



ASSISi Global Design and Innovation Awards, 2025

Invitation for Submissions and Requirements

The ASSISi Global Design and Innovation Awards recognize excellence in design and research for seismic isolation and energy dissipation technologies around the world.

Submissions are sought that demonstrate innovative and creative uses of seismic isolation and energy dissipation (SI & ED) technologies, and particularly that respect and enhance regional and vernacular construction methods and materials. Submissions may be new or retrofit construction, and may be a building, non-building structure or component, or a bridge or research project.

The selection of awards will be made by a distinguished panel of international jurors. There will be a minimum of five jurors. Jurors will be academics and professionals with research and design expertise in seismic isolation and energy dissipation technologies. The award assessment will be made solely on the contents and information included in the entry submission.

Final award categories will be established by ASSISi and the jury, based on the range of entries received.

The jury will consider:

- The creative use of SI or ED technologies to respect and enhance regional and vernacular construction methods and materials.
- The innovative use of SI or ED to facilitate a degree of architectural form and expression that would not otherwise have been possible with conventional structural design concepts.
- How SI or ED achieved a retrofit/upgrade solution that would not otherwise have been possible with conventional structural design concepts.
- The use of SI or ED to contribute to greater societal resilience to seismic hazard: enhancing emergency/disaster response, protecting living spaces, or ensuring business continuity.
- How SI or ED achieved high seismic performance at lower overall cost and minimized post-EQ repair and recovery.
- How the research project has increased the body of knowledge in relation to SI and/or ED technologies.
- How the research project has added to the practical application potential of SI and/or ED technologies.
- How the research project facilitates regionally appropriate SI and/or ED technologies and materials.

Entry requirements are as follows:

1. All entries shall be digital only and submitted as a single A1-sized (594 x 841 mm; either portrait or landscape OK) poster in PDF format, together with the completed 2025 ASSISi Awards Program Submission Form.
2. There is no fee to enter the competition.
3. The project or research must have been completed in the three (3) years prior to the award submission.

4. The entry shall include:

- The name and location (city, country) of the project, or the institution(s) at which the research was undertaken.
- The name of the researcher(s), or project architect, structural engineer, owner, contractor, and optionally SI or ED device manufacturer.
- The completion date of the project or research (month and year).
- Visual material to explain the project or research – high quality photos (during the work and/or on completion) drawings, diagrams.
- If a construction project, a short description of the project's architectural features.
- If a construction project, a description of the structural system, with explanation of the SI or ED technologies utilized.
- If a research project, a description of the research objectives, and investigative goals achieved.
- Explanation of the seismic performance achieved, and the functional and cost benefits achieved for the owner.

5. Only one entry may be submitted per project.

6. At least one member of the submission team shall be a current, paid member of ASSISi at the time the submission is made.

Additional Details

7. All entries shall be submitted via email to info@assisociety.org. The deadline for submission of entries is 23:59 UTC on ~~25 July 2025~~ 30 August 2025.

8. All entries received will be displayed on ASSISi's website and at 19WCSI.

9. Winners will receive:

- a. **Grand Prize:** Roundtrip airfare (maximum value \$1,500 USD) to attend 19WCSI in September 2025, and free conference registration (airfare and registration for one person).
- b. **Category Awards:** Recognition at 19WCSI.
- c. Each winning entry will receive an engraved plaque, and promotion via ASSISi's website and social media channels.

10. Winners will be notified directly and announced on ASSISi's website and via social media channels.

11. The jury and ASSISi Board may decide to make no awards if they consider that submissions do not meet a high standard.

12. All submitted text, images and drawings may be published by ASSISi online, or in digital or print publications. Further information on Consent & Rights to Usage of Materials can be found on the official ASSISi Awards Program Submission Form.

13. Jurors will not be directly associated with any submitted project.

14. Jury selections of all winners will be ratified by the ASSISi Board of Directors.