

Competition Outline



UrbanactionsHK and the School of Architecture of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) are organising this International Public Space Design Ideas Competition to encourage students to provide innovative ideas to upgrade four existing public spaces in the district of Central in Hong Kong. For various morphological, historical and institutional reasons, the city lacks a culture of public space and this international call intends to enhance the sociability of public spaces in Hong Kong by promoting the use of alternative and specific design strategies which will produce high quality and vibrant public spaces and thereby generating a sense of place among the residents.

1) Eligibility

The competition is international and is open to all the undergraduate students regularly attending courses in architecture, urban design, urban planning, urban studies, arts and design. Entries can be made as a group or as an individual. Multiple entries are also accepted, where a student can submit proposals for different sites.

2) Schedule NEW!!!!

Announcement: November 15, 2019

Registration Deadline: ~~March 24, 2020~~ **April 23, 2020**

Submission Deadline: ~~March 31, 2020~~ **April 30, 2020**

Adjudication: ~~May 15, 2020~~ **June 15, 2020**

3) Prizes (for each site)

First Prize: US\$800

Runner Up: US\$200

Honourable Mentions: Certificate

All prizes are tax inclusive.

4) Registration procedure

Participants must register by completing the form on the Competition website.

Participants may submit multiple projects but must register for each entry (i.e., one registration = one project). Both individual and group entries are accepted, and there is no limit as to the number of participants per team. A registration number will be sent to each participant/participating team by email after the registration form is properly completed and received by the organiser. This registration number must be included in the submission.

5) Submission documents

This is a digital competition and no submission in hardcopy is needed. A project submission must contain the following files:

- i) ONE board of A1-size (594mm x 841mm) with project information including plans, sections, and perspectives. The board must be in landscape orientation, with a resolution of 200 dpi, in RGB mode and saved as a JPG file. The registration number must be stated in the upper right corner of the board. The file must be under 15Mb and named: "Site number_registration number.jpg" (example: Site01_055.jpg).
- ii) A DOC file containing the project statement (400 words max) is required. The file must be named: "Site number_registration number.doc" (example: Site01_055.doc).

All the files must be grouped in a ZIP folder named after your registration number. For example: 055.zip.

Content

This includes concept design, plans, sections, axonometric visualisation, perspectives, photomontages, renderings, and photos of physical models. Participants are encouraged to submit all the information they consider necessary to explain their proposal, while designing without constraints and in the most creative way.

Language

English

Anonymity

All competition entries are anonymous. Participants have to put their registration number in the upper right corner of their A1 board. There should not be any markings or other forms of identification in their project submissions.

Judging Criteria

Submitted projects will be evaluated by a team of academics and professional experts in the fields of architecture, urban design, and urban planning, based on the following criteria:

- + Innovation, functionality and quality of design
- + Creative response to the existing site conditions
- + Integration of new design within the neighbourhood
- + Capacity of the project to reactivate the sociability of the space

6) Announcement of Results

Participating students will be notified by May 15, 2020. The results will also be announced on the Competition website.

7) Exhibition and Publication

The winning projects will be exhibited at the CUHK School of Architecture. All the selected projects will also be published on the Competition website as well as other online platforms of our partnering organisations.

8) Inquiries

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