



28TH IFHE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

IFHE 2024

Patient Centred Healthcare Engineering Design

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL IFHE BUILDING AWARD CONTEST

OVERVIEW

The **International Federation of Healthcare Engineering (IFHE)** in collaboration with the **South African Federation of Healthcare Engineering (SAFHE)** is pleased to invite all parties that have undertaken or been involved in a completed new build or refurbishment project in the healthcare sector - realised and completed in or after 2020 - to enter the **2024 International IFHE Building Award Contest**.

The award will be presented at the **28th IFHE International Conference**, which will be held in **Cape Town, South Africa** from **15 -17 October 2024**. IFHE 2024 confirms its role and commitment to bringing together international experts in healthcare design, construction, operations and maintenance.

This award focuses on healthcare buildings which represent a contribution to the IFHE 2024 conference theme **“Patient Centred Healthcare Engineering Design”** and constitutes a unique occasion for design and construction managers to acquire global visibility and recognition for their projects.

Projects can be submitted from any healthcare sector and can be either new buildings or renovation projects. As a general rule, facilities from all healthcare sectors can be proposed in the competition. Healthcare facilities extend beyond hospitals so the award will also recognise contributions from facilities such as residential care homes and other supported care living environments. The award also focuses on the holistic experience of not only patients and residents, but also their families and visitors, and the staff that provide human-centred care.

In all cases, the projects considered for the award will be the ones realised and completed in or after 2020 and the buildings must be in operation when they are proposed for the contest.

AWARD CRITERIA

Entrants are required to comply with the following criteria:

- **Design for physical health & wellbeing.** This could include elements such as the provision of natural and artificial lighting, air quality, acoustics, hygiene and occupant comfort.

- **Design for mental health & wellbeing.** This focuses on how the building supports the mental health and wellbeing of its occupants.
- **Design for accessibility.** Encouraging participation of a range of occupant types including those with psychological needs as well as those with physical needs.
- **Encouragement of independence.** Giving patients or residents the ability to make choices, particularly relating to balancing social interaction and privacy.
- **Design for functionality for everyday activities.** Focusing on the experience of staff and visitors as well as patients or residents.
- **Contribution to urban context.** The interaction with and contribution to the community surrounding the facility.
- **Environmental sustainability.** Addressing the impact of the construction as well as the operation of the building.
- **Design innovation and contribution to best practice.** Highlighting how the building has contributed to new knowledge about the design, construction or operation of healthcare facilities.
- **Sustainability characteristics.** The project must propose innovative solutions with regard to sustainability of the building, especially measures for energy saving and eventual use of renewable energy sources, water saving methods, intelligent waste disposal or re-use procedures.

HOW TO APPLY

Download the application form here:

<https://sbs.co.za/ifhe2024-awards/#IFHEBuildingAwards>

Completed application forms must be submitted as an MS Word document via email or WeTransfer to cgodfrey@kit-group.org by no later than 31 July 2024.

The winner(s) will be notified via email during the first week of September. At least one winning project representative will be required to attend the IFHE 2024 Conference. The award(s) will be presented during the closing ceremony on 17 October 2024.

Please register online at <https://sbs.co.za/ifhe2024-fees-and-registration/>

Queries may be sent to cgodfrey@kit-group.org

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