

Rules and Regulations of the IREBS Dupuis Award for Affordable Housing

§ 1 The Award

- (1) The IRE|BS Foundation for African Real Estate Research (the 'Foundation') may, but has no obligation to, award the IREBS Dupuis Award for Affordable Housing (the 'Award'), considering the following rules and regulations.
- (2) The Award should be presented once a year to a person, a team, a company or an institution that has shown outstanding, innovative research or innovative, scalable solutions to create or facilitate access to affordable housing for the growing urban population in Africa. Contributions with a focus on sustainability are particularly welcome.
- (3) The Award comprises of
 - a prize money of US\$2,500
 - where feasible, an award presentation at an event of the African Real Estate Society (AfRES) or the IREBS International Real Estate Business School at Regensburg University, Germany
 - where applicable, the opportunity to present the research and project at an AfRES or IREBS event
 - where applicable, the submission of a paper in the Journal of African Real Estate Research (JARER)

§ 2 Prize Criteria

The Award can be awarded in one of the following categories:

§2a Affordable Housing Research

- (1) Submissions should present original and innovative research on affordable housing markets or the development, financing or construction of affordable housing with clear relevance to African urban regions and their legal, administrative, socio-cultural, economic, or technical conditions. 'Research' may include the development of innovative methodologies and analysis techniques.
- (2) Contributions should emphasize the benefit of the findings rather than their historic literary pedigree. As such, submissions do not need to be structured in line with academic journal requirements. Alternative structures, e.g. professional report format, are acceptable.
- (3) Submissions must demonstrate rigour in both the approach taken and conclusions reached.

§2b Affordable Housing Solutions

- (4) Submissions should present original and innovative solutions ranging from access to land, land use and planning, project or individual financing including mobilization of alternative resources, design, construction technology, or project organization, that are improving the access to humane housing for commercially or otherwise disadvantaged populations of African urban regions.
- (5) Contributions should focus on solutions that have successfully been implemented or are currently in the process of implementation and that are scalable to benefit increasing numbers of urban poor.

- (6) It is the applicants' responsibility to ensure that the solutions can be made public without infringing on intellectual property rights.

§3 Applications

Applications will be considered by

- (1) Researchers, lecturers, or consultants of African origin or that affiliated to an African real estate or other academic or research institution working in the field of affordable housing
- (2) Companies or institutions that have successfully conducted research or implemented forward-looking solutions for affordable housing in Africa or are in the process of doing so.

§4 Submission of Applications

- (1) Applications should be submitted by email directly to the Foundation on info@afres.org.
- (2) The deadline for submission of applications is 30th June of each year.
- (3) Academic theses must be submitted along with any available grading or judgement by the supervisor.
- (4) Submissions of research papers
 - will typically be between 5,000 and 7,500 words
 - have to state any involvement or sponsorship by third parties and/or whether the paper has been submitted for other prizes. Papers that have been submitted for other prizes may only be considered with the explicit consent of the Foundation. Sponsored pieces may be submitted with the written consent of the sponsor. A copy of this consent should be included with the submission.
 - Only completed research papers will be considered by the Judging Panel.
- (5) Submissions of affordable housing solutions
 - will typically be a project report of not more than 15 pages excluding attached designs, photos etc.
 - have to state precise project location, size, cost to the end user, beneficiaries, project timeline, organizational setup, project partners and funding
 - needs to name two independent referees who can be contacted by the foundation
 - have to state whether the project or solution has been submitted for other prizes. Projects or solutions that have been submitted for other prizes may only be considered with the explicit consent of the Foundation. Sponsored projects may be submitted with the written consent of the sponsor. A copy of this consent should be included with the submission.

§5 Management of the Prize

- (1) The Foundation is not obliged to award the prize each year.
- (2) The Foundation can increase or reduce the prize money and alter the other benefits of the award as per §1(3) without further notice.
- (3) The Foundation intends to decide by early September of each year and to announce the winners at the respective AfRES Conference.

- (4) The Judging Panel should comprise individuals with broad and substantial experience from both academia and practice. The Foundation will appoint judges typically from its own ranks, from the African Real Estate Society or eminent figures from real estate research, education, or practice, but has no obligation to reveal the appointed Judging Panel to the public.
- (5) The prize money is to be paid to the winner personally, where possible via international bank transfer.
- (6) All of the above may be changed at the discretion of the Foundation.