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URBAN FOREST PAVILION: DESIGNING PAUSE, SHADE AND SHELTER WITHIN THE URBAN FOREST

First Edition

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Introduction

Urban forests are vital green lungs within cities, offering ecological benefits, improving air quality, and providing spaces for recreation and reflection. The Urban Forest Pavilion competition invites designers, architects, and students to envision innovative interventions that encourage pause, offer shade, and create shelter in urban forest settings. Participants are challenged to design structures that harmonize with the forest environment while enhancing the visitor experience.

Objective

- To create thoughtful architectural interventions that promote rest, contemplation, and interaction within urban forests.
- To explore innovative uses of materials, sustainable design, and ecological sensitivity in forested urban landscapes.
- To enhance accessibility, comfort, and engagement for diverse visitors while minimizing environmental impact.

The Building Program

Design proposals may include, but are not limited to:

- Pavilions, shelters, or rest areas integrated into the forest environment
- Seating, platforms, or walkways for observation and leisure
- Shade structures utilizing natural or lightweight materials
- Multi-functional spaces for gatherings, workshops, or meditation
- Emphasis on ecological sustainability, durability, and minimal disturbance to natural surroundings

Site

- Participants are free to select an urban forest site of their choice.
- Designs must respond to the chosen site's topography, existing vegetation, and environmental conditions.
- Submissions should clearly indicate site context, either through photographs, maps, or diagrams.

Timeline

Launch Date: 1st January 2026

Registration deadline: 12th January 2027

Submission deadline: 22nd January 2027

Result Announcement: 28th March 2027

Submission Requirements

Participants must submit:

- Design Panels – minimum 2 panels and maximum 6 panels (panel size: A2, Landscape, format jpeg./jpg.)
- A brief **concept description** (format docs. File)

Drawings may include:

- Concept diagrams
- Plans, sections, elevations
- 3D views / visualizations
- Exploded diagrams or process sketches

Important:

- No participant names, university names, or identifying marks are allowed on the submission sheets
- Design title and slogans are permitted
- Submissions must follow anonymity rules strictly

Jury

The jury panel will consist of experienced architects, designers, educators, and industry professionals from diverse backgrounds. Entries will be evaluated based on:

- Contextual Integration
- Functionality & Usability
- Innovation & Creativity
- Sustainability & Environmental Sensitivity
- Presentation & Communication

The jury's decision will be final and binding.

Eligibility

- Open to all.
- Individual and team entries are allowed
- Team size: [minimum 01 – maximum 4] members
- No restrictions on age, nationality, or academic background

Contact Details

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