

# Queensland Government Planning Awards 2024

Guidelines for Awards



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## The Queensland Government Planning Award for 'Wicked Planning Problem'

### Background

Following the 2022 Awards Evaluation Report recommendations, it was proposed to update the format of one of the categories for the 2023 awards. The initiative stems from the premise to incorporate a more interactive, student driven format. It was decided this format would continue for 2024.

The 'Wicked Planning Problem' category invites university students to outline (individually or in teams of up to 3 students) the solution to a wicked planning problem of their choosing. Their submissions will present the planning issue and their proposed solution. Shortlisted submissions will deliver a presentation (up to 10 minutes) to the Senior Leadership Team of Planning Group either virtually or in-person.

This award is open to undergraduate, post-graduate and masters planning students.

Students from the following universities can nominate themselves for this award: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, the University of Southern Queensland, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

### Award

One overall award is presented to an outstanding student or team of students, with up to two highly commended runner ups also recognised.

The winner will be the submission which presents a solution to a planning problem that is considered innovative, practical, original and scalable.

The winner/s of this category will receive a 4-week paid internship with the department. The winner/s may be included in a media statement and their submission presented in our website.

The name of the prize-winning nominee/s and university they attend may be published. However, no additional personal information will be given out without the prior consent of the prize-winning nominee/s.

The award will be presented during the annual Planning Institute of Australia 2024 Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence, to be held on 8 November 2024.

## Assessment Criteria

Weighted Criteria	Weighting
<b>Addressing a ‘wicked’ planning problem or opportunity:</b> The wicked problem is a ‘real world’ issue, and the solution is innovative and contributes to communities being well-planned, prosperous, resilient, and sustainable.	60%
<b>Practicality:</b> The solution to the wicked problem also illustrates how it can be implemented. It is practical to the work of planning practitioners.	20%
<b>Readability</b> ( <i>written submission</i> ): Ideas and arguments are presented logically and clearly, assessed from the point of view of a planning practitioner.	10%
<b>Compelling</b> ( <i>live or virtual presentation</i> ): Presentations to the judging panel are knowledgeable, well organised, engaging, and delivered with conviction.	10%

Mandatory Criteria
<b>Original work:</b> The submission needs to be the students’ original work, except for any permitted third-party material, and has not been published elsewhere.
<b>Permitted third-party material:</b> The submission does not include any third-party material unless it is appropriately used, acknowledged and referenced in accordance with standard academic practice and copyright

## Entries

Students from eligible universities may nominate their own entry if they consider it meets the above criteria.

Prior to applying, students must read this guideline and the department’s privacy and security statement.

Please complete the online nomination form and upload the relevant documentation in PDF format. If you do not wish to submit your entry online, download a word form and email with your documents to [learn-planning@dildilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:learn-planning@dildilgp.qld.gov.au).

Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 27 September 2024.

## Female Student in Planning Award (university nomination)

### Background

The Female Student in Planning Award will be presented to one female university undergraduate (second, third or fourth year) recognised as being an outstanding student.

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works invites universities to nominate up to three students for consideration.

The following universities can nominate students for this award: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, the University of Southern Queensland, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

**The award is only open to university nomination. Students may not nominate themselves for this award.**

### Award

One award will be presented to a female student who meets the criteria outlined below.

The winner will be chosen based on a rationale (750 words maximum) submitted by their university that addresses the assessment criteria.

The winner will be offered a four-week paid internship with the department, subject to the department's standard engagement conditions and criteria.

The award is intended to:

- encourage and champion women into the profession with the aim to ultimately take leadership positions and increase the number of women in planning
- give students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the state's role and contribution to planning early in their career
- strengthen links between universities and the department.

The name of the prize-winning nominee and university they attend may be published. However, no additional personal information will be given out without the prior consent of the prize-winning nominee.

The award will be presented during the annual Planning Institute of Australia 2024 Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence, to be held on the 8th of November 2024.

### Assessment criteria

This award will be given to a female student who displays one or more of the following characteristics:

Criteria
Outstanding results in the study of planning at undergraduate level during the current academic year (2024).
Involved in a planning student association that is enhancing the experience of planning students at the university.
Shows promise of high achievement in the planning field.

## Entries

Each university is invited to nominate up to three students who meet one or all of the above criteria.

Prior to applying, please ensure each nominated student has read this guideline and the department's privacy and security statement.

Please complete the online nomination form and upload the relevant documentation in PDF format. If you do not wish to submit your entry online, download a word form and email with your documents to [learn-planning@dasilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:learn-planning@dasilgp.qld.gov.au).

Entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 27 September 2024.

## Indigenous Student in Planning Award (university nomination)

### Background

The Indigenous Student in Planning Award will be presented to one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander university undergraduate recognised as being an outstanding student.

The Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works invites universities to nominate up to three students for consideration.

The following universities can nominate students for this award: The University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, the University of Southern Queensland, and the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The award is only open to university nomination. Students may not nominate themselves for this award.

### Award

One award will be presented to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who meets the criteria outlined below.

The winner will be chosen based on a rationale (750 words maximum) submitted by their university that addresses the assessment criteria.

The winner will be offered a four-week paid internship with the department, subject to the department's standard engagement conditions and criteria.

The award is intended to:

- encourage and champion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander into the profession with the aim to ultimately take leadership positions and increase the number of First Nations peoples in planning
- give students the opportunity to develop an understanding of the state's role and contribution to planning early in their career
- strengthen links between universities and the department.

The name of the prize-winning nominee and university they attend may be published. However, no additional personal information will be given out without the prior consent of the prize-winning nominee.

The award will be presented during the annual Planning Institute of Australia 2024 Queensland Awards for Planning Excellence, to be held on the 8th of November 2024.

## Assessment criteria

This award will be given to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who displays one or more of the following characteristics:

Criteria
Outstanding results in the study of planning at undergraduate level during the current academic year (2024).
Involved in a planning student association that is enhancing the experience of planning students at the university. Overcome personal hardship or adversity to achieve excellence in academic studies.
Shows promise of high achievement in the planning field.

## Entries

Each university is invited to nominate up to three students who meet one or all of the above criteria.

Prior to applying, please ensure each nominated student has read this guideline and the department's privacy and security statement.

Please complete the online nomination form and upload the relevant documentation in PDF format. If you do not wish to submit your entry online, download a word form and email with your documents to [learn-planning@dasilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:learn-planning@dasilgp.qld.gov.au).

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