



**ERICH  
MENDELSON  
AWARD 2023**

**FOR BRICK ARCHITECTURE**

**ENTRY DOCUMENTS**



COMPETITION

## ERICH MENDELSON AWARD 2023 FOR BRICK ARCHITECTURE

### WANTED: THE BEST BUILDINGS MADE FROM BRICK

The sixth Award for Brick Architecture will be dedicated to the visionary architect Erich Mendelsohn. It will honor distinguished achievements in construction and design that best showcase a special building material.

The Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 for Brick Architecture recognizes projects that are building bridges and use the potential of a traditional resource sustainably and future-proof to create special and remarkable pieces of architecture. Brick is the generic term for façade bricks fired from clay, which are also known as facing bricks or clinker bricks. Since 2008 the Award for Brick Architecture was held every three years and in that time has grown into one of the largest German architectural awards with more than 600 national and international entries.

The competition is looking for entrants that exhibit impressive brick architecture and create a tangible added value – either in economic, ecological, creative, or functional terms. This appears in the way details are worked out, in simplicity and uniformity, in the structure of the façade, in its color, and other aspects – regardless of the size of the building or its character. Does your reference convince, surprise and demand to be seen? The Brick Building Initiative and the jury are looking forward to your entry.

The Erich Mendelsohn Award for Brick Architecture is and remains an independent, non-commercial architectural competition – even if a participation fee is being charged since 2020. It only serves to cover the increased administrative costs. All fees are used for the award as an investment into the attractiveness of its public image and the quality of its publications. And ultimately, as award-winners the architects will benefit from the reputation the award has developed.

IN COOPERATION WITH **BDA** BUNDEUTSCHER ARCHITEKTINNEN UND ARCHITEKTEN

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# INFORMATION CONCERNING PARTICIPATION

## CATEGORIES

Prizes will be awarded to projects in the following categories:

- Detached house/semi-detached house
- Residential building/apartment complex
- Office and commercial buildings
- Public buildings, recreation and sport

Additional awards will be presented for:

- Renovation/Sustainability/Energy efficiency

In addition, the Newcomer Award for emerging architects will be awarded for the fourth time.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

The competition awards a total of EUR 10.000.

The prize money is divided up as follows:

Grand Prix: EUR 4.000

Gold Winner: EUR 1.000 in each category

It is at the discretion of the jury to distribute the prize money in a different manner.

## COMPETITION AND DECISION

An independent jury of experts, whose members are appointed by the initiators of the Erich Mendelsohn Award, judges the entries submitted. The jury meets in camera. The winners are notified after a decision has been reached. The awards ceremony will be held in Berlin in the autumn of 2023.

## JURY

The final composition of the high-caliber expert jury has not yet been decided. The participation of the following members has so far been confirmed:

- Susanne Wartzeck, President of the Association of German Architects BDA
- Ulrich Brinkmann, architect and editor of the architectural magazine Bauwelt

## TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

Those eligible to take part include architects, architectural teams and architectural/engineering teams, provided they are the intellectual creators of the buildings entered. Entries must meet the following requirements:

**1. Design:** For a building to be eligible, it has to employ bricks in a distinctive fashion, so that the particular architectural properties and the immense potential of the material are showcased.

**2. Completion:** A building is only eligible for submission if it has been completed after 01/01/2018. Buildings that were previously submitted for the Fritz Höger Award 2020 may be resubmitted, provided they have been completed after 01/01/2018 and were not nominated for the Fritz Höger Award 2020.

**Submission period: 01/09/2023 – 04/30/2023**

The documents for participation can only be submitted online at [erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry](https://erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry)

## Participation fee

A participation fee will be charged for the Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 for Brick Architecture and is due upon submission. It will be used exclusively to cover the increased administrative costs and to maintain and enhance the usual high quality of external communications. The Newcomer Award is exempted from the participation fee.

The participation fee applies to each project upon submission at [erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry](https://erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry). Our reduced early-bird fee of EUR 159 applies until February 28, 2023. The regular fee of EUR 197 will be charged from March 1, 2023.

## MEDIA PACKAGE

**Winners in the individual categories will receive an exclusive media package:**

- Certificate and trophy
- Winner's package (for display on the product and in communications)
- Visual material/winner's photo (participation in the awards ceremony is a prerequisite)
- Presence in the touring exhibition at numerous universities in Germany
- Press release including visual material
- Publication in the brick magazine VORTEILE
- Extensive press publications (print, digital, moving image)
- Presence in the digital channels of the Initiative Bauen mit Backstein

**Those who miss out on an award also benefit:**

- Invitation to the awards ceremony
- Inclusion in the database
- Inclusion in the press distribution list

# SIMPLY SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY ONLINE

## GENERAL

You can submit your entry for the Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 for Brick Architecture directly and exclusively online at [erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry](https://erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry). Ideally, it will include the following documents:

### 1. DESCRIPTION/PROJECT DATA/CV

- Project data
- Brief description
- Detailed project description (length 1.200 to 3.000 characters)
- Information about architects or architects' office

### 2. IMAGES/PLANS

- Images: 4 to 12 impactful photos of the property (incl. copyright)
- Plans: location map, floor plan, elevations, perspective views, façade cross section
- Additional material (optional): details, sketches, model photos, etc.



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[erich-mendelsohn-preis.com](https://erich-mendelsohn-preis.com)

## ONLINE SUBMISSION

Entries for the Erich Mendelsohn Award 2023 for Brick Architecture can only be submitted online. A participation fee will be charged for the submission of each project. You are able to temporarily save entries at any time and resume as often as you like at a later date up to the final submission of the project.

### STEP 1: LOGIN/REGISTRATION

Visit our website: [erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry](https://erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry)



- If you have already submitted a project to the award in the past, simply use your existing login data.
- If not, please register.

### STEP 2: CREATING PROJECTS/UPLOADING DATA

Log in and follow the instructions to create your project(s).



- Complete the fields marked with \*.
- Upload impactful visual material (DIN A4, 300 dpi, printable data)
- Plans and sketches (b/w, line art, PDF files).

### STEP 3: SUBMITTING PROJECTS AND PAYING THE PARTICIPATION FEE

Once you have finished describing and illustrating your project, you can submit it.



- A participation fee will be charged for the submission of each project.
- Participation fees vary and are payable immediately upon submission online via PayPal or credit card:  
Early-Bird: until 02/28/2023 – EUR 159  
Regular: 03/01/2023. through 04/30/2023 – EUR 197

### STEP 4: PROJECT REVIEW

Your data will be checked after you have submitted your project.



- If your entry is complete, your project will be accepted for the competition. Your project will be reactivated for editing if there are missing data.
- You will subsequently receive a confirmation e-mail with a project summary and a declaration of copyright.

### STEP 5: CONFIRM THE ENTRY



In addition to your online submission, send the signed declaration of copyright by post, fax, or e-mail to the address indicated below. That's it!

## SUBMISSION AND DELIVERY

### SUBMISSION PERIOD

**01/09/2023 - 04/30/2023**  
Complete entries must be submitted by 04/30/2023.

### POSTAL ADDRESS

Erich-Mendelsohn-Preis  
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### SUPPORT

We will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have concerning your entry.

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The attendance of the award ceremony is a prerequisite for any payment of prize money.