

## Key Messages and Top Tips

The awards are a perfect platform to highlight how the profession impacts local communities and the wider built and natural environment.

If you are considering entering the RICS UK 2026 Awards, please read the entry criteria to make sure you are eligible and have the required documents to complete your entry.

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.

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### Key Tips for Completing the Submission Form Online:

#### Project Description:

Maximum 400 words

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 your opportunity to make it clear to the judges what the surveyor's role in the project was and exactly why your submission is deserving of the award.

Remember to Include:

- What is the project designed to achieve? (e.g. affordable housing, office space, cultural facility, urban renewal).
- Specify the main function or use of the space (e.g. commercial offices, residential apartments, retail space, public amenities).
- Who benefits from this project (e.g. local residents, businesses, public institutions)? Please attach testimonials from appropriate users and beneficiaries where possible.

The judges will be looking for the output and impact of the project on users, other stakeholders and the projects surroundings from a local and regional level.

### **Professionalism and Collaboration: Maximum 400 words**

We are looking for entries that can demonstrate both professionalism and collaboration in practice. This means showing how you uphold the highest standards of ethics, integrity, and technical excellence.

Strong submissions will highlight how professionalism and collaboration together have created impact, raised standards, and contributed to a more sustainable and people-focused built environment.

### **Thought Innovation and Leadership: Maximum 400 words**

We are looking for entries that can demonstrate how innovation and leadership combine to deliver transformation. This means showing how you have challenged convention, embraced new ideas or technologies and created solutions that move the industry forward and create a lasting impact

### **Teamwork and Collaboration: 400 words**

We are looking for entries that can demonstrate how their project has effectively utilised skillsets among team members and stakeholders.

Judges will be looking for evidence of:

- How the team worked together to overcome challenges
- The contribution of the surveyor to the success of the project
- A commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Strong submissions will highlight how well the team worked together to deliver successful outcomes and impact.

### **Sustainability: Maximum 400 words**

We are looking for entries who can demonstrate how their project has delivered meaningful and measurable sustainability outcomes. Judges will be looking for evidence of

how environmental, social, and economic sustainability have been embedded from design through to delivery and operation.

Strong submissions will highlight how the project has created a lasting impact and can serve as a model of best practice for the wider built and natural environment.

### **Outcome and Achievement: Maximum 400 words**

We are looking for entries who can clearly demonstrate the outcomes and achievements of their project. Judges will be looking for evidence of how objectives were met or exceeded, including measurable results such as delivery to programme and budget, performance against sustainability targets, or positive social and economic impact.

Strong submissions will highlight not only what was achieved, but also how success has been evidenced — for example through client feedback, independent evaluation, or industry recognition.

### **Practical Tips**

Read each question carefully and address every part

Follow the scoring criteria word-for-word

Use headings, subheadings, bullets, and short paragraphs

Avoid jargon

Aim for “clear over clever”

Use real examples, statistics, outputs and outcomes

Focus on value (why it matters) not just features (what you do)

Include project management, risk management, and quality assurance approaches

Review and proofread, repeat: review the clarity, repetition and consistency of your submission. If possible ask a colleague who was not involved with the project to proofread your submission

Take your time, don't rush it!