

RICS AWARDS 2026

Information & Entry Guidelines

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Why enter the Awards?

As the highest accolades bestowed in global built and natural environments, RICS Awards have become increasingly influential in China since its inauguration in 2016. Not only have the number and quality of entries grown over the years, submissions have also come from more diverse geographic locations and industry sectors. The RICS Awards creates a unique platform to showcase innovations and achievements in China's built environment, as well as encourage development and advancements within the industry. Continuing these good causes, the 2026 edition of RICS Awards aims to attract wider participation from the sector, whereby promoting the highest professional standards, pioneering better places to live and work, and creating a force for positive social impact. We look forward to receiving visionary and inspiring nominations this year.

There are 16 categories in RICS China Awards 2026. Each category will showcase how professionals are using their expertise to develop, reshape and protect the environment in which we live and work. If you think your outstanding team or project will have a chance to stand out, please send us your application.

Experts from the judging committee will score each application and the winners will be announced in late July 2026.

If you are considering entering the RICS China Awards 2026, please read the entry criteria below to make sure you are eligible and have the required documents to complete your entry. You can also plan and check the upcoming dates for the RICS China Awards.

Who can enter?

We welcome all individuals, teams and organisations who meet the criteria of the relevant category to apply for the awards. It is important that all applicants review the entry guidelines and assessment criteria to ensure that their submission meets the necessary requirements.

Cost of entry

Entry fee: RMB 3,000

Entry fee will be collected for each nomination. Nominate multiple teams/projects in one category or one team/project in multiple categories will be treated as multiple nominations.

Entry fee is non-refundable.

Nomination will be accepted only upon completion of payments.

How to enter?

Each submission must be accompanied by specific submission materials, which will be reviewed by the judges.

Nomination will be accepted only upon acknowledgement of nomination materials.

Your submission should include:

- Project Name – please note the project name provided will be used throughout the entire campaign.
- Category you are submitting for.
- Nominator and Nominee contact details.
- RICS Surveyor working on the project.
- Main body of nomination –and connection to the judging criteria
- Up to 3 testimonials (PDF upload).
- Photographs of the nominated team/individual and project(s) referenced in the submission.
- Any other appropriate supporting material, such as technical documentation, media clippings, floor plans, etc.
- Your company logo.
- A 200-word summary of the nomination for marketing purposes – what the project was and how the team/individual has showcased excellence (free text section within the form).

Register an account. ricschina.awardsplatform.com

Project, Team and Company Awards

1. Nominated project(s) and major/key team member(s) must be located or operated in the Mainland China region.
2. Nominations can be made by the nominee (team, company, or consortia) or a third party.
3. The project(s) which is the subject of a nomination must have been worked on between 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2025, though not necessarily completed.
4. Nominations must be based on at least one but no more than three projects within the eligible timeframe (nominating party to select).
5. A company- one legal entity may submit a maximum of 3 nominations within the same category (including joint nominations). Each nomination must be for a separate team and project.
6. A company may submit a joint nomination however, where a joint nomination is submitted a subsequent, stand-alone application from the same company and in the same category is not allowed.
7. Nominations must be submitted via the online submission form. Where multiple nominations are being submitted by the one organisation, a separate online submission form will need to be completed for each nomination.
8. Nomination must be accompanied by a 200-word summary in word file for marketing purposes.
9. Other relevant supporting materials/documents are optional but welcomed. These should be limited to a maximum of five additional pages of supporting material/documents and three testimonials, all in PDF format.
10. A logo must be provided as well as a photo of the team or individual nominated.
11. Information provided within the submission may be used by RICS for the purpose of the judging or promotion of the Awards. Any confidential information must be clearly stated within the submission.
12. The jury panel's decision on eligibility of the nominations shall be final and is non appealable.

13. The project team/organisation must have no regulatory investigations outstanding or in progress.
14. Any category which receives less than 2 nominations will not be awarded a winner, exceptions made at the Judge's discretion.

Individual awards

1. Nominee and individual must be located or operating in the Mainland China region.
2. Nominations should be made by a third person/entity but will be accepted from the nominee.
3. The project(s) which is the subject of a nomination must have been worked on between 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2025, though not necessarily completed.
4. Nominations must be based on at least one but no more than three projects within the eligible timeframe (nominating party to select).
5. Nominations must be submitted via the online submission form. Where multiple nominations are being submitted by the one organisation, a separate online submission form will need to be completed for each nomination.
6. Nomination must be accompanied by a 200-word summary in word file for marketing purposes.
7. Other relevant supporting materials/documents are optional but welcomed, should be limited to a maximum of five additional pages of supporting material/documents and three testimonials, all in PDF format.
8. A logo must be provided as well as a photo of the team or individual nominated. This will be used during award presentation.
9. Information provided within the submission may be used by RICS for the purpose of the judging or promotion of the Awards. Any confidential information must be clearly stated within the submission.
10. The jury panel's decision on eligibility of the nominations shall be final and is non appealable.
11. The nominated individual must have no regulatory investigations outstanding or in progress.
12. Any category which receives less than 2 nominations will not be awarded a winner, exceptions made at the Judge's discretion.

Nomination check list

- An online submission form is completed for each nomination.
- For team awards, at least one but no more than three projects have been included in the nomination.
- Supporting material may include testimonials, photographs, technical documentation, media clippings, floor plans, etc. to support the adjudication process.
- Supporting material is limited to five individual materials and no more than three testimonials.
- In addition to the nomination and supporting materials, the nomination is accompanied by photographs of the team/individuals nominated, the project(s) nominated and includes a copy of the nominee's company logo (as appropriate).
- Confidential information is clearly labelled 'RICS Awards in Confidence'.

Privacy

Information provided within the submission may be used by RICS for the purpose of the judging or promotion of the Awards. Any confidential information must be clearly stated within the submission.

We will use the information you provide to contact you in relation to the Awards. You can ask us to stop contacting you at any time by emailing us at awards@rics.org. Further details of how we use, hold and store your information, and your legal rights, can be found in our [Privacy Policy](#).

Terms and Conditions

Judges will exclude any submissions that are not completed in full.

Submissions must be in Chinese.

The closing date for entries is **13 March 2026**. The closing date for entries is **13 March 2026**. Please refer to the official announcements of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). However RICS reserves the right to extend the deadline.

The decisions made by the Judge Panel are final and they have the discretion to evaluate the awards.

Additional commendations may be made and not all the awards advertised will be awarded if the judges consider that the criteria has not been met.

Judges reserve the right to move a project into another category if they feel it would better fit the criteria.

We regret that feedback cannot be provided on individual entries.

RICS reserves the right to use photographs and content of entries for PR and publicity purpose. The entrants confirm and guarantee that all the pictures, texts, drawings, model photos, videos, audio and other materials (hereinafter referred to as "participating materials") submitted to RICS Awards have been legally and completely authorized by the participating units, and owning the full, complete and uncontested copyright and all related rights including portrait rights and privacy rights contained therein. The entrants have the right to authorize others in accordance with the provisions of this clause. The evaluation materials must not contain any content that infringes upon the legitimate rights and interests of third parties, such as intellectual property rights, portrait rights, and privacy rights.

Upon submission, the entrants are deemed to have agreed to grant the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) a non-exclusive, royalty-free license for use worldwide. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) reserves the right to use the submitted materials for the promotional activities of this award and future series of awards, including but not limited to public relations, advertising, online promotion, social media release, online and offline exhibitions, publication of collections, production of printed materials, news reports, etc.

Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and procedures along with the terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering this competition.

By entering you are agreeing to be contacted by RICS with details of the RICS Awards.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to establish that there are no restrictions or reasons the project cannot be entered and that all interested parties have been contacted and are aware of the entry.

To help us manage and maintain the reputation of the RICS Awards you must inform us about any negative media stories relating to the entry that have occurred during the 12 months. Negative publicity does not necessarily mean that your entry will be disallowed; however, if it is not disclosed your entry may be disqualified.

Each entry will be subject to due diligence checks (including regulatory checks and online information searches) on the relevant individual, team and firm. Nominations may not be progressed or may be withdrawn from all aspects of the awards at the absolute discretion of RICS if continuing with the nomination could damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession.

Nominees must disclose any information that could reasonably be considered to damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession. Examples include but are not limited to disciplinary findings, or ongoing regulatory investigations or court proceedings.

Entrants warrant RICS that it has the full and exclusive right to present their credentials (e.g. "Surveyor") as such. RICS accepts these credentials in good faith and cannot verify that they are correct. Accordingly, any dispute regarding entrants' credentials must be dealt with between the parties concerned and not with RICS.