



COLIVING AWARDS

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](#).

Destination Coliving

Experience-led coliving projects rooted in place, culture, and community

Category Description

The **Destination Coliving** category recognises coliving concepts where *place* is central to the living experience. These projects are intentionally located in specific destinations - urban, rural, coastal, island, or remote - and are designed to offer residents a distinctive lifestyle shaped by the local context, culture, landscape, and rhythm of life.

Destination Coliving responds to the growing demand for meaningful, temporary-to-midterm living experiences that go beyond accommodation. Whether catering to remote workers, teams, or lifestyle-driven residents, these spaces balance comfort and functionality with authenticity, local integration, and a strong sense of belonging. This category celebrates coliving projects that successfully embed themselves within their destination, contribute positively to local communities, and curate experiences that are deeply connected to place while meeting the practical needs of contemporary living and working.

For whom?

This category is open to coliving brands, operators, and communities where destination plays a defining role in the concept, including but not limited to: destination-driven coliving spaces and hubs, workation-focused coliving concepts, remote and rural coliving communities, retreat-based, or experience-led shared living projects, Coliving concepts embedded in villages, towns, nature-based or culturally distinctive locations and temporary (including pop-up colivings), seasonal, or long-stay coliving models anchored to a specific place.

Eligibility Checklist

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

- 1) **Relevant & in Operation:** The coliving project is operational and clearly designed around a specific destination, offering a curated living experience shaped by its location.
- 2) **Strong Sense of Place & Local Integration:** Demonstrates meaningful engagement with the local environment, culture, economy, and community, contributing positively to the destination rather than existing in isolation.
- 3) **Spatial Design & Experience Quality:** Shows thoughtful spatial design, architecture, and programming that support comfort, wellbeing, social interaction, and immersion in the destination.
- 4) **Impact & Sustainability:** Embeds social, environmental, and economic responsibility into the core of the project, with clear consideration of long-term local impact.
- 5) **User & Community Experience:** Provides a strong, authentic resident experience with evidence of satisfaction, engagement, and community cohesion.

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) **Relevant & in Operation:**
 - How does your coliving concept respond to the specific characteristics and opportunities of its destination?
 - Who is your target audience and how does your offering align with their motivations for choosing this location?
- 2) **Strong Sense of Place & Local Integration:**
 - How is the destination reflected in the identity, experience, and daily life of your coliving community?
 - How do you collaborate with local stakeholders, communities, businesses, or initiatives?
- 3) **Spatial Design & Experience Quality:**
 - How does your spatial design, architecture, and layout support both comfort and immersion in the destination?
 - What design, construction, or operational choices enhance wellbeing, social interaction, and connection to place?
- 4) **Impact & Sustainability:**
 - How do you embed social, environmental, and economic impact into your project?
 - How do you assess and mitigate potential negative impacts on local communities or ecosystems?
 - What indicators or metrics do you use to measure sustainability and impact?
- 5) **User & Community Experience:**
 - How do you foster authentic engagement, social interaction and a strong user and community experience between residents?
 - How do you measure customer satisfaction, resident engagement and user and community experience?
 - Please provide us with specific user data and insights (e.g. impact measures, testimonials, NPS scores, referral rates, retention rates, etc.)

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 **Destination Coliving** 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 impact measures, occupancy rates, testimonials, NPS scores, referral rates, retention rates, etc.
- 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.