Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture

2019 CELA Student Award for Research or Creative Scholarship

Introduction:
To support and encourage our next generation of landscape architects, Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA) is pleased to announce the call for 2019 Students Awards. This award recognizes students' outstanding performance in research or creative scholarship. The award includes two main categories: The Research Award and The Creative Scholarship Award. Students are encouraged to submit their best academic work, which may be based on a research paper, an outstanding studio design project, a thesis, a dissertation, a terminal project or other acceptable format for reporting research work reflecting a clear grounding in scientific inquiry and/or design investigation.

Who is eligible?
- All undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a CELA member school in good standing during the semester(s) in which the work was completed;
- All recent graduates (within one year of graduation date) from a CELA member school in good standing.

Students may submit as an individual or a team.

Why submit?
The CELA Student Award represents the highest level of recognition CELA can bestow on a landscape architecture student's performance in the categories of academic research or creative scholarship. A jury using a blind, peer review process will evaluate all submissions reflecting the highest standards of review in academic practice. The winner will receive a full registration to

CELA annual conference and will have the opportunity to make valuable connections within the academic community. In the case of a team winner, one full conference registration will be given to one member on behalf of the team. The winners will be recognized and presented with the Award during the award ceremony at the annual conference business luncheon. Commitment from Institutions to assist the student's attendance at the conference is highly encouraged and appreciated.

Submission Process
All CELA Student Awards must be submitted to CELA online at
https://www.openconf.org/cela2019/

Submission Deadline
Deadline to submit an award nomination is Monday, December 3rd, 2018.

Submission requirements
Both CELA Student Award categories must use the following guidelines for submission:

Submission consists of three parts:

1- **Student Information:**
   One page updated resume, which includes:
   a. Student name
   b. Institution
   c. Graduate Degree information
   d. Date of graduation
   e. Contact information including mailing address, email and phone numbers.
       Note: A registration fee of $ 25.00 is required.   Once the registration fee is paid, a Submission ID will be emailed to the student. The Submission ID can then be used to complete the award application.

2- **Faculty endorsement form**
   This form is a required component of the submission materials for the award. The form must be filled out and signed by the faculty member endorsing the submission stating that the submitted material is worthy of award consideration. The faculty member could be the submitting student's studio/class professor, undergraduate/graduate advisor or academic unit head. (Please see endorsement template at the end of the document).

   The faculty endorsement form must contain:
   a.   Faculty member's name
   b.   Institution
   c.   Position in the academic unit
   d.   Contact information such as mailing address, email and phone numbers
   e.   Faculty member signature

3- Award narrative:
Images and narrative must be compiled into a single PDF file not to exceed 64 MB and 15 pages. The format may be either landscape or portrait. The faculty signed endorsement form must be included at the beginning of the Award Narrative PDF file. Award submissions not adhering to the guidelines will be automatically disqualified.

THE RESEARCH AWARD submission must include:

- **Title.** The submission must include a relatively short and specific title that describes the nature of the scholarly work. The title and the identification number must be the only information on the first page of the submission narrative.
- **Purpose.** The submission starts with an abstract statement that is no longer than 300 words.
- **Background.** The submission includes a background section that focuses on the project context, importance, and significance. This section also includes discussion of the relevant literature and state of the knowledge in the field.
- **Methods.** The submission includes a description of the scholarly research methods employed in conducting the research work.
- **Results.** The submission concludes with research findings and explains in clear and concise fashion the expected research results.
- **The total submission narrative must not exceed 2,500 words.**
- **Images must be briefly captioned (40 words or less).**

THE CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD submission must include:

- **Title.** The submission must include a relatively short and specific title that describes the nature of the project. The title and the identification number must be the only information on the first page of the submission narrative.
- **Purpose.** The submission starts with an abstract statement that is no longer than 300 words.
- **Background.** The submission includes a background section that focuses on the project context, importance, and significance. This section also includes discussion of the relevant literature and state of the knowledge in the field.
- **Methods/Design Process.** The submission includes a description of the methods/design process employed in creating the work.
- **Conclusions.** The submission includes a conclusion about the findings and relevancy of the design proposal.
- **The total submission narrative should not exceed 1,500 words**
- **Images must be briefly captioned (40 words or less).**

Note: The student needs to give due credit to the relevant contributions, include proper citations, and clear required copyrights for any images used. By submitting an entry for a CELA Student Award, the submitting student grants CELA permission to use all graphics and images in anyways CELA deems necessary. Student winner may be contacted for higher resolution images of their work for use on CELA website and for other promotional purposes.

Please direct any questions to: Dr. Hala Nassar, CELA Second Vice President via e-mail: hnassar@clemson.edu

FACULTY ENDORSEMENT FORM

Name:
Institution:
Position/ Title:
Email:
Phone Number:

Student Name/s:
Project Name:

I, _____, support _____'s submission to The CELA Student Award. The submittal clearly demonstrates excellence in research or creative scholarship and is worthy of consideration based on the merit of the work submitted.

Note: Please add a sentence specifying whether the student is still currently enrolled in your graduate program/institution or have graduated and date of graduation.

Faculty Member Signature

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Date

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