

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 – 30 June 2025. The jury may accept an older structure, completed one or two years prior to July 2021, provided it was not already submitted for the previous edition of the award (Oslo 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 whole structure, 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 bigger than 213 mm x 185 mm.
- Any important details or plans.
- Optional addition: 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 if the total file size is larger than 10 MB, they can 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 generally attributes one or two ‘Awards’ and two or three ‘Special Mentions’ citations in each category but may change these numbers according to the entries received. The jury members will take into account criteria such as:

- design aspects including aesthetics and design detailing,
- construction practice and quality of work;
- durability and environmental aspects of the design and its construction,
- sustainability aspects,
- significance of the contribution made by the entry to the development and improvement of concrete construction.

It is recommended that the entry gives information regarding the above listed criteria.

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 Mention’ 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).

