

2025 IDSA Awards Juror Role & Responsibilities

About IDSA Awards

IDSA Awards is a collection of awards presented in recognition of significant contribution to the Society or the industrial design profession, excellence in academic advancement, or individual achievement. This tradition and long-standing practice is one that dates back to the earliest days of our organization. Past recipients of these distinguished recognitions are some of the most celebrated industrial designers of all time and have made an indelible mark through their personal and professional successes.

IDSA Awards Categories

Deserving candidates are self-nominated or nominated by their peers through an open submission period each year. IDSA Award categories include:

- Individual Achievement Award
- Special Achievement Award
- Education Award
- Young Educator Award

Note: IDSA's Fellowship program selection is conducted concurrently through a separate process by a sub-committee of IDSA Fellows and is not included.

IDSA Awards Juror Role & Responsibilities

The Jury is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and scoring nominations and selecting recipients of each award, promoting the awards and winners, and offering feedback on juror experience. Specific responsibilities include:

- Participate in a virtual orientation and virtual committee meetings.
- Use IDSA's online awards platform for all review and scoring of nominations in the required timeframe. Members will spend three weeks evaluating online submissions individually, then spend 2 weeks in a phone/video conference call group discussion(s) in order to determine award recipients.
- Ensure fairness, consistency, and adhere to established evaluation criteria while evaluating assignments.
- Notify staff and IDSA Awards Jury Chair of any conflicts of interest and recuse themselves if they are not able to evaluate submission fairly without bias.
- Uphold confidentiality and impartiality throughout the evaluation process.
- Advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the evaluation process.

Additional Role & Responsibilities of the IDSA Awards Jury Chair

- Collaborate with staff to ensure timely progress towards award decisions.
- Ensure jurors understand their roles, responsibilities, and evaluation criteria.
- Prepare for and lead virtual deliberations.

Time Commitment (May – July)

- May /June (1-3 hours) – Initial kickoff committee meeting and orientation webinar / help solicit nominations during the open submission period.
- July (3-5 hours) – Review and evaluate nominations / select award recipients.
- The IDSA Awards Jury Chair can expect 2-4 additional hours to fulfill their responsibilities.

Eligibility to Serve

- Ability to commit to the time requirements.
- IDSA members in good standing and representative of IDSA's diverse communities.

Composition

- Five (5) members and inclusive of mix of academic and professional members.

Term

- One (1) year; up to two (2) consecutive terms.