

OAPA 2020/2021 Awards Criteria

Student Achievement in Planning

This category recognizes an exceptional project, study, or plan produced by individuals or teams of students enrolled in college or graduate school in planning or a related field. This award recognizes the value in connecting students and their work with the broader professional community, and provides a chance for professionals to gain access to the fresh ideas and enthusiasm embedded in the best academic work. Submittals do not need to be the product of coursework.

Criteria

- Describe how the nomination presents a visionary approach or innovative concept. Explain how the use of the planning process broadened accepted planning principles within the context of the situation.
- Describe how the nomination makes a significant contribution to its community, region, the State, or the field of planning.
- Demonstrate the connection between the success of this effort and increased awareness of the planning process.
- Describe how planning principles have been observed, especially in consideration to the nomination's effects on other public objectives. Identify how the nomination addresses issues important to the local community. Issues may include the built environment, natural resources, conservation areas, wildlife, and planning elements such as those addressing economic or social arenas.
- Presentation to the Awards Committee that describes how the student project has addressed the award criteria: 10 minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of questions. (Presentations will be scheduled after nominations close on Zoom/MS Teams Platform.)

Adaptive Leadership – Professional Planner

The Adaptive Leadership – Professional Planner Award recognizes a professional planner for outstanding leadership in the rapid planning and implementation of a strategy that increases the ability for a community to respond and recover from and adapt to shocks and stresses (e.g. public health or natural disasters, human-caused disasters, climate change, etc.).

Criteria

- Exceptional Practice. Specify how the nominee's work stands out and demonstrates exceptional practice.
- Describe how the nomination makes a significant contribution to its community, region, the State, or the practice and profession of planning.

- Effectiveness and results. Describe how the nomination has been effective in formulating ideas in support of good planning and in response to its context. Identify the level of influence and effectiveness achieved by the nomination within different segments of the community.
- Presentation to the Awards Committee that describes how the nominee's adaptive leadership has addressed the award criteria: 10 minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of questions. (Presentations will be scheduled after nominations close on Zoom/MS Teams.)

Distinguished Leadership – Lifetime Achievement

This award, given at the discretion of the OAPA Board, recognizes a person for their lifetime commitment and contribution to the planning profession and/or to the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association. Contributions to the planning profession by the nominee should date back at least 25 years from the nomination deadline. Nominees must be members of the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Criteria

- No criteria. This award is given at the sole discretion of the OAPA Board.