

Minister's Planning Awards 2023

Guidelines



The Minister's Planning Award for "Wicked Planning Problem"

Background

The Minister's Planning Award, in one form or another, has been presented each year since 1989. The award is presented to a Queensland university student whose project is considered to be innovative, practical, original and contributes significantly to the creation of well-planned communities that are prosperous, resilient and sustainable.

The "Wicked Planning Problem" is a new category which invites university students to outline (individually or in teams of up to 3 students) the solution to a wicked planning problem of their choosing. The submissions will describe the planning issue and the proposed solution in no more than 3 or 4 pages.

- Shortlisted submissions will be invited to give a 10 min presentation to provide an overview of the problem and proposed solution to a judging panel of Planning Group executives and other guests who will decide the winning entry.
- Presentations will be in person in Brisbane, 1 William Street, and via MS Teams for regional submissions.
- The best three submissions (including the winning submission) will be chosen by the panel and will be showcased on our website. The winning submission will also be awarded the cash prize.

This award is open to undergraduate, post-graduate and masters planning students.

Students from the following universities can nominate themselves for this award: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, James Cook University, the University of Southern Queensland, Bond university, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Award

One overall award is presented to an outstanding student or team of students, with two highly commended runner ups also recognised.

The winner will be the submission which presents a solution to a planning problem that is considered innovative, practical, original and scalable.

The new award is intended to:

- publicly recognise innovative and practical approaches to real problems
- stimulate passion and engage students to employ their skills and creativity
- generate exciting ideas, innovation and collaboration to produce new, fresh and scalable ideas connected to the place they live.

This category will have a cash prize of \$3,000. The winner/s may be included in a media statement and/or photograph with the Minister as well as Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) social media opportunities.

The name of the prize-winning nominee/s and university they attend may be published. However, no additional personal information will be given out without the prior consent of the prize-winning nominee/s.

The award will be presented during the annual Planning Institute of Australia 2023 Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence, to be held in November 2023.

Assessment criteria

Weighted Criteria	Weighting
Addressing a “wicked” planning problem or opportunity: The wicked problem is a “real world” issue, and the solution is innovative and contributes to communities being well-planned, prosperous, resilient, and sustainable.	60%
Practicality: The solution to the wicked problem also illustrates how it can be implemented. It is practical to the work of planning practitioners.	20%
Readability (<i>written submission</i>): Ideas and arguments are presented logically and clearly, assessed from the point of view of a planning practitioner.	10%
Compelling (<i>live or virtual presentation</i>): Presentations to the judging panel are knowledgeable, well organised, engaging, and delivered with conviction.	10%

Mandatory Criteria
Original work: The submission needs to be the students’ original work, except for any permitted third-party material, and has not been published elsewhere.
Permitted third-party material: The thesis or study does not include any third-party material unless it is appropriately used, acknowledged and referenced in accordance with standard academic practice and copyright law.

Entries

Students from all the eligible universities may nominate their own entry if they consider it meets the above criteria.

Prior to applying, students must read this guideline and the department’s privacy and security statement.

Please complete the online nomination form and upload the relevant documentation in PDF format. If you do not wish to submit your entry online, download a word form and email with your documents to oddg.planning@dasilgp.qld.gov.au.

Entries must be received by **5pm on Friday 29 September 2023**.

Female Student in Planning Award (university nomination)

Background

The Female Student in Planning Award will be presented to one female university undergraduate (second, third or fourth year) recognised as being an outstanding student.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning invites universities to nominate up to three students for consideration.

The following universities can nominate students for this award: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, James Cook University, Bond University, the University of Southern Queensland, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The award is only open to university nomination. Students may not nominate themselves for this award.

Award

One award will be presented to a female student who meets the criteria outlined below.

The winner will be chosen based on a rationale (750 words maximum) submitted by their university that addresses the assessment criteria.

The winner will be offered a four-week paid internship with the department, subject to the department's standard engagement conditions and criteria.

The award is intended to:

- encourage and champion women into the profession with the aim to ultimately take leadership positions and increase the number of women in planning
- give students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the state's role and contribution to planning early in their career
- strengthen links between universities and the department.

The name of the prize-winning nominee and university they attend may be published. However, no additional personal information will be given out without the prior consent of the prize-winning nominee.

The award will be presented during the annual Planning Institute of Australia 2023 Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence, to be held in November 2023.

Assessment criteria

This award will be given to a female student who displays one or more of the following characteristics:

Criteria
Outstanding results in the study of planning at undergraduate level during the current academic year (2023).
Involved in a planning student association that is enhancing the experience of planning students at the university.
Overcome personal hardship or adversity to achieve excellence in academic studies.
Shows promise of high achievement in the planning field.

Entries

Each university is invited to nominate up to three students who meet one or all of the above criteria.

Prior to applying, please ensure each nominated student has read this guideline and the department's privacy and security statement.

Please complete the online nomination form and upload the relevant documentation in PDF format. If you do not wish to submit your entry online, download a word form and email with your documents to oddg.planning@dasilgp.qld.gov.au.

Entries must be received by **5pm on Friday 29 September 2023**.

Indigenous Student in Planning Award (university nomination)

Background

The Indigenous Student in Planning Award will be presented to one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander university undergraduate (second, third or fourth year) recognised as being an outstanding student.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning invites universities to nominate up to three students for consideration.

The following universities can nominate students for this award: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, James Cook University, Bond University, the University of Southern Queensland, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The award is only open to university nomination. Students may not nominate themselves for this award.

Award

One award will be presented to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who meets the criteria outlined below.

The winner will be chosen based on a rationale (750 words maximum) submitted by their university that addresses the assessment criteria.

The winner will be offered a four-week paid internship with the department, subject to the department's standard engagement conditions and criteria.

The award is intended to:

- encourage and champion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander into the profession with the aim to ultimately take leadership positions and increase the number of First Nations peoples in planning
- give students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the state's role and contribution to planning early in their career
- strengthen links between universities and the department.

The name of the prize-winning nominee and university they attend may be published. However, no additional personal information will be given out without the prior consent of the prize-winning nominee.

The award will be presented during the annual Planning Institute of Australia 2023 Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence, to be held in November 2023.

Assessment criteria

This award will be given to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who displays one or more of the following characteristics:

Criteria
Outstanding results in the study of planning at undergraduate level during the current academic year (2023).
Involved in a planning student association that is enhancing the experience of planning students at the university.
Overcome personal hardship or adversity to achieve excellence in academic studies.
Shows promise of high achievement in the planning field.

Entries

Each university is invited to nominate up to three students who meet one or all of the above criteria.

Prior to applying, please ensure each nominated student has read this guideline and the department's privacy and security statement.

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