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## The Sarah Sayce Award for Sustainability Research

**Leading industry organisations recognise excellence in sustainability research in real estate, through new award in memory of real estate leader Sarah Sayce.**

*The Sarah Sayce Award for Sustainability Research* has been established by the Property Research Trust, the Aubrey Barker Fund, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Council of the Heads of the Built Environment to recognise research which enables or furthers the practical adoption and application of sustainable solutions in the property industry.

### The Award

The Sarah Sayce Award for Sustainability Research is a single award for a research paper that makes a distinctive contribution to our understanding of how to make property more sustainable. It is aimed at individuals, rather than companies or universities. It is an 'open' award in the sense that there is no age limit, but the recipient of the Award is intended to be an academic or property industry researcher. Applications from early career researchers are especially welcome.

The Award is in the sum of £3,500. The winner of the award will receive publicity from the sponsoring organisations. The award will be presented at an event organised by the sponsors.

### Award Criteria

- Papers should have been completed in the 12 months immediately prior to the submission deadline. The sponsoring bodies will expect to publish the papers and authors should ensure that any necessary permissions have been agreed. Papers that have been published elsewhere are acceptable, providing they meet this criterion.
- The underlying topic of submitted papers should be the theme of sustainable use of property which enables or furthers the practical adoption and application of sustainable solutions in the property industry.
- Submitted papers are expected to be based on original and innovative thinking and to be of practical interest to industry practitioners.
- The Judges will be looking for clear and readable papers, in English, which demonstrate a rigorous approach and practical conclusions.
- Papers are expected to be of no more than 8,000 words and should contain a 1-2 page executive summary.
- Applicants should provide a brief CV setting out early or new career professional background.

## **How to submit papers**

Papers should be submitted to the Property Research Trust at the following email:

[info@propertyresearchtrust.org](mailto:info@propertyresearchtrust.org).

Authors should state whether the paper has been submitted for other prizes.

The deadline for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and only completed papers will be considered for the Award.

The sponsoring organisations of the Award are under no obligation to make the Award.

Feedback will not be provided on any papers received.

## **Management of the Award**

The Property Research Trust is responsible for the administration of the Award, working with the Award's co-sponsors to raise awareness of the Award, assemble a Judging Panel, and publicise the outcome.

The Award is funded by the four sponsoring organisations.

## **Award Judging Panel**

The Panel will comprise representatives of the sponsoring organisations or others appointed by them.

## **About Sarah Sayce**

The award is in memory of Sarah Sayce, who sadly passed away in November 2021. Sarah led the Property Research Trust through its transition to independence from the RICS, an organisation on whose Governing Council she sat for ten years. She had a long and distinguished career as a practicing chartered surveyor and as an academic. At the time of her death, she was a Professor at the University of Reading, as well as Emeritus Professor, Kingston University and Chair of the Aubrey Barker Fund. Sarah was an inspiring leader who will be remembered with great fondness and respect. The sustainable use of property was Sarah's passion and area of focus.