

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

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Annual International Essay Writing Competition 2021

(For Young Architects, Students and Teachers in Schools of Architecture)

Theme: In the Margins of the City

BACKGROUND:

The Council of Architecture, India, (Promoter), has instituted an annual international essay writing competition for teachers in schools of architecture since 2020. This annual essay competition is organized through the Training and Research Centre of Council of Architecture (COA-TRC) to engage the energy, creativity, and vision of the to-be and young architects and educators in architecture in promoting a culture of nation building. It also aims to inspire the architecture fraternity to appreciate and learn from each other, ways to harness the benefits of the available facilities and train young architects to make society a better place to live in. Young architects, Students and Teachers in schools of architecture are invited to submit their entries for this competition as per the prescribed guidelines available on www.coa.gov.in

CATEGORIES, ELIGIBILITY and LINKS TO REGISTER:

- a) **Young architect** (age: less than 35 years as of 31st May 2021, submission of Aadhar Card/PAN Card as proof of Date of Birth is mandatory)
LINK TO REGISTER (for Indian Participants) <https://forms.gle/6HfZDAEhTkHp31nV6>
LINK TO REGISTER (for Participants outside India) <https://forms.gle/jWwr4BhGEjLdMGfM7>

- b) **Student of architecture** (First year to Fifth Year B. Arch, submission of valid college identity card or authentication by Head of school is mandatory).
LINK TO REGISTER (for Indian Participants) <https://forms.gle/9kxBUiNN3p5kng88A>
LINK TO REGISTER (for Participants outside India) <https://forms.gle/ApztmRsFQAfd2vyL9>

- c) **Teachers in schools of architecture** (All teachers in schools of architecture [full time, contract, visiting] teaching subjects at B. Arch or M. Arch are eligible to submit their entries for this competition. Submission of valid college identity card or authentication by Head of school is mandatory)
LINK TO REGISTER (for Indian Participants) <https://forms.gle/n4TZGjyduJKYC3nZ7>
LINK TO REGISTER (for Participants outside India) <https://forms.gle/FN47wqGAYGUmrbq5>

No registration fee is charged.

Submission of a valid proof of identity is mandatory.

PERSONS INELIGIBLE

No member of the organizing body or an associate or an employee or any member concerned with the preparation or organizing the competition shall be eligible to participate in the competition.

Theme: In the Margins of the City

Essays are invited on:

Explorations and documentation/mapping of best practices in healthcare, housing, food, and social services.

Thoughts on policies and the crucial role that leaders and organizations play in their support for sustainability, inclusion, equity, and diversity.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

(For Young Architects, Students and Teachers in Schools of Architecture):

- Prospective participants shall register for the competition by filling up the online registration form.
- Entries shall be submitted online to coa.essay2020@gmail.com after registration, with the subject COA Essay Competition 2021.
- Essays must be in English, 700- 1000 words for students' category, 1200-1500 words for young architects' category and 2000-2500 words for teachers' category.
- Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will not be accepted.
- Essays must be written by one or two persons. Essays co-authored by more than two persons will not be accepted.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Proof of Identity:
 - For Young architects: Scanned image of Aadhar Card/PAN Card as proof of date of birth.
 - For students in school/college of architecture: scanned image of valid identity card or certificate from head of school.
 - For Teachers in Schools of Architecture: Proof of identity as teacher in school/college of architecture, in the form of scanned image of valid identity card or certificate from head of school.
2. Essay in MS Word format,
3. Essay in PDF format,
4. A plagiarism checks report, for the entire essay, from any online plagiarism checker.
5. Scanned image of the duly filled up registration form, (authenticated by head of the school of architecture, for students' entry, and teachers in school of architecture).

COMPOSITION:

The Essay file shall be composed on A4 sized page as follows:

- a) fonts, type and size
 - Title: Calibri, 14 points, Bold
 - Headings: Calibri, 11 points, Bold
 - Body: Calibri, 11 points, Regular
- b) margins and spacing
 - Spacing between lines: 1.0 points
 - Margins: Normal i.e. 2.54 cm on all sides

c) footer details

Page numbers must be mentioned at the bottom right corner of the Essay along with the title of the Essay on every page.

Footnotes may be given where necessary with font Calibri and size of 8 points.

d) The Essay should be followed by a Bibliography/ List of references with MLA format of citation.

e) The body of the Essay must include a tab for important keywords right under the title (these will not be counted in the word limit but used to classify the essay domains).

f) The Title of the Essay file shall be written as: COATRC-EWC21-Author Name/s.

e.g. *COATRC-EWC2021-Name of author 1+Name of author 2.*

AWARDS

(For Young Architects Category):

First Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Second Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Third Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Special mention: 5 Nos., Certificate + Interview/video clip on COA Social

(For Students Category):

First Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 25,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Second Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Third Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Special mention: 5 Nos., Certificate + Interview/video clip on COA Social

(For Teachers in Schools of Architecture Category):

First Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Second Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 35,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Third Prize: 1 No., Certificate + Cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- + Interview/video clip on COA Social

Special mention: 5 Nos., Certificate + Interview/video clip on COA Social

JURY PANEL

A jury of eminent architects shall be constituted. The Jury shall be appointed to advise on the conduct of the competition, adjudicate on the essays submitted and make the award. The jury members shall be appointed by the Promoter from amongst eminent architects.

JURY PROCEDURE:

The entries received shall be judged by panels of eminent architects.

Before commencing the process of assessment each entry will be screened for completion of submittal requirements and checked to ensure that the identity of the author is in no way revealed.

Thereafter each complete entry will be allotted a code number and then forwarded for assessment.

Broadly, jurors are expected to rate the essays based on:

- organization of the structure of the essay
- argument: content and clarity of thought,
- evidence: giving examples with sources and significance
- mechanics: i.e style of writing, language and grammar, bibliography, references.

DISQUALIFICATION

The jury may disqualify entries for the following reasons:

1. If the entry received by COA is incomplete for submittal requirements.
2. If received by COA after the declared deadline.
3. If the participant disregards any of the conditions of the program
4. If the participant attempts to influence any member of the Jury Panel

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition will be run in accordance with the following timetable, also declared on the website www.coa.gov.in

Important dates: (subject to change)

- Competition guidelines to be made available by the promoter: 3rd August 2021
- Deadline for Registration: 22nd August 2021, 11:59 pm IST
- Deadline for submission of duly completed entry to be sent to coa.essay2020@gmail.com by e-mail: 29th August 2021, 11:59 pm IST
- Declaration of winners and prize distribution: October 2021

The deadlines may be extended if necessary.

TERMINATION OF COMPETITION

If against all expectations entertained by the promoter, the result of the competition is such that none of the participants could be declared by the jury as the winners of the competition, the program could be regarded as terminated and the promoter will on the advice of the jury, award only the citation awards to selected entries.

RIGHTS

All material received as an entry will be retained by the promoter as their property.

Copyright of all the essays entered, including the winning essays, will be that of the author/s. However, Council of Architecture will have the right to publish the essays received, online/in print, in journals, magazines and as compilation of entries received, for purpose of records, academic interest and creating an archive, without the need of prior permission from author.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In the event of dispute not related to the judging procedure or the award of the jury panel, the settlement will be by arbitration without recourse to the legal authorities.

NOTES:

The entries received shall be judged by a panel of eminent architects and educators.

Individual queries regarding competition results will not be entertained.