

## **SONA AWARD for Architecture Excellence 2025**

In order to honor and recognize the achievement of architectural excellence in practice and in keeping with its noble objective of further developing and supporting the profession of architecture in Nepal, the 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee (2023-2025) of the Society of Nepalese Architects – SONA - is pleased to announce the institution of the SONA AWARD for architectural excellence.

The SONA Architecture Excellence AWARD has been a hallmark of a new era of recognition and celebration of architecture in Nepal. The key objective of this award is to recognize the excellence and quality achieved in a built architectural project in terms of architecture's defining principles and dimensions of human purpose, aesthetics, and technology; story-telling, innovation, and imagination; services, energy, and ecology and/or contribution to localism, regionalism or globalism as the case may be.

SONA, through this very notification, is calling for appropriate nominations of eligible building and architecture projects for the SONA AWARDS – for Architecture 2025. The SONA AWARD will be awarded annually and presented as a key event in the SONA ANNUAL DAY celebrations.

### **AWARDS CATAGORIES**

The awards are envisaged in five categories as defined by the type of architecture:

**Category A:** Residence design project.

**Category B:** Interior design/ Refurbishment project.

**Category C:** Institutional project (School, Office/Commercial, Hospital)

**Category D:** Hospitality project (Hotels, Resorts).

**Category E:** Landscape and Urban Design project.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Any building with a claim towards architectural excellence and quality may be nominated. The nomination may be made by the building designer and/or architect of his/her/own project/projects or **one may also nominate** other designer and/or architect's building if they deem the contribution of such works in Nepalese architecture landscape as worthy of the award.

It will be an obligation of the nominating person or institution to present a complete set of visual information/documents on the building of its nomination. The information will be submitted as per specification made below. All information is to be understood as submitted for evaluation by a jury appointed by SONA for the SONA AWARD.

### **EVALUATION AND JURY**

All submissions shall be forwarded to the panel of juries after the coding and decoding done by the SONA Architecture Award Committee. The committee works independently and reserves all rights regarding the evaluation of the award, including the right to reject all application if deemed necessary. SONA assures its membership

and all nominating parties of the professional credibility and respectability of the JURY Committee.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Project information**

- Project name
- Project address (Google Image is preferable)
- Dates (Project Start-Completion)
- Gross Built Up area in sq. M.
- Client's Name
- Contractor's Name

### **2. Architect's Detail**

- Principal Architect's or Designer's Name\*
- Studio's Name (If Not, Write N/A)
- SONA Membership number of Member
- Address and contact details

If you worked in collaboration with another practice or architect, you must all be in agreement on the entry and how the building should be credited.

**Note: Above mentioned all information to be provided in the email while submitting the project for nomination.**

### **3. Project description**

A short statement (maximum 700 words) on how the building contributes to and meets the principles of architecture in its multiple dimensions is required. The statement may include design constraints, materials or construction innovation or special consideration that jury might not find in other supplementary documents.

**Note: Project statement to be submitted in A4 paper (pdf) and should not contain any names of the architects or clients.**

### **4. Illustrations**

Entrants must include the followings:

- Location plan (showing the project in context, e.g., 1:1250)
- Site plan in appropriate scale, most preferably 1:200.
- Ground floor plan (1:100) and other important floor plans (1:100) \* or based on the project volume, most preferably 1:200.
- One section
- Two elevations
- Any important details, concepts.
- Minimum 8-10 JPEG images which should consist of interior, exterior and contextual landscape of the project.

## DEADLINES AND SUBMISSIONS

All required documents shall be submitted no later than 17:00, 17th of October, 2025. Please submit all email no later than the submission deadlines. Any submissions beyond the deadline shall not be considered. Submissions shall be made at [awards@sona.org.np](mailto:awards@sona.org.np).

**Submission Date: October 17, 2025**

**Format: A2 Sheet (Landscape)**

**Medium: Digital**

**Number of sheets: 3 (Max)**

1. Only built projects in the last **5** years.
2. Designs submitted for previous SONA Excellence Awards in any categories will **not be accepted**.
3. The submitted sheets should not disclose the names of the architects, and clients. If found, **the entry will be disqualified**.
4. **Every sheet** should contain **SONA logo** on the top right corner.

For any clarity or confusion regarding the submission, please write us at [awards@sona.org.np](mailto:awards@sona.org.np)