

ERICH MENDELSON AWARD 2026

FOR BRICK ARCHITECTURE

Terms of participation

Architects, architectural/engineering firms, builders, and third parties are eligible to participate, provided they submit a declaration of intellectual authorship for the submitted documents. In addition, the Newcomer Award is a separate award for young architects. It is aimed at students, graduates, and young architects who graduated from university no more than four years ago.

Submissions must meet the following requirements:

1. Construction method: Buildings with a concept or design whose main feature is the use of brick are eligible for submission. Brick is understood here as a generic term for facade bricks fired from clay, i.e., tiles, facing bricks, clinker bricks, or even clinker brick slips. In the past, however, the organizers and jury have repeatedly shown themselves to be open to creative interpretations and applications that go beyond this. This should continue to be the case.

2. Construction period: Brick projects completed on or after January 1, 2021, are eligible for submission. Properties already submitted for the 2023 Erich Mendelsohn Award for Brick Architecture may be resubmitted, provided they have not been nominated for the 2023 Erich Mendelsohn Award for Brick Architecture. The jury will select the winners from the submitted projects. The jury will be chaired by architect and professor Dr. Michael Giesmann, who is also the director of the Brick Institute.

When and how can projects be submitted?

During the submission period from January 5 to April 30, 2026, you can submit your application for the 2026 Erich Mendelsohn Award for Brick Architecture directly and exclusively online at erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry. To do so, log in with your architect profile at erich-mendelsohn-preis.com and upload your projects under "My Projects." Until the final submission, you can save your entries at any time and continue them as often as you like at a later date.

Participation fee

A participation fee is charged for the Erich Mendelsohn Award 2026 for Brick Architecture, which is payable upon submission of a project. It serves exclusively to cover the increased administrative costs and to maintain and improve the quality of the external image. The Newcomer Award is exempt from the participation fee. The participation fee applies per project and is payable immediately upon online submission at erich-mendelsohn-preis.com/entry. It amounts to 349 euros (plus VAT).

Please note that only complete documents submitted on time can be considered by the jury. The copyright declaration, which participants receive immediately after submitting their project, must be signed and sent by email to info@erich-mendelsohn-preis.com or by post to "Erich Mendelsohn Award for Brick Architecture, Am Mittelhafen 10, 48155 Muenster" to complete the application. Once the copyright declaration has been received and the project has been reviewed, it is considered eligible for the competition. Competition entries must be submitted in full by April 30, 2026.

I have read the [terms and conditions of participation](#) and hereby confirm them.

City, date

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