

To prospective entrants, universities and design organisations

Notice of the Sixth British Ecological Design Awards 2026

The British Ecological Design Association invites work for the sixth British Ecological Design Awards under the theme “Regenerative Symbiosis: Designing for Living Systems”. The competition is open to students, designers, artists, architects and interdisciplinary teams worldwide. Entries should address real ecological or social needs and explain the evidence and design decisions behind their proposals.

Categories and eligibility

The three proposition briefs are Climate Resilience & Regenerative Cities; Circular Materials & Low-carbon Living; and Blue-green Ecologies & Shared Habitats. Proposition entries are free. Each individual or team may submit no more than two proposition works in total.

The six open categories are Visual Communication & Information Design; Product, Material & Packaging Design; Architecture, Interior, Landscape & Environment; Digital Media, Interaction & Service Design; Art, Photography & Public Art; and Fashion, Textiles & Craft Innovation. Open-category entries have no numerical limit. Each work may name up to four authors and up to four supervisors. Membership is not required.

Timetable

Entry period	21 September to 22 November 2026, closing at 23:59
Eligibility and judging	23 November to 8 December 2026
Provisional results	12 to 16 December 2026
Official results	18 December 2026 at 10:00

Awards and submission

Three Proposition Grand Awards are planned, normally one per brief. Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit awards are capped at 5%, 10%, 15% and 20% respectively of eligible works within each competition unit. Awards may be withheld where the required standard is not met. Confirmed winners receive verifiable electronic certificates.

Entries must be original. Material use of generative AI must be disclosed. Entrants must hold the rights needed for all third-party content and remain responsible for the accuracy of research and environmental claims. Complete rules and the dedicated entry link will be available through www.bedasso.org.uk/awards/2026/ when the competition is publicly released. Enquiries may be sent through www.bedasso.org.uk/contact/.

For and on behalf of the British Ecological Design Association

Authorised signatory

