



The National Fund for Housing Institute in Mexico (Infonavit) through its **Digital Network for Housing Information**, along with **State of Mexico's Autonomic University (UAEMex)** and **Redalyc's Territorial Studies Community**, call for submissions for the first edition of the **Iberoamerican Award for Research Thesis on Housing**. The aim is to give national and international acknowledgement to the main PHD research works related to sustainable housing in Iberoamerica. We also look forward to making contributions in the process of generating and disseminating state of the art theories, methods, and analysis strategies related to the topic of sustainable housing that would be of particular interest to Iberoamerican cities.

Criteria of the call

Thesis developed by PHD programs in Universities and / or Ministries, Councils or Higher Education Institutions throughout all countries can participate as long as the general criteria of this call for papers is respected. This call for submissions is especially relevant as it is the first instance of this prize, which hopes though its continuity, to become a point of convergance for researchers and students in the analysis of sustainable housing in Iberoamerica.

1. Topics

1. Sustainable housing development

New Technologies in sustainable housing construction
Energy Efficiency
Water resources
Solid waste management
Natural resource management
Integrated solutions for recycling and sustainability

2. Financial plans for sustainable housing

Housing financing
Subsidies application
Housing finance policy analysis

3. Sustainable housing production

Architectural Design
Social – environmental integration
Neighborhood organization processes
Profit sharing

4. Access to sustainable housing

Equitable access in housing resources and property
Physical, economic and social access for vulnerable groups
Community management
Conflict mediation between social actors involved in the production of sustainable housing (civil organizations, real-estate producers, government branches).

5. Regulation and planning in sustainable housing

Land use and urban structures planning
Open urban spaces conservation
Soil management
Community centered planning

6. Information systems development in housing

Housing information repository
Databases of regional country standards

2. Registration

- Registration and submission of papers will be done exclusively through the homepage of Comunidad de Estudios Territoriales www.estudiosterritoriales.org Hardcopies will not be accepted.
- Only research papers concluded from June 1, 2007 to June 30 2009 will be accepted.
- Languages accepted for submissions will be Spanish, Portuguese, and English.
- Previously published papers (in whole or parts) will not be accepted
- Submitted texts should not be entered simultaneously in any other open call.
- Submissions should be converted to PDF format. The registration page will include a tool for PDF conversion. Hard copies will not be accepted.
- CC (Creative commons) licence is advised to be previously obtained at:
<http://creativecommons.org/internacional>

Documentation (PDF only)

Besides the online process:

- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae (PDF Format, maximum 3 one-sided pages)
- Statement of originality (PDF form found in registration page).
- Acceptance statement for the online publication of the awarded paper to the Digital Network for Housing Information.
- Letter of nomination, with the name of the thesis advisor or reviewer, as well as three main reasons for why this work should be considered for the prize.
- Complete thesis paper in PDF format
- Grade examination certificate
- Letter with abstract briefly explaining contributions of the work and reasons for why the submission should be considered for the prize.

3. Awards

First place: 5,000 USD, commemorative trophy, paper published in the series: Investigación sobre vivienda en iberoamérica. Travel expenses to the awards ceremony.

Second place: 3,000 USD, commemorative trophy, paper published in the series: Investigación sobre vivienda en iberoamérica. Travel expenses to the awards ceremony.

Third place: 2,000 USD, commemorative trophy, paper published in the series: Investigación sobre vivienda en iberoamérica. Travel expenses to the awards ceremony.

4. Evaluation Criteria

- The selection of papers will consider originality, rigour, and importance to the scientific knowledge of housing studies.
- Special mention will be given only to those Works considered by the jury.
- Jury may consider "void" any of the places for prizes.
- Verdict will be final.
- Prizes are not to be shared

5. Qualifying Jury

Jury will be comprised of well known scholars in the field of housing all over Iberoamerica. The members of the jury will be announced on the Territorial Studies Community page.

Head committee:

Dra. Rosario Rogel Salazar, Territorial Studies Community's representative

Dr. Francisco Sabatini, Qualifying Jury's representative

Lic. Nora Nuñez Carranza, Red Digital de Información sobre Vivienda's representative

6. Important dates

- Online Submissions will begin on **July 24nd**
- Submissions deadline is on **September 25th**
- Results will be announced the first week of December through the web site **www.estudiosterritoriales.org**
- Award ceremony will be take place during the Infonavit General assembly on December 2009, in Mexico City

All issues not considered by this call for papers shall be analyzed and solved by the Head committee.

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