Application Guide 2026

Coliving Awards is the first award ceremony dedicated to highlighting key innovators, actors and ideas that are shaping the coliving industry.

If you are reading this guide, you are most likely considering and already preparing your application to the Coliving Awards 2026. It is imperative that you follow the instructions and requirements in order to prove your eligibility and position within the competition.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. We look forward to receiving your application and of course wish you the best of luck!

For Frequently Asked Questions, please check our [FAQ page](#).
For any further questions or queries, you can send us an email to connect@colivingawards.com.

Eligibility, Criteria & Process

Phase 1: Eligibility

In phase one, all applications will be reviewed by our internal team to make sure that all criteria are being met. During the eligibility phase our team will not judge or give a specific score to your application. We will simply make sure that the specific set of criteria are well represented in the deliverables from each applicant.

The criteria for each category includes a checklist and a set of relevant questions which need to be answered within the application and presentation in order to qualify. Please note that applications that do not directly respond to the criteria checklist and application questions and are not written in English will not be eligible to be evaluated by our lead judge and jury panel.

Phase 2: Evaluation from Lead Judge (Criteria & Evaluation Questions)

After our team reviews the applications for eligibility, our lead judge will evaluate all eligible presentations from his / her own category for phase two. According to the criteria checklist and required answers to respective questions, our lead judge will give a score for each application, which will result in the selection of maximum 4 finalists and 1 or more honourable mentions.

Phase 3: Jury Panel & Public Vote

Further evaluation by the whole jury panel will also be based on the set criteria and respective questions, and our wider jury panel will be responsible for nominating the winners of each category, alongside the public vote and the previous scores from each jury member.

Transparent Voting Procedure

Our voting system is based on the combination of different voting power percentages, accounting for: the expertise based evaluation by our lead jury member (35%), a congregate of votes by the jury panel (30%) and a public vote by industry stakeholders and audience through LinkedIn (35%).

The audience vote remains visible for the public to follow throughout the process, however the final results will be disclosed during the awards ceremony.

To see more about our voting procedure, you can review our FAQ page.

Interior & Furniture Design

Environments and designs that inspire pride, comfort, and adaptability

Category Description

Coliving interiors should go beyond aesthetics - they must create a deep sense of belonging, comfort, and identity while seamlessly adapting to residents' diverse needs and lifestyles. Thoughtfully designed environments provide a sanctuary while also fostering social connection, offering a balance between private and shared experiences.

This category recognises designers who push the boundaries of interior and FF&E innovation, integrating biophilia, modularity, circularity, sociability, and personalisation into coliving spaces. Whether through smart furniture solutions, sensory-friendly environments, or hybrid-use designs that support work-life integration, these innovations redefine how we experience shared living.

For whom?

Interior designers, product designers, furniture designers, design studios, in-house design teams.

Eligibility Checklist

Your application will be considered eligible according to the criteria below:

1) **Innovative Manufacturing & Design Process**: Your product / design is created through a transparent, efficient, and sustainable manufacturing system/design process.
2) **Use of Innovative & Sustainable Materials**: Your product/design uses cutting-edge, sustainable practices and materials (e.g., biophilia, modularity, prefabrication, upcycling, etc.), contributing to its long-term sustainability and environmental impact.
3) **Fosters Wellbeing, Interaction, Productivity & Creativity**: Your product / design enhances social interaction, productivity, and creativity, enabling residents and the public to engage meaningfully within the space.
4) **Scalability & Durability**: Your product / design is created with scalability, circularity, and long-term durability in mind, ensuring it adapts to different settings and continues to serve its purpose effectively over time.
5) **Comfort & Personalisation**: Your product / design offers flexibility and personalisation, fostering a sense of ownership, pride, identity, comfort, and wellbeing among users.

Evaluation Questions

Besides the relevant information supporting the eligibility criteria, we have designed a set of questions that supports each of the evaluation points accordingly. Please make sure to answer each of these questions in your presentation in order to be eligible and properly evaluated by our lead judge and jury panel.

1) **Innovative Manufacturing & Design Process**:
   - How is your product/design cost-effective and financially sustainable in the long term?
   - What is the design and manufacturing process?

- If the product / design is still in development, how do you plan for long-term sustainability and scalability?

2) **Use of Innovative & Sustainable Materials**:
- How have you incorporated sustainable practices, biophilic elements, circular design, and/or modularity into your product / design?
- Please highlight the materials and technologies used, and explain their contribution to sustainability.

3) **Fosters Wellbeing, Interaction, Productivity & Creativity**:
- How does your product / design foster wellbeing, productivity, creativity, and community interaction in shared living spaces?
- Please provide examples or case studies of how your product / design has contributed to these outcomes in actual or proposed environments.

4) **Scalability & Durability**:
- How does your product/design prioritise long-term durability, sustainability, and scalability?
- What are the key metrics or benchmarks used to measure these aspects over time?

5) **Comfort & Personalisation**:
- How does your product/design contribute to comfort, personalisation, and a sense of identity for residents, staff, and local communities?
- Please provide qualitative and quantitative data (if available) showing its impact on residents' pride, comfort, and overall wellbeing.

Deliverables

In order to participate and submit a valid application to the Coliving Awards you will need to:

- Meet all the eligibility criteria, provide argumentation to prove you are meeting the eligibility criteria, as well as include the answer to the set of questions within the specific category
- Fill in the form you will find on the portal to submit your application.
- In the form you will find a field to provide a ***short description*** that elevates your project submissions. This description may be used to present your project online on our website and during the Coliving Awards ceremony. Make sure it's representative and provides a high level outline of your project positioning in relation to the specified criteria The length for this description should be between 1200 - 1500 characters including spaces.
- Deliver a presentation containing all information as stipulated in the point above, in PPT or PDF format (size 16:9, horizontal)
  - You can create a presentation with your own visual language and branding and provide as much information as you please to strengthen your applications. However, we are providing a templated presentation that may guide you through the process. Download the **Interior & Furniture Design** presentation template from the category page here.
  - Your presentation should have a maximum of 20 slides.
  - Your presentation must as well include the following information:
    - Name / Company representative of the applicant
    - Organisation / Company and logo (if applicable)
    - General information about the specific project / site / product in English

- ■ Additional resources requested in the eligibility and evaluation criteria, such as including qualitative and quantitative data and any other metrics that inform your the creation of your product / design
- Applications must be in English in order to be processed and accepted
- Upload to the applicant portal the following materials:
  - ○ Supporting images / renders (in hi-resolution JPG / PNG - 150 dpi) in ZIP format (max 10 images)
    - ■ Name your files with the following system: organisation-projectname-image#
  - ○ Representative project image (max 10 MB) to be used as a thumbnail in the application portal and other relevant communication from Coliving Awards about your project
  - ○ All images should be saved in 16:9 ratio, minimum 1920x1080px.