

# CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION

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## **Chicago Architecture Foundation sponsors CHI DESIGN ideas competition**

*Open-call ideas competition for a Center for Architecture, Design and Education (CADE)*

Chicago, Ill – On July 9, 2015, the Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) will launch the organization's first ideas competition for a Center for Architecture, Design and Education (CADE). The competition will tackle an exciting new building typology, one with design as its central focus. Competitors will propose a facility that includes the new headquarters, visitor center and exhibition spaces of the Chicago Architecture Foundation; a new headquarters for the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH); a design and allied arts high school; and flexible learning spaces for out-of-school-time youth programs.

"This competition will encourage and highlight design ideas for 21st century learning and working spaces, potentially redefining the future of school design," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "As the world's top incubator for design, the city of Chicago encourages architects and designers to contribute cutting-edge ideas for the future of learning spaces that will foster meaningful and functional learning environments to the next generation of students."

As CAF approaches its 50-year anniversary, with a reach of 600,000 visitors annually, the organization is looking to its next opportunity for growth. "The Center for Architecture, Design and Education is a collaborative learning center that is the first of its kind, and we're excited to start a conversation about the potential of what this unique new model can achieve," said Lynn Osmond, President and CEO of Chicago Architecture Foundation. "Partnering with a group like CTBUH, for instance, and their unrivaled access to experts shaping the future of building tall, could bring a depth of knowledge to our exhibitions and out-of-school youth programs that is very exciting."

The distinguished professionals who will jury the competition and identify the first, second and third place winners include:

- Stanley Tigerman, Tigerman McCurry Architects
- David Adjaye, Adjaye Associates
- Monica Ponce De Leon, MPdL Studio
- Billie Tsien, Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects
- Ned Cramer, Editor-in-Chief of *Architect* magazine

A student committee comprised of Chicago Public High Schools students will review a shortlist of submissions, selected by the jury, and identify a winner for the Student Committee Prize.

"The value of design competitions, speculative or otherwise, is the way they motivate a specific kind of creative thinking and commitment to the project at hand," said Reed Kroloff, Competition Advisor and Senior Advisor for Programs and Industry Collaboration at CAF. "Professional and aspiring architects are encouraged to consider which design principles will best create the environment that a space requires; in this case, a collaborative and diverse center that fulfills the important goal of inspiring people to discover why design matters. I have a deep appreciation for how these competitions benefit the

participants and the public at large, and we at CAF look forward to seeing what will certainly be a vast array of innovative project ideas.”

In conjunction with the competition, CAF will host a major exhibition featuring a shortlist of submissions, during the inaugural Chicago Architecture Biennial. The exhibition will be open from October 1, 2015, to January 3, 2016. The aim of the exhibition is to spark discussion around the design of a Center for Architecture, Design and Education in Chicago, and highlight the city’s legacy of architectural leadership.

Competition details:

This is an ideas competition only. If the sponsors choose to develop this or any site at some time, winning this competition in no way implies participation in any future development of this site or program.

Selection criteria will include:

- Originality of the proposal’s design vision
- Responsiveness of the proposal to the competition’s objectives
- Responsiveness of the proposal to the site and context
- Quality and clarity of presentation materials

The jury will award three cash prizes with minimum values of at least:

- First prize: \$10,000
- Second prize: \$5,000
- Third prize: \$2,500

The jury may also award an unspecified number of honorable mentions as it sees fit. Honorable mentions do not carry a cash prize.

The student committee will award a cash prize of \$1,000.

Submission schedule:

- July 9: Registration opens
- July 31: Competition questions due
- August 7: Registration closes; Competition questions answered
- August 19: Late registration closes
- September 9: Competition submissions due
- September 17-18: Jury and student committee review submissions; shortlist for exhibition announced
- October 1: Exhibition opens at Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago
- October 8: Exhibition opening reception and announcement of competition prize winners
- January 3, 2016: Exhibition closes

For complete rules, guidelines and project submission, visit [chidesigncompetition.org](http://chidesigncompetition.org)

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The Chicago Architecture Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring people to discover why design matters. CAF pursues this mission through architecture tours, exhibitions, lectures and youth and adult education programs. A permanent exhibition, *Chicago Model City*, includes a highly detailed scale model of Chicago. The Chicago Architecture Foundation is located at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60604. For further information visit [www.architecture.org](http://www.architecture.org) or call 312.922.3432; become a Facebook fan at [www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture](http://www.facebook.com/chiarchitecture) or follow on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture](http://www.twitter.com/chiarchitecture).