meet the client's needs and goals?

¹ Excludes Historical and Universal Design categories, which are judged using their own criteria.