

9TH ANNUAL DESIGNSHARE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

CALL FOR ENTRIES



TOP: School of Art, Design & Media, Singapore, CPG Consultants Pte. Ltd., 2007 HONOR award. LEFT TO RIGHT: Yuyu-no-mori Nursery School & Day Nursery, Japan, Environment Design Institute, 2007 HONOR award; Vidyalankar Institute of Technology, India, Planet 3 Studios Architecture, 2007 HONOR award; OZW, VU University, The Netherlands, Jeanne Dekkers Architectuur, 2007 HONOR award

Deadlines:

Registration Begins:

March 1, 2008

Early Registration Deadline:

March 14, 2008

Regular Registration Deadline:

April 18, 2008

Final Project File

Submission Deadline:

May 1, 2008

Public Announcements:

September, 2008



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Design Awards 2008 Program

DesignShare proudly announces the 9th Annual International Awards Program for Innovative Learning Environments. The Design Awards program is the most in-depth, researched body of case studies of innovative learning environments in the world.

Project submittals include educator narrative, architect’s narrative, site plan, floor plans, construction data, images, and color-coded diagrams.

Focus on Learning

The DesignShare Awards program is unique in many ways because it extends well beyond the architecture itself by focusing first on learning, second on the learners, and third on how the built or natural environment provides rich learning opportunities for the 21st century. Since 2000, the program has committed to challenging traditional standards and by focusing on learner-centered, cost-efficient and sustainable learning environments. No other awards program comes close to supporting learning at the heart of the design process.

The evolving nature of education is challenging school design teams to understand the very nature of learning—how, when, where, what, and who we learn with tomorrow and beyond. An awards program for school and university design with a rigorous evaluation process focused on learning sends a message: “Here are learning environment models that work for the 21st century!” The good news is that the 150,000 visitors to DesignShare each month represent an emerging consensus: we all learn differently, yet we learn in community, we learn everywhere, all the time; our learning is integrated with work, with families, with people of all age groups, and with the natural and built environment

Best Practices Library

Each winning project will join over 430 documented case studies published at DesignShare.com from over 20 countries around the world. This library, used by design professionals and educators alike, continues to be the largest collection of innovative school design projects available for free on the Web.

Benefits

Projects with strongest concepts and execution will receive awards and be featured by our our media partners in fall publications. In 2007, DesignShare was proud to work with the following publications: School Construction News, Edutopia (George Lucas Educational Foundation), and UK-based SchoolsforLife.

All winning projects will appear in DesignShare’s online Project Library, as well as receive special feature treatment. Additionally, all submitting firms receive a one-year subscription to DesignShare’s online firm directory.

Selected projects may also be included in events such as forums and conferences.

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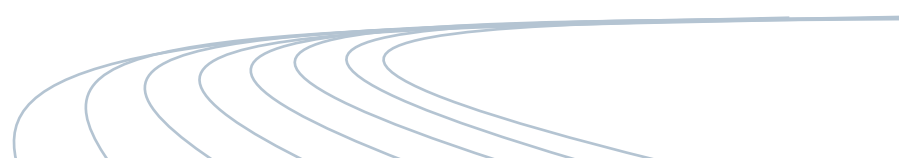
Eureka School: AID India, India, ArcheStudio Chennai Private Ltd.,
2007 MERIT award

Harris Family Children’s Center, New Hampshire, Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype,
2007 MERIT award

Marysville Getchell High School, Washington, DLR,
2007 MERIT award

The Calhoun School, New York, FXFowle Architects,
2007 MERIT award

Polaris K-12 School, Alaska, McCool Carlson Green Architects,
2007 MERIT award



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Eligibility

We invite anyone involved in the creation of outstanding learning environments to register for the Design Awards program. The Awards program seeks submittals from all over the world. Our special inclusion policy and eligibility policy modifies or waives registration fees to deserving applicants, making the program accessible to all applicants, including those from developing nations, foundations, and very small organizations.

Eligible for consideration: Any project completed within the last 3 years.

Projects scheduled for design, renovation, or construction planning during 2007, and fitting into one of the following categories are welcome:

- Early childhood and preschool
- Elementary, middle, and high schools
- Schools serving special grade ranges
- Higher education facilities and campuses
- Alternative learning environments—includes educational settings within the context of a facility that focuses on another mission. Examples include environmental and technology centers, children's and science museums, libraries, work spaces, and other learning environments.

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Desjardins Information Hub,
Canada, Michel Gagnon,
2007 MERIT award

Galilee Catholic Learning
Community, Australia, Russell
& Yelland Architects,
2007 MERIT award

Yuyu-no-mori Nursery School
& Day Nursery, Japan,
Environment Design Institute,
2007 HONOR award

OZW, VU University, The
Netherlands, Jeanne Dekkers
Architectuur,
2007 HONOR award

Vidyalankar Institute of
Technology, India, Planet 3
Studios Architecture,
2007 HONOR award

School of Art, Design & Media,
Singapore, CPG Consultants
Pte. Ltd.,
2007 HONOR award

Review Team

Our distinguished international review team members—each a recognized leader in their specialty—combine a wealth of experience in educational facility planning, architecture, and research. Using advanced Web tools to analyze project data and conduct online discussions, the team generates remarkable collective insights.

Mission

DesignShare is the world's premier database of ideas, research, and projects focused on positively influencing and enhancing the future of the learning environment. Our review team recognizes and rewards projects on the strength of their ideas, quality of implementation, and impact on future school design and construction, as well as aesthetics.

For More Information:

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REGISTRATION FOR 2008 DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM

Key Registration Dates

March 1–March 14, 2008: Early Registration

All registration information must be submitted through the DesignShare site, or faxed or postmarked by March 14, 2008.

March 15–April 18, 2008: Regular Registration

All registration information must be submitted through the DesignShare site, or faxed or postmarked by April 18, 2008.

May 1, 2008: Project File Submittal Deadline

September, 2008: Announcement of Awards

Registration Fee

The registration fee is non-refundable and payable in US dollars.

For current exchange rates, refer to: <http://www.xe.com/ucc/full.shtml>

	Early Registration (by March 14)	Regular Registration (by April 18)
Established U.S. Firms	\$450	\$550
Sponsored Registration*	up to \$200	up to \$300

- *Less than five (5) employees, not-for-profit organizations, schools and students
- To qualify for this category, you must email info@designshare.com, 200 words or less describing **The obstacles faced in creating the learning environment and how you overcame those obstacles.**
- Contact info@designshare.com to inquire about eligibility

Unable to register online?

You may also print this form and mail with check payable to DesignShare or fax with credit card information to:
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Organization/Firm: _____

Primary Contact: _____

The contact person will be the 'project editor' for the submittal process; other names may be added after for public contact.

Address: _____

City, State/Province: _____

Postal Code, Country: _____

Phone with Area Code:
(non-US firms, include country code) _____

Fax: _____

E-mail of Project Editor: _____

Payment Amount and Method

Number of Projects	Amount Each	Total
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