



# Building People Awards

Awards Partner 

## 2026 Entry form guidelines

### Key dates

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**14 April 2026**

Award entries OPEN

**1 July 2026**

Finalists announced

**1 June 2026**

Award entries CLOSE

**14 August 2026**

Awards Ceremony in Tāmaki | Auckland

**27 May – 10 August 2026**

Tickets on sale for Awards Ceremony

### How to enter

You'll need to read through the information below and prepare this prior to starting your entry. Entries will be accepted via the online entry form:

**Members entry form**

**Non-members entry form**

At Building Institute Aotearoa we are all about people. Our awards celebrate people in the building and construction industry doing great things. We recognise people at all stages, places and scales – from our inspiring Next Gen already making a difference to those working in major projects on site and behind the scenes.

The 2026 Building People Awards will take place on Friday 14th August at the New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC) in Auckland. We will be accepting entries and nominations from the 14th April 2026.

Individuals can nominate themselves, or you can nominate a colleague! All categories are for individuals, except the Project cost-band categories which can include up to 3 people and Collaboration which is for teams of up to 6 people.

### Cost

Building Institute Aotearoa Members can enter the Awards for FREE. Membership starts at \$360 + GST and you can [sign up here](#).

The entry cost for Non-members is \$360 + GST, with the following exceptions:

- Entry is free to a team (i.e. Collaboration category) where at least one team member is an Institute member;
- Entry is free to a nominee entering the 'Consultants Award' category who are members of: NZIA, ADNZ, Engineering NZ, or NZIQS;
- Entry is free to a nominee entering the 'Innovation Award' category who are members of: NZGBC and OffsiteNZ.

Below outlines what is required to complete the entry form. Remember that these awards are about the person, their individual performance in / on a project (not reflective of organisational policy outside their control).

The 'Project cost-band' categories are defined by the scale and cost of the project. Entrants can be working on construction projects, with these categories traditionally attracting entries from site-based leadership including project and construction managers running commercial construction projects. For the 'Project cost-band' categories, the project that the nominee/s has led, must have been practically completed (issuing of a CCC is not a prerequisite) during the period 1 January 2026 to 1 August 2026.

For the non-cost band categories much of the wording refers to the project as a building project however the project does not have to be a building; it could be an initiative, innovation or something else. These awards are about the person and the awesome work they have done – the project is a way to illustrate this work. Please get in touch if you have any questions about this [hello@buildinginstitute.nz](mailto:hello@buildinginstitute.nz)

## Award submission

Provide information on the name of the person/people, organisation + project (if applicable) you are submitting for this award.

## Categories

Select from **ONE** of the categories below (all categories have the same requirements/judging criteria). If you would like to enter a second category, you will need to complete a second entry.

Next Gen ([find out more about this award](#))

Emerging Leader

Health, Safety and Wellbeing

Collaboration

Consultants

Project Under \$10 Million Award

Project \$10-\$25 Million Award

Project \$25-\$50 Million Award

Project Over \$50 Million Award

Innovation

Digital Technology

Site Manager of the Year

## Nominee information

Note the Project cost-band categories will have space for up to 3 names in total & the Collaboration category will have space for up to 6 names in total.

Name

Role

Organisation

Location

Email

Mobile Number

(Emerging Leader) – must be aged 30 or under as of 1 August 2026.

## Nominator/Administrator information

**Please note: If you have an administrator in your team who will manage your entry, and any other logistics relating to the Awards, please include their details.**

Name

Role

Organisation

Location

Email

Mobile Number

## Upload files – photo + video

One high resolution head-and-shoulders photo of the Nominee/s (file size limit 1MB per photo). **If you are submitting an entry for more than one person, you will need to email the remaining images through to [hello@buildinginstitute.nz](mailto:hello@buildinginstitute.nz). These images will be used on the night so they need to be high-res.**

One video – 1-2 mins max

**Please provide a short video speaking to one of the criteria points by providing a personal story that encapsulates that criteria (optional).**

- Video is a piece to camera of the nominee speaking to their phone (or a personal Teams or Zoom recorded meeting) – it does not have to be professional or edited
- Video maximum length is between 1-2 minutes

**Note: This is NOT a mandatory requirement, but will allow the judges further insight into the nominee/s.**

## Project information

**If your entry is not associated with a project, leave this section blank.**

Project Name

Project Location (Town or City)

Project Cost (Under \$10M, \$10M–\$25M, \$25M–\$50M, Over \$50M)

Confirm the project was completed between 1 January 2025 and 1 August 2026

## Project description (if applicable)

In 500 words or less, please tell us what this project was, who was involved and why it was special. This section is designed help judges understand the project context and, most importantly, the people behind the delivery.

**For Project Specific entries, please include:**

- Who the client, developer and consultants were.
- What the project involved and what the brief was trying to achieve.
- The nominee's role and contribution to the project.
- How many people were involved in the project and/or on site.
- Anything unusual, challenging or technically interesting about the work.
- Environmental or sustainability features.
- The project's benefit to the built environment.
- The main reasons this project stands out and the contribution made by the nominee and team.

### For non-project entries, please include:

- The nominee's role and context.
- The contribution they have made.
- How they have demonstrated leadership, initiative, innovation or professionalism.
- How they have supported or influenced others.
- The impact of their work or contribution.
- Why they are a strong candidate for this award.

**Note: Entries without a specific project tied to the submission may apply to categories including emerging leader, consultants, innovation, digital technology and/or site manager of the year. Where possible throughout the submission, please use specific examples and explain the difference the nominee has made.**

### Collaboration (involvement from other parties) – collaboration category only

Provide details of others involved in the Project:

Client; Project Manager; Quantity Surveyor; Architect; Engineer; Main Contractor; Specialist Trade; Services; Other

Details required for each:

- Name
- Role
- Organisation
- Email
- Mobile

### Photos

Please upload up to 5 high-res images of the project. Note these must be in PDF or JPEG format, minimum 300 dpi and maximum 4 MB each. These images will be used on the night.

Image 1

Image 2

Image 3

Image 4

Image 5

### Criteria – individual input boxes

These awards recognise the people behind the projects. Please use one project example to show how the nominee personally contributed, including their role, actions, influence and impact. We are looking for more than a project summary, so please focus on what the nominee/s did, how they worked with others, and the difference they made.

#### 1. Excellence in Technical Fundamentals | Kairangi

- Please describe the nominee's role in the project and how they demonstrated strong technical judgement, problem-solving and high standards.
- Include examples of how their decisions or actions helped manage complexity, improve quality, or deliver a better outcome.

#### 2. Project Delivery & Collaboration | Mahi tahi

- Please describe the nominee's role in driving collaboration and helping the project team work effectively together.

- Include examples of how they built relationships, kept people aligned, and contributed to successful delivery through teamwork and communication.

### 3. Leadership & People Development | Hautūtanga

- Please describe how the nominee led, supported or developed others within the project environment.
- Include examples of mentoring, coaching, ownership, initiative or leadership behaviours that helped others perform at their best.

### 4. Health, Safety & Wellbeing | Wairuatanga

- Please describe how the nominee contributed to health, safety and wellbeing within the project.
- Include examples of actions they took to support safer practices, identify risks, or create a more positive and sustainable working environment.

### 5. Professionalism, Respect & Inclusion | Manaakitanga

- Please describe how the nominee demonstrated professionalism, respect, integrity and care throughout the project.
- Include examples of how they built trust, supported others, and created an inclusive and positive environment for those involved.

### 6. Future Focus & Innovation | Ā mua

- Please describe how the nominee showed future-focused thinking or introduced new ideas during the project.
- Include examples of how they helped improve methods, solve problems in new ways, or influence better practice that could benefit others beyond this project.

## References

**Please note: Phone calls to referees may occur at the discretion of the Awards judges.**

Please provide 2 referees that the judges may contact

Please include:

- Referee's name
- Role
- Organisation
- Email address
- Mobile number

## Agreement to conditions

A copy of your entry will be emailed to you after you click Submit.

By submitting this Official Entry Form, the Nominee and Nominator(s) hereby agree to be bound by the Conditions of these Awards. The Building People Awards are open to those who participate in the building of Aotearoa's built environment. Nominees must be New Zealand residents with the project tied to their nomination in New Zealand, and for the 'Cost-band' categories, have been practically completed (the issuing of a CCC is not a prerequisite) during the period 1 January 2025 to 1 August 2026. The nominee and Nominator accept(s) that the judging decision of the Building People Awards is final.

Is the Nominee a Building Institute Aotearoa (formerly NZ Institute of Building) Member?

**Yes**

**No**