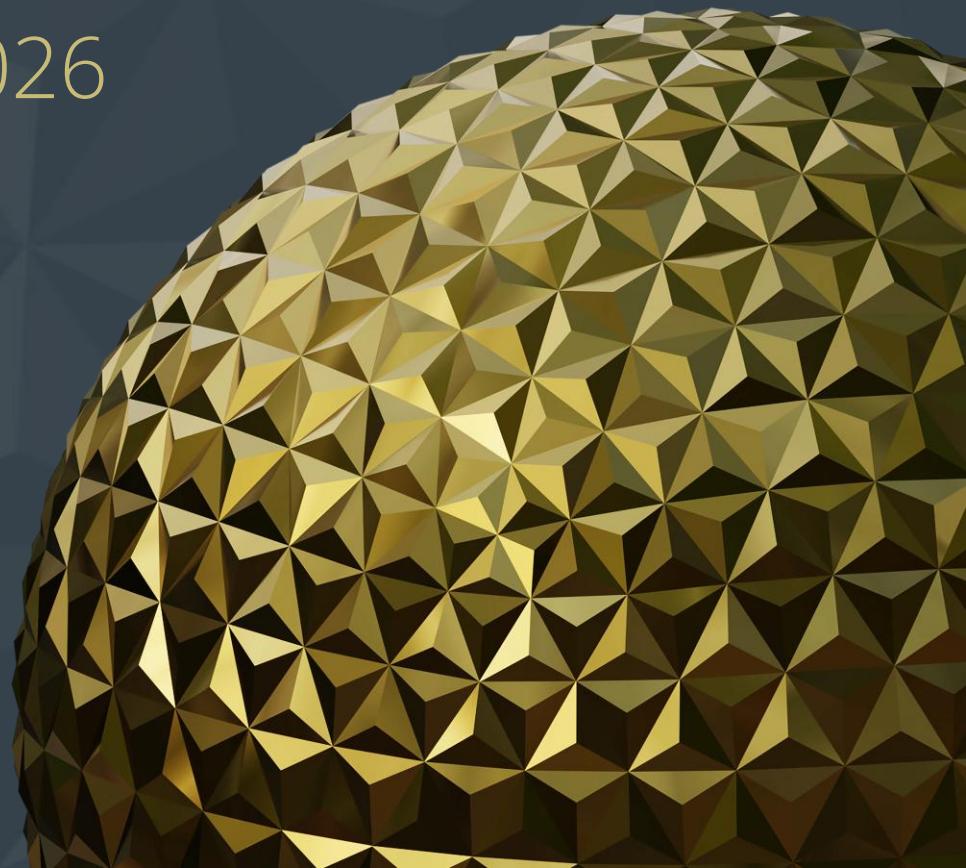




# RICS New Zealand Awards 2026

Categories & Criteria



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# Awards Submission

Your submission should clearly explain the project, team or individual and demonstrate a connection to the judging criteria, highlighting a commitment to professionalism and ethics. This is where you want to make it clear to the judges exactly why your submission is deserving of the award. Please note that this will not be a PDF upload, you will need to complete free text sections within the online form, including an introduction and responses to each applicable element of the judging criteria (professionalism, outcome and achievement, teamwork, innovation, and sustainability). Word limits have been applied to each free text box in accordance with the criteria weighting.

# Team Award Categories

## Building Consultancy Team of the Year

Focusing on excellence in the building consultancy sector. This award recognises companies, teams or consortia who have demonstrated excellence in the provision of advice or services in post occupancy building inspection, technical due diligence, make good and building consultancy related services.

## Project Management Team of the Year

Acknowledging companies, service providers, client side teams or contractors who were engaged in project management of a construction project during 2025. The successful applicant will demonstrate excellence in such areas as quality control, time management, budget control, procurement or construction management to deliver the outcome sought by the client.

## Property/Facilities Management Team of the Year

Awarded to a company, team or consortia responsible for outstanding operational, financial, tenant, facilities or asset management of real estate or related assets.

## Quantity Surveying Team of the Year

This award recognises companies, teams or consortia engaged in outstanding quantity surveying work in 2025. This includes but is not limited to cost planning and control or contract and commercial management.

## Real Estate Advisory Team of the Year

This award recognises excellence in the provision of real estate consultancy advice. It includes valuation, tenant advisory services, strategic portfolio advice, land and property development advice and related feasibility and business case work.

## Real Estate Agency Team of the Year

This award acknowledges companies, teams and/or consortia demonstrating excellence in providing agency services related to the acquisition, sale, or leasing of properties in the office, retail, industrial or residential sectors.

## Research Team of the Year

Acknowledging teams, property funds, consultancies, academic institutions and agencies responsible for engaging in research projects associated with the built environment.

## Valuation Team of the Year

The Valuation Team of the Year award recognises a company, team or consortia providing excellence in valuation services which uphold international standards and give confidence to end-users for their objectivity, independence and reliability on both commercial and/or residential projects.

## Team Awards Assessment Criteria

Professionalism 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as technical, financial, legal, environmental, building regulation, sustainability and restoration where applicable, to achieve outcomes.</li><li>• Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</li><li>• Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors / suppliers (if applicable).</li><li>• Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.</li><li>• Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.</li></ul>
Teamwork / Collaboration 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</li><li>• A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion within the firm/team and their work. How does the firm/team embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?</li><li>• Contribution of the team to social outcomes.</li><li>• Demonstration of RICS Standards adopted.</li></ul>
Outcome and Achievement 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measurable success of team/project outcomes against predefined targets.</li><li>• Client and or occupier/user or public satisfaction – including testimonials.</li><li>• Team demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management, etc.).</li><li>• Challenges overcome in the process relative to complexity. What were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</li><li>• Cost effectiveness. How was cost managed effectively against a predefined target?</li><li>• Timely completion. Demonstration of how the project is managed effectively with respect to time.</li></ul>
Thought Innovation 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?</li><li>• How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation in financing and viability.</li> <li>• Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</li> <li>• Level of creativity in overcoming challenges.</li> <li>• How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</li> </ul>
Sustainability 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the team demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles (e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation)?</li> <li>• Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?</li> </ul> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the team make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of its projects?</li> <li>• Does the team make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of its projects?</li> </ul> <p>Social impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the team engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by its projects?</li> <li>• Does the team promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</li> <li>• How is the team creating better places and spaces for future generations?</li> </ul> <p>Health and well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has the team actively contributed to people's health and well-being?</li> </ul>

## Individual Awards

### Construction Professional of the Year

Presented to an outstanding individual for excellence in quantity surveying, project management, land or building surveying or building control. The Construction Professional of the Year award recognises achievement in construction projects during 2025. The successful candidate will demonstrate how their work has combined the highest professional, ethical and industry standards to deliver superior results and outcomes for clients and stakeholders.

### Property Professional of the Year

Presented to an outstanding individual involved in property management, facilities management, valuation, real estate advisory or acquiring/selling or leasing a commercial, industrial or retail property. The Property Professional of the Year award recognises achievement in property projects during 2025. The selected professional will represent the highest professional ethics, demonstrate their use of standards in their day to day activities and embody the excellence expected of the recipient of such a prestigious award.

### Emerging Achiever of the Year

The future of our profession rests on the shoulders of emerging professionals. The Emerging Achiever of the Year award acknowledges one outstanding individual who has achieved excellence in their field. The individual selected will embody the highest standards of professionalism, be a role-model for their peers and be capable of making an outstanding contribution to the profession in the course of their future career.

The Emerging Achiever of the Year must have less than 10 years' experience to be eligible.

## Woman of the Built Environment Award

The Woman of the Built Environment award recognises the outstanding contributions and achievements of women to our industry. The award celebrates inspirational role models to inspire the next generation of diverse professionals. Women from all disciplines of the industry are encouraged to enter.

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognising commitment to RICS and the wider profession, the Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious award for built environment professionals. The presentation of this award is subject to the determination of the judging panel that the recipient is worthy of this significant honour.

Assessed on individual merit.

## Individual Awards Assessment Criteria

Nominations in the individual awards categories are assessed alongside two overarching criteria:

- Recognised outstanding performance and achievement in the workplace; and
- Recognised contribution to the profession and the wider community with a weighting against five categories, which are:

Professionalism 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recognised third party endorsements as professionally outstanding. How does the individual demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism and service?</li><li>• Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as, finance, legal, environment, and sustainability to achieve outcomes.</li><li>• Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</li><li>• Adoption of international standards will be an advantage but is not essential.</li><li>• How does the individual's professional advice help deliver a positive impact on the environment?</li></ul>
Teamwork / Collaboration 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</li><li>• A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion in their work. How does the individual embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?</li><li>• Contribution of the individual to social outcomes.</li><li>• Demonstration of RICS Standards adopted.</li></ul>
Outcome and Achievement 30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measurable success of achieved outcomes against predefined targets.</li><li>• Client and/or occupier/user or public satisfaction – including testimonials.</li><li>• Demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management, etc.).</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenges overcome in the process relative to complexity. What were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</li> <li>• Cost effectiveness. How was cost managed effectively against a predefined target?</li> <li>• Timely completion. Demonstration of how the project is managed effectively with respect to time.</li> </ul>
Thought Innovation 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?</li> <li>• How is the Individual delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</li> <li>• Innovation in financing and viability.</li> <li>• Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</li> <li>• Level of creativity in overcoming challenges.</li> <li>• How has the Individual demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</li> </ul>
Sustainability 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Individual demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles (e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation)?</li> <li>• Have the sustainability achievements of the Individual been quantified in numerical terms?</li> </ul> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Individual make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of projects?</li> <li>• Does the Individual make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of projects?</li> </ul> <p>Social impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Individual engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by projects?</li> <li>• Does the Individual promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</li> <li>• How is the Individual creating better places and spaces for future generations?</li> </ul> <p>Health and well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has the Individual actively contributed to people's health and well-being?</li> </ul>

## Lifetime Achievement Award Assessment Criteria

Assessed on individual merit	<p>RICS will provide recommendation(s) on the worthy recipient for the judging panel's consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have they contributed significantly to the profession? How?</li><li>• Have they contributed significantly to RICS? How?</li><li>• What have they done for the future of the profession?</li><li>• How have they displayed exemplary professionalism throughout their career?</li></ul>
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