



Lesley Wheel Memorial Award

Design a desktop luminaire!

Registration

To Register, visit our website at www.losangeles.ies.org and click under the student tab and find the IESLA Luminaire Design Competition. There is no charge to register. All registration forms must be submitted by **March 31, 2024**. The competition is open to all enrolled students in graduate, 4-year and 2-year programs in Los Angeles County, Orange County and the Inland Empire.

The Challenge

Design and build a table/desk lamp (luminaire) that is inspired by **“wherever you call home”**. The table lamp needs to be fully functional and built with the LED light source provided in the kits. See info below.

Award

A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to the top submissions. Judging will be by well-known lighting/product designers in the community.

Luminaire Requirements:

- Size restrictions: prototype fixtures are not restricted on size but must be able to easily transport. **Reminder:** The goal is to design a luminaire to be used as a desk lamp.
- Luminaires must utilize power source and dimmer provided in kit.
- Students can use any additional materials to create their design (It should NOT be repurposed from an existing light fixture). LED tape light is for dry interior use. Do not include moisture or liquid in your design.
- Luminaires are not intended to operate for extended periods of time. They will be illuminated briefly for judging. Still, be careful with your material selections – these light sources may be hot enough to melt some materials.
- ****Be sure to unplug power source before cutting LED tape light****



Brochure Criteria

The luminaire is to be accompanied by a 3-page brochure (8.5” x 11”) must include the following (template example provided on website):

- Design statement (max. 200 words)
- Specification/drawing to include list of materials used, wattage, voltage and color temperature. Provide technical elevation drawing of luminaire design.
- Provide final photos of the final design of the luminaire. Luminaire to be lit up in photos. Maximum (2) photos.

Judging Criteria

The judging will be by an esteemed group of professional lighting/product designers. They will be judging the luminaires on the following items:

- Creativity
- Clarity of Design Statement and Specification
- Successful Functional Qualities as a Desktop Luminaire

Timeline

October 2023- Online registration opens on IESLA website

January 2024- Luminaire kits will be delivered to students (locations TBD)

January 2024 - April 2024- Let your imagination run wild! Design, design, design!

April 26, 2024- Submissions due. Final luminaire designs to be delivered to PLP showroom. Details to follow.

May 2024- Finalists to be notified. (Date TBD)

May 2024- Final judging (Date TBD)

June 28, 2024- Award winners invited to Lumen West Awards (Southern California Illumination Awards)

Thank- you for your interest in the IESLA Luminaire Design Competition – Lesley Wheel Memorial Award for 2023-2024!

Please reach out to Competition Chairperson: Colleen Peach with any questions at colleenpeach.cp@gmail.com