

The AIA San Francisco Design Awards program is structured into categories and concentrations. By highlighting concentrations, we aim to give special acknowledgement to projects that further encompass the values of good design within the context of historic preservation, urban design, and social responsibility.

Historic Preservation Concentration in collaboration SF Heritage

Include a demolition plan + the following information in your 250-word Summary:

- Describe preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration treatments employed; research undertaken; or difficult problems overcome.
- If the property was threatened, identify the type and degree of the threat to the property. Note any special efforts or plans to ensure future protection of the property.
- Describe innovative approach to design, materials, technique or interpretation.
- Describe principles of sustainability that were incorporated in the project.
- Demonstrate that the completed project enhances or extends the life of the resource.

Technology Excellence Concentration

Include information explaining how your project addresses one or more of the following in your 250-word Summary:

- Excellence in project-related work thanks to the technical aspects of building design, including conceptualization, design, and implementation of buildings; or the technology aspects of building design from an engineering and construction standpoint.
- Technology that greatly improved collaboration, innovation, and creativity, and led to architectural excellence in the project design or outcome.
- Technology that resulted in improved economic, environmental, or social outcomes of the project.

Urban Design Concentration in collaboration with SPUR

Include information following in your 250-word Summary:

- How the design responds to the existing urban and/or regional context.
- How the design contributes to the community connectivity, such as Public transit access, automobile trip reduction, and walkability.

Social Responsibility Concentration in collaboration with ADPSR

Include information explaining how your project integrates effective social outcomes with the highest level of design excellence by responding to a need and/or addressing one or more of the following in your 250-word Summary:

- Community Engagement – an entire community and/or representative stakeholders are substantially involved and engaged in the decision-making processes, and community involvement has influenced project outcomes.
- Community Benefit – project addresses a need(s) and demonstrates benefit(s) to the community.
- Economic Disparity – architecture or the design process has reduced disparities in the economics of the larger community or individuals served by the project.
- Health Outcomes – project improves health, safety, or well-being outcomes for the larger community or individuals served by the project.
- Educational Inequity – project addresses inequities in our education system and those that increase the social responsibility of education.
- Human Rights – project helps vulnerable populations and disadvantaged people realize their basic rights, to those that actively violate the rights of life and liberty.
- Other innovative approaches outside of what is listed here, for example:
 - Increasing community resiliency
 - Celebrating place, culture or history
 - Minimizing displacement
 - Increasing racial equity