AEDAS ARCHITECTURE GRADUATE AWARDS

SAUDI ARABIA



2027

Aedas

FULL BRIEF & GUIDELINES

ENTRIES OPEN: 12 NOVEMBER 2026

For final-year architecture students and 2025–2026 graduates of universities in Saudi Arabia. No fee to enter.

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ABOUT AEDAS

Aedas is a leading global architecture and design practice, driven by the belief that meaningful architecture is rooted in the places, cultures and communities it serves. We believe our duty extends beyond the buildings we design: to recognize local talent, encourage new ideas and contribute to the growth of the architectural profession.

THE AWARD

The Aedas Architecture Graduate Award reflects this commitment. An initiative by AEDAS Middle East to celebrate emerging talent, foster collaboration and build lasting connections with the local architectural community.







30+ **Award Winners**
Since 2023



COMPETITION BRIEF

The Future Starts with an Idea.

The **Aedas Architecture Graduate Awards** give final-year architecture students and recent graduates in Saudi Arabia a platform to submit and showcase their work. Committed to industry development, Aedas runs the Graduate Awards to support the next generation of architects.

The Award celebrates exceptional emerging architectural talent, bringing **outstanding graduation projects beyond the university** and connecting the next generation of designers with professional practice.

It is designed to spotlight the creativity, innovation and talent of young architecture graduates in Saudi Arabia, **bridging the gap between the academic and professional worlds** and offering students the recognition, exposure and career opportunities they deserve.

The jury selects **50 shortlisted entries**, which Aedas prints for an exhibition in Riyadh. Winners are announced at the **awards ceremony in Riyadh in January 2027.**

AT A GLANCE	
WHO	Final-year students & 2025–2026 graduates
WHERE	Recognized universities in Saudi Arabia
SUBMIT	Two A0 portrait boards + 300-word summary
LANGUAGE	English only
FEE	No Fee to Enter
CEREMONY	Riyadh, January 2027



Where Talent Meets Opportunity.

RECOGNITION & OPPORTUNITIES

Showcase Your Talent

Present your graduation project and demonstrate your creativity, design thinking and architectural ambition.

Connect with the Industry

Engage with experienced architects and design leaders, gaining insights into the world of professional practice.

Gain Recognition

Receive recognition for outstanding design and bring your work to a wider architectural audience.

Shape What's Next

Explore opportunities to develop your ideas, build your career and contribute to the future of architecture.

COMPETITION PROCESS

01

CHECK YOU’RE ELIGIBLE

From 12 Nov 2026

Final-year students and 2025–26 graduates from Saudi universities. Read the rules and guidelines.

02

PREPARE YOUR ENTRY

Use the official template

Two A0 portrait boards in one PDF at 300 DPI, with a project summary of up to 300 words, in English only.

03

SUBMIT ONLINE

By 22 Dec 2026

Complete three short steps online before the deadline. No fee is required to enter.

04

50 SHORTLISTED

Announced Jan 2027

The top fifty boards are printed by Aedas for the exhibition in Riyadh, 2027.

05

AWARDS CEREMONY

Riyadh · Jan 2027

Winners are announced at the awards ceremony in Riyadh in January 2027.

50

SHORTLIST EXHIBITED IN RIYADH

The jury shortlists fifty graduation projects. Aedas prints every shortlisted board at A0 and shows them at the exhibition in Riyadh, ahead of the awards ceremony in January 2027.

NO FEE TO ENTER

RECOGNITION

01 · FIRST PRIZE

25,000 SAR

+ Aedas Graduate Program

02 · SECOND PRIZE

15,000 SAR

+ Aedas Graduate Program

03 · THIRD PRIZE

10,000 SAR

+ Aedas Graduate Program

HONOURABLE MENTIONS ×2: two entries recognized by the jury

Winners announced at the awards ceremony in Riyadh, January 2027.

WHAT TO SUBMIT

One project, two boards. Present one academic project on **two A0 portrait boards**, combined into a **single PDF**.

A0 BOARD
01

A0 BOARD
02

+

PROJECT SUMMARY
≤ 300
words, in English

FORMAT	Both boards combined into one PDF at 300 DPI
TEMPLATE	Use the official board template
FILE SIZE	Up to 200 MB
LANGUAGE	English only
ENTRIES	One project per participant

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submitting online takes about 10 minutes. Have your PDF ready before you start.

01

RULES & GUIDELINES

Read the competition rules in full and confirm you are eligible.

02

ABOUT YOU

Your details and your studies: university, program, status and graduation year.

03

YOUR PROJECT

Upload your PDF, then add the project title, 300-word summary, location and academic year.

04

REVIEW & SUBMIT

Check every detail, accept the declarations and submit. Entries can’t be changed afterwards.

JURY & EVALUATION

Every entry is reviewed in accordance with the published evaluation criteria. The jury selects the 50 shortlisted entries and the winners.

CRITERION 01

CONCEPT AND NARRATIVE

25 pts

CRITERION 02

ARCHITECTURAL AND SPATIAL RESOLUTION

25 pts

CRITERION 03

CONTEXTUAL RESPONSE

20 pts

CRITERION 04

INNOVATION AND ORIGINALITY

15 pts

CRITERION 05

REPRESENTATION AND COMMUNICATION

15 pts

TOTAL 100 pts

JURY Panel of Aedas design leaders and guest jurors — names to be announced. The jury's decision is final.

KEY DATES

Save the dates.

ENTRIES OPEN	12 November 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE	22 December 2026
SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED	January 2027
EXHIBITION & AWARDS CEREMONY	Riyadh, January 2027

QUESTIONS, ANSWERED

Anything else? Email dxb-marketing@aedas.com. We usually reply within two working days.

Q01

Is there a fee to enter?

No. Entry is free for final-year students and 2025–2026 graduates.

Q02

Can I enter as a team?

Individual entries only, with **one project** per participant.

Q03

What do I need to submit?

Two A0 portrait boards combined into one PDF at 300 DPI, plus a project summary of up to 300 words. Entries must be in English.

Q04

Can I change my entry after submitting?

No. Check your PDF and summary before you submit.

Q05

What if the portal fails?

Email dxb-marketing@aedas.com straight away, before the deadline.

Q06

How will my work be used?

Aedas may exhibit and publish entries as part of the Awards and its communications. Don’t include confidential information.

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SCAN TO APPLY

Details and Portal Link

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