Brooklyn NOW! 2026 Submission Instructions (revised)

Opening April 2026, Brooklyn NOW! 26 marks five years of architectural creativity across the borough. The exhibition highlights the work shaping Brooklyn right now: adaptive reuse that gives old buildings new purpose, community spaces that bring people together, housing ideas that respond to real needs, and public places reimagined for shared life. Projects must be located in Brooklyn to qualify.

How to submit

Notre: submissions will open the week of February 15 and close on March 22nd at 11:59pm.

Each entry must include:

1. One PDF with a single presentation board combining all images and text for your submission.
2. One hero image representing the project, to be featured online and in the gallery.

Mandatory Presentation Layout Requirements

- Project Name
- Name of Architect or Designer
- Name of Builder/General Contractor (if this is a student submission, include your school and studio professor's name here)
- Three Keywords - choose up to three hashtag keywords from the following list:
    - Community
    - Craft
    - Equity
    - Family
    - Learn
    - Live
    - Materials
    - Play
    - Resilience
    - Work

- Project Description - 50 to 100 words (3-5 sentences) that describe what makes your project special and how it embodies the essence of Brooklyn NOW!
- Hero Image - This is the single best photo, drawing, rendering etc that captures the essence of your project.
- Drawings - Plans, sections, elevations, perspectives or whatever best communicates the concept
- Supporting Images - These can be additional photos or other images that describe how the project was built and how it is used for its intended purpose.

Using the Templates

We have provided templates in PDF, Adobe Illustrator, and Affinity Designer formats. The templates are intended as suggested guides for your layouts, but feel free to adjust as required to best showcase your work.

Download the templates [here](#).

Each project must be represented on only ONE board and be uploaded in PDF format. **There is a 10mb size limit for the uploads**. Use high quality photos, renderings and drawings during the layout and export using JPEG compression to reduce file size.

Entrants may choose to include a QR code to direct exhibition viewers to a web site which provides additional information about the designer and project. Note that the reviewers will NOT be following these links so please provide all required information on the board itself.

The Hero Image

Brooklyn NOW! Will showcase one Hero image from each submitted project in a digital slideshow on the AIA Brooklyn website, as well as on a projector and monitor within the physical gallery space.

Please pick ONE image (no composites or muti-image layouts) and upload that separately to the submission platform.
- Crop images to landscape (horizontal) format, in a 16:9 ratio for best results.
- Suggested image resolution for output: 3840 x 2160 pixels.
- Files should be saved as RGB images in JPEG or PNG file format for upload.
- Title your hero image SUBMITTERNAME-PROJECTNAME.jpg before uploading it.

Registering and Submitting Your Work

All submissions will take place on the AwardsForce Platform, which can be accessed [here](#).

Entrants will be required to register with some basic information and then pay a nominal fee for each project to be submitted.