

# Enrico Pescivolo takes regional top spot in 2022 Corobrik Student Architecture Awards

Enrico Pescivolo from the University of the Witwatersrand has been named a regional winner in the 2022 Corobrik Student Architecture Awards. Pescivolo's thesis centres around how humanity has positioned itself with modern technology and how this manifests through the typology of the power station.



Wits' Enrico Pescivolo, a regional winner in the 2022 Corobrik Student Architecture Awards

He receives a R10,000 prize and the opportunity to compete in the national awards where the top title will be awarded, along with a R70,000 grand prize.

Entitled 'Obsoles[s]ence: Recharting humanity's relationship with technology through the adaptive reuse of the Kelvin Power Station', Pescivolo's thesis aims to transform the symbolism of the power station from "that of environmental destruction and the flawed modern technological attitude towards a symbol of innovation and recharted technological attitudes for the future, building off of the errors of the past". This idea is reinforced, dealing with decommissioned power stations when considering their adaptive reuse as the end of an era of obsolete technology and attitudes birthing the beginning of a new.

Commenting on his win, Pescivolo says: "I am deeply honoured and excited to contribute towards the dialogue of architecture and its role in tackling global issues. Outside of industry recognition and exposure, I am excited to share my thinking broadly to take my ideas outside of competing to actively participate in creating spaces that have meaning to its immediate users as well as its symbolism.



CENTRAL ENTRANCE

In keeping with the power stations experience of entry, volume and activity is embraced via the central entrance. Platters create horizontal movement through the courtyard as an extension of the ecological axis. Along the ceiling, the skylight element naturally lights the turbine hall and boiler rooms whilst turning the length of the power station. Seen here centrally is an existing turbine staircase left as a permanent museum artefact. The central courtyard adds as a buffer between the two halves of the station as well as a central exhibition hall for student works and installation pieces.

"As I see it, competing in the Corobrik Student Architecture Awards national round is exciting, but the opportunity to contribute beyond the finals excites me to feel part of a collaborative effort that affects all of humanity. Additionally, I am honoured to be part of a diversity of thinking outside of the themes and issues of my own work as presented by other

regional winners.”



## UJ's Linda Lesolle takes regional win in 2022 Corobrik Student Architecture Awards

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35th Corobrik Architectural Student of the Year Awards - University of the Witwatersrand:

- Winner: Enrico Pescivolo, R10,000
- Joint Runner-up: Ural Chetty, R7,000
- Joint Runner-up: Mahdiah Thokan, R7,000
- Best Use of Clay Masonry: Philisani Nkqeto, R6,000

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