

2026 *fib* Awards for Outstanding Concrete Structures: Call for entries

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Since 2002, the *fib* Awards for Outstanding Concrete Structures are given every four years with the goal of promoting international recognition of structures that demonstrate the versatility of concrete as a structural medium. The awards, presented at the *fib* Congress, consist of a bronze plaque that can be displayed on the structure, and a certificate presented to the principal parties responsible for the work. The *fib* awards continue the tradition of the former FIP Award for Outstanding Concrete Structures (1990-1998).

The awards are attributed in two categories, *Civil Engineering Structures* (including bridges) and *Buildings* by an international jury designated by the *fib* Presidium. All entries must be endorsed in writing (letter or email) by the Head of Delegation or the National Member Group Secretary for the relevant member country.

The entry deadline for the 2026 edition of the *fib* Awards for Outstanding Concrete Structures is **27 October 2025**. The awards will then be presented at the 2026 *fib* Congress in Lisbon, Portugal in June 2026 (<https://fiblisbon2026.pt/>).

Entries from around the world are welcome, regardless of whether they are created by members of the *fib*. The work of the jury adheres to the principles outlined in the Swiss Standard SIA 142.

Structures entered in the competition must have been completed between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2025. The jury shall accept an older structure, completed between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, provided it was not submitted for the previous edition of the awards presented at the *fib* Oslo Congress in 2022.

Entries shall be submitted in electronic form only and must include the following:

- Completed entry form (available at <https://www.fib-international.org/federation/awards.html>);
- Short text of maximum 5 pages per entry, submitted as a PDF file, providing:
 - an overview of the history of the project,
 - a description of the main characteristics of the structure,
 - a brief outline of the outstanding structural features motivating the entry.
- Short description of this structure (statement of 500 to 1'000 words) that can be published in *Structural Concrete* as a Short Project Note.
- Four or five representative photos of the structure at various important stages of construction, including one of the completed structure. Photos must be submitted in JPEG or TIFF format in high resolution (i.e., 300 dpi at publication size) and must be larger than 213 mm × 185 mm.
- Important details or plans.
- Optional: Any footage of the structure, for instance during construction, after completion, etc.

NOTE: By submitting material (such as photos, plans, or footage) for the fib AOS, the owner grants the fib permission to use the material at its discretion. This includes, but is not limited to, publication in the Awards brochure, on the cover of the Structural Concrete journal, in promotional materials, on digital platforms, and in other communications. The fib will use the material in a manner that aligns with its role and purpose.

If credit is required, this must be clearly indicated in the file names when the material is submitted, and appropriate attribution will be provided.

Entries of up to 10 MB in total can be submitted by email to communications@fib-international.org. Should the total file size is larger than 10 MB, they may be submitted via

WeTransfer or any other secure means. For convenience, files should be compressed into a single file (ZIP or RAR). Hard copies of photos or documents will not be accepted.

The jury awards ‘*Awards*’ and ‘*Special Mentions*’ citations in each category. The number of awards and special mentions is at the absolute discretion of the jury and will be determined by the quality of the entrants and the number of entries received.

The jury will evaluate entries based on the following criteria:

- Design excellence – including aesthetics and detailing.
- Construction quality – including workmanship and best practices.
- Durability and environmental impact – considering the design and construction process.
- Sustainability – including resource efficiency and long-term performance against sustainability metrics and the *fib Roadmap to 2050*.
- Innovation and contribution – assessing the entry’s impact on advancing concrete construction.

Each entry must include headings corresponding to these criteria, clearly demonstrating how the structure meets each one.

The entry fee for the competition is 250 CHF (approximately 265 € or 275 USD) per project, to be paid at the time of submittal of the entry (see the entry form for payment information). The decisions of the jury are definitive and cannot be challenged.

By submitting an entry, the submitter agrees, if chosen as a winner, to send a representative to the Lisbon Congress in June 2026 to accept the award, with travel, lodging and congress registration fees at their expense.

To commemorate the awards *fib* will publish a colour A4 brochure presenting selected entries, including the ‘*Awards*’ and ‘*Special Mentions*’ recipients. The brochure will be distributed to *fib* members worldwide in approximately 800 copies, with additional copies distributed at the Lisbon Congress and electronic version in the *fib* webpage. Parties involved in the realisation of the submitted projects will be offered discounted rates for advertising in the brochure and purchasing additional copies.

For a free copy of the 2022 Awards brochure please contact the secretariat (publications@fib-international.org).

