



Delta Culture Awards 2026

Objective ADI-FAD, the Industrial Design Association of Fostering Arts and Design, invites young recent design graduates to enter their Dissertation, Master's or Postgraduate Project for the 2026 Medals as part of this year's Delta Awards.

Created in 1976, staged biennially and in parallel to the ADI-FAD Delta Awards, which have been presented since 1961, the Delta Medals were established in order to contribute to building bridges between the academic sphere and the industrial world. The award enjoys a long tradition in our country's design landscape, fostering the future talent of younger generations.

30 editions of the Delta Medals have been staged over the past 50 years, always guided by the goal of recognising and promoting innovative projects, placing special emphasis on the creative process and on research; on formal, functional, and aesthetic resolution; environmental suitability; social impact; and on the appropriate application of technologies and materials.

Participation The competition is open to all young designers whose Dissertation Project has been approved between 2024 and the end of the current call, and who have attended any school offering higher-level studies in industrial design, product design or related disciplines.

It is open to all Spanish or foreign students who have completed their dissertation project at a Spanish school, as well as to Spanish students who have done so abroad.

Projects that have been entered for the Delta Medals in previous editions or that have been marketed before the closing of registrations are excluded.

Procedure Registration may be made on one's own initiative, by invitation or suggestion of the observers appointed by the ADI-FAD Board, or by third parties.

All projects registered between December 2025 and January 2026 shall be appraised by a jury composed of professionals from design, communication and education, both national and international.

The jury will shortlist a maximum of twelve projects from among all entries and will award one Gold Medal, two Silver Medals and nine Bronze Medals to the projects they deem meritorious.

The shortlisted projects shall be eligible for the Public Opinion Medal, and all of them shall be displayed at the Delta Awards 2026 exhibition and included in the biennial Delta 2026 publication.

Awards

Shortlisted Projects The shortlisted projects shall receive:

- Publication of the project in the Delta 2026 book
- One copy of the Delta 2026 book
- Presence on the Delta Awards website
- Presence at the Delta Awards 2026 exhibition
- Invitation to the Delta Awards 2026 ceremony
- Promotional support in the ADI-FAD and FAD media
- Inclusion in the special press release on the shortlisted projects

Gold Medal The Gold Medal winner shall receive:

- Delta Gold Medal trophy
- Delta Gold Medal diploma
- Official Delta Gold Medal seal
- Distinguishing mark in the Delta Awards 2026 exhibition
- Inclusion in the special press release on the winners
- Registration for an international workshop at Boisbuchet
- Free one-year ADI-FAD membership as a Talent member
- Participation as a jury member for the 2028 Medals

Silver Medal The Silver Medal winners shall receive:

- Delta Silver Medal trophy
- Delta Silver Medal diploma
- Official Delta Silver Medal seal
- Distinguishing mark in the Delta Awards 2026 exhibition
- Inclusion in the special press release on the winners
- Free one-year ADI-FAD membership as a Talent student member

Bronze Medal The Bronze Medal winners shall receive:

- Delta Bronze Medal diploma
- Official Delta Bronze Medal seal

Public Opinion Medal The Public Opinion Medal winner shall receive:

- Official Delta Public Choice Medal seal
- Distinguishing mark in the Delta Awards 2026 exhibition
- Inclusion in the special press release on the winners

All projects shortlisted by the jury may compete for the Delta Medals Public Opinion Award, which is granted through a popular vote. There shall only be one winner chosen from among all projects.

Jury Appraising the projects entered for the 2026 Medals shall take place in two stages:

First Stage The jury, individually, will analyse all candidatures entered and make a pre-selection of the projects that will go forward to the next stage.

Second Stage The pre-selected projects shall be appraised by the jury in an online session, where they shall be assessed collectively. A physical prototype shall be requested for the 12 shortlisted projects.

The jury will appraise the projects in two categories: Individual projects and group projects, and this shall be taken into account in their scoring.

In these sessions, projects shall be appraised by the jury anonymously, without knowledge of the school or the student's name. The Medals jury shall consist of 5 members. If any jury member is related to any of the entered projects, they shall abstain from voting. During deliberations, in the event of a tie, the jury's chairperson has the casting vote.

The jury will issue its substantiated and final verdict and present the prizes at the public ceremony of the Delta Awards in July 2026. The jury may not declare the competition void but reserves the right to modify the award allocation conditions.

Appraisal Criteria The appraisal criteria shall be:

- Research suitability justifying the proposal and formal resolution
- The proposal's innovative nature in the conceptual, functional, aesthetic, strategic, productive, social and economic fields
- The product's communication effectiveness (this point assesses whether the product "explains itself" or is understandable to the user, both visually and functionally)
- Integration of technology and design
- Product usability (analyses how effective, easy and pleasant the product is to use. Includes: Ergonomics, Accessibility, Logic of use, User experience)
- Sustainability aspects and environmental suitability

Registration The registration period opens on December 4, 2025 and closes on January 19, 2026. The date is subject to change at ADI-FAD's discretion.

Registration is carried out via an online form at adifad.org/inscripciones.

Entries that do not submit all required documentation according to the indicated parameters shall be disqualified.

It is essential that all submitted materials are anonymous and referenced with the project title; projects showing the author's name or educational institution shall not be accepted.

Documentation 1

Digital DIN-A2 board, vertical and anonymous, explaining the project through images and text. Formats: PDF or high-resolution JPG.

Board content:

- Project title
- Project description: A brief text including a descriptive headline of 150 characters in Catalan or Spanish; English is mandatory
- Images and/or plans of the project
- Model or prototype in images

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Video: Link to an explanatory video of the project, showing the product prototype.

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Texts: All texts must be submitted in Catalan or Spanish; English is mandatory.

- Brief text describing the product type and the innovation it provides (150 characters)
- Full description of the product attributes (800 characters)
- Report: Digital supporting document, PDF

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Images: Three images of the product in 300 dpi high-resolution format. Files must be named as follows: “project name_01_copyright”, “project name_02_copyright”, “project name_03_copyright”.

- * Copyright refers to authorship or ownership of the images.

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Enrolment: A copy of the enrolment in the last completed course or a document certifying this (if the work is carried out by several students, only one proof of enrolment is required). Format: PDF or JPG.

The jury will select twelve projects from among all entries. In March 2026, these projects competing for the Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Public Opinion Medals shall be made public. All prototypes of the shortlisted projects shall be displayed at the Delta Awards 2026 exhibition.

Legal Information

Exhibition The shortlisted projects shall be displayed in the Delta Awards exhibition; prototypes or models must remain in place until the end of the exhibition.

ADI-FAD will insure the prototypes or models from the moment of their delivery until the scheduled collection date, for a maximum value of €100 per project. The organisation will not be liable for any items not collected on the stipulated date. ADI-FAD, as the insurance policyholder for the exhibition, is responsible for any

possible damage and compensation, provided it falls within the parameters set down by the insurance. Neither FAD nor ADI-FAD is liable for any damage sustained by the exhibited items beyond what is strictly stipulated and approved by the insurance. Neither FAD nor ADI-FAD is liable for any damage or incidents that the shortlisted items may sustain during transport to or from the FAD.

Once the exhibition has ended, the shortlisted participants shall be informed by email of the date and location for collecting their items. If the material is not collected within the stipulated period, ADI-FAD may dispose of it as it sees fit.

Transport costs to or from the FAD, or to or from any designated warehouse, shall be borne by the participant. During transport of each project, all ancillary costs, including packaging, transport and insurance as well as registration fees and the cost of any other materials required for the project's presentation, shall fall to the participant.

The projects entered shall remain at the disposal of ADI-FAD so that the organisation can promote and publicise the award-winning and shortlisted projects.

Rights of the Delta Medals 2026

The award-winning products may use the approved Delta Medals brand (seals), in the respective Gold, Silver, Bronze and Public Opinion versions. Use of the trademarks shall comply with ADI-FAD's graphic standards.

Dissemination

ADI-FAD reserves the right to organise different promotional activities, including a travelling exhibition featuring the shortlisted and award-winning products. For this reason designers shall, whenever possible, provide the displayed material for the shortlisted or award-winning project when requested by ADI-FAD for such events.

Legal Conditions

ADI-FAD is not liable for the accuracy of the data provided by participants.

Participation in these Awards implies full acceptance of the conditions, the interpretation of which corresponds to the ADI-FAD Board.

The call for the Delta Medals 2026 shall be made public by means of these conditions and through their dissemination in the media.

The materials and projects submitted belong to their authors, this being an inalienable property. The entered design may not in any way infringe the intellectual and/or industrial property rights of any third party. Liability, should any third-party rights be infringed, rests with the participant.

Participants shall declare the names of any third parties that may have intellectual, moral or other rights in relation to that entry, design or development. Participants shall be able to demonstrate, upon request, that any third-party rights have been transferred, licensed in favour of the participant(s), or have been properly waived.

By participating in the competition, participants agree to these Official Rules and Terms and Conditions, which are final and binding in all respects, specifying that the Jury is not obliged to explain the reasons for its decisions. Should the Jury decide that any of the shortlisted or award-winning projects have become ineligible, it will choose a new winner (or new shortlist) at its own discretion.

Entries may be displayed at the discretion of ADI-FAD, which reserves the right not to display any works deemed inappropriate.

Participants consent to being included in any photographs, interviews, films/videos, or similar promotional activities relating to this competition, as reasonably requested by ADI-FAD, without any additional payment. Specifically, the use of the participant's name, biography, image, photos, and/or ADI-FAD videos/films and related marketing materials is duly authorised.

ADI-FAD accepts no liability for late, lost, corrupted, illegible, or incomplete entries. Any entry in these circumstances shall be rejected at ADI-FAD's absolute discretion. Proof of the entry's submission shall not be accepted as proof of delivery.

Should any participant (including national and international winners) fail to comply with any of these official rules or terms and conditions, they shall be disqualified and must immediately return any prize received to ADI-FAD.

The participant releases ADI-FAD and any of its partners, directors and employees from any liability for injury, loss or damage of any kind relating to participation in the competition or resulting from acceptance, possession or use/misuse of any prize.

ADI-FAD reserves the right to reproduce, in publications and magazines, any of the entered projects and undertakes to always credit the author and manufacturer.

ADI-FAD is not responsible for any claims of plagiarism, damage or theft that the products may suffer for reasons beyond the organisation's control.

ADI-FAD reserves the right to amend any aspect of the conditions or the submission format.

The ADI Medals are governed by Spanish law and shall be interpreted accordingly. Any claim or issue arising under or in connection with this competition, the prize, or these Official Conditions shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Spain.

Privacy Policy

We hereby inform you that the data voluntarily provided during the entire competition shall be processed by ADI-FAD in order to respond to your application for participation in the Delta Awards, for managing and organising the competition, and for communicating future calls. Your data shall not be shared with third parties, except when necessary for the provision of the service, according to the specific rules of the competition, or legal obligations. You may exercise your rights of access, rectification, limitation, portability, opposition and deletion of the data via the email adi@adifad.org.

Additionally, ADI-FAD shall communicate to the Banc Sabadell Foundation, as a collaborator of the awards, the personal, academic and career data of any award-winning individuals and shall provide their image for promotional purposes carried out by the BS Foundation.

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For any observations and/or queries:**

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