Friends of Planning
Project Excellence Competition

What

The Friends of Planning is sponsoring a team planning project competition for graduate planning students at the College of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Planning’s Design Excellence-Grad Expo. Awards will be made for first and second place finishers. The competition is intended to encourage collaboration among students and disciplines, foster enrichment of the graduate student experience, and facilitate mentoring through evaluation and feedback of student work efforts by locally practicing planners.

When & Where

Presentations will be scheduled on April 14th between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and will be held in CAPLA, Archon Room 400.

Awards

Project Excellence Awards:

First Place: $1,000
Second Place: $500

Criteria

Innovative: Originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures

Transferable: Potential application to other locations, projects, or areas of planning interest

Quality: Excellence of thought, analysis, design, composition, writing, graphics, and character of presentation

Implementation: Effectiveness of the work (proposals have been carried out, show promise of being carried out, or demonstrate an effective implementation technique)

Comprehensive: Planning principles have been observed, especially in considering a project’s effects on other public objectives
Presentations

Each team will present their planning project to a jury panel. Presentations should be 10-12 minutes in length with each team member participating in the presentation. Time for this event is limited and the jury reserves the right to cut off presentations that run longer than 12 minutes.

Jury of Professionals

Presentations will be evaluated by a jury of professional planners. Jury members will utilize the criteria listed above to evaluate team presentations. The jury will include Friends of Planning Board Members.

Contact

Entries, as outlined below, shall be submitted via email to: Dr. Ryan Perkl at rperkl@email.arizona.edu. Additional materials may be submitted as described below.

Questions regarding any aspect of the competition should be addressed to: Ryan Mahoney Friends of Planning, rmahoney@maranaaz.gov or Dr. Ryan Perkl, rperkl@email.arizona.edu.

Eligibility

Teams must include a minimum of one student enrolled in the University of Arizona of Graduate Planning Program to be eligible to receive an award. Only Planning students are eligible to receive the Project Excellence Awards, however all other CAPLA students are welcome to participate.

Submission Checklist

Entry Deadline: April 11, 2016

Submit entries and optional materials to: Dr. Ryan Perkl at rperkl@email.arizona.edu; Office: CAPLA A303H; Office Phone: (520) 621-2306.

Project Information Document that includes the following information:

- Entry Name/Title — Complete Title of the Entry
- Academic level of team members
- Project Contact Information — Jury members may contact a student participant or project advisor with questions specific to the project or submitted materials.
- Summary of Project (200-400 words) — Describe how this project meets the award criteria above.
Teams shall include a minimum of two students. Include the full names of all project team members, clearly indicating which are students, advisers, faculty, etc.

Optional Materials

No later than April 11, teams may submit materials that summarize or characterize their project.

Hard copies will not be accepted.

Image files

Include 5-6 separate image files that characterize this entry. Provide 1) a caption that provides context and shows the entry’s positive results or intended results, and 2) image credits: All images must be digital, copyright-free images and conform to the digital image requirements outlined below.

Project Report (if available)

Web-based report — if a final report was created in a web format, include the URL for viewing by the awards jury. The URL must be active between the submission date and April 30, 2016.

Optional materials may be submitted on CD-ROM. If the project report and materials are not web-based and will fit on a CD-ROM, please include and submit it to Dr. Ryan Perkl.

Large electronic files can also be submitted as follows:

1. Follow this link to an upload page:
   https://www.dropbox.com/request/vGUAxkeS3P2Xd3LD6Xe9?oref=e

2. Drag and drop files, fill out your name, and please place message with project title and team member names, etc.

3. Remember the information document outlined above must still be submitted via email to Dr. Ryan Perkl, rperkl@email.arizona.edu.

Text and graphics files need to be in one of these formats: .jpg, .gif, .ppt, .doc, .pdf, or .rtf.