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Three garden design students - all from London based colleges - have been shortlisted for the Society of Garden Designers (SGD) Student Award 2013.

Matt Cairns, a student at Greenwich University, Nick Morton from the London College of Garden Design and 2012 student award winner Jon Sims, also of the London College of Garden Design made the shortlist after their ideas were judged by Tom Stuart-Smith, Sarah Eberle and Arabella St. John Parker from awards media partner Homes & Gardens magazine.

The judges were looking for outstanding design skills and importantly a clear demonstration of an understanding of the brief provided for the project.

The three designers were felt to have the most consistent, methodical and cogent presentations.

The judges said all three "showed an ability to handle scale, understand space and achieved the brief in a clear and concise way."

This year the competition was open to SGD student members and those who had progressed from a student member to a pre-registered member between 18 May 2012 and 12 August 2013.

The winning student will be announced alongside the winners in all the SGD Award categories at the awards ceremony on 24 January 2014.