

IFLA 2025 Student Competition

- Questions and Answers -



Questions related to submissions

- 1. How can I submit my work? Is there a specified platform, or should I send it via email or regular mail?**

You may only submit your work through the submission form in the following link:

<https://forms.fillout.com/t/3jcH5VFGNrus>

- 2. When is the deadline for submissions to the competition? / Is there a deadline for entrance to the competition?**

The submission deadline is May 31st, 2025, at 23.59 (GMT) for all participants regardless of local time. In order to reach the competition brief, you may visit: <https://ifla2025.com/student-activities/student-competition>

There is no additional deadline for registration. Participants are registered automatically when they submit their work.

- 3. Do I need to register in advance? / Are the deadline dates for submission and registration the same? / Is the deadline for submissions for the Student Competition the same as the (passed) deadline for the Call for Abstracts and Projects?**

There is no additional deadline for registration for the Student Competition as submitting participants are registered automatically when they submit their work. The submission deadline for the Student Competition is May 31st, 2025, at 23.59 (GMT) and registration is completed at the time of submission.

This is not to be confused with the deadline for the Call for Abstracts (passed, March 30th, 2025) for the congress. To submit to the Student Competition, you may visit: <https://forms.fillout.com/t/3jcH5VFGNrus>

4. I cannot find the registration and submission button for the student project competition. Has registration for the student project competition ended?

Registration is done at the time of submission, which has a deadline of May 31st 2025, at 23.59 (GMT). For both registration and submission, you may visit: <https://forms.fillout.com/t/3jcH5VFGNrus>

5. Is it possible to submit more than one submission for one person?

As clarified in the competition brief, each student or student group is only allowed one entry.

6. Are there any translations available in a language other than English to assist participants during submission?

No, the competition's official language is English, therefore translations in other languages are not provided for submission assistance.

Questions related to the entry fee

7. How can I pay the entry fee? What are the payment methods?

The entry fee must be paid at the time of submission which will be accessible until May 31st, 2025, at 23.59 (GMT) via the following link: <https://forms.fillout.com/t/3jcH5VFGNrus>

Online payment is possible through VISA, Mastercard, American Express, and UnionPay for all countries.

8. How much is the submission fee?

The payment amount varies based on the country of enrollment of the team leader student. For those enrolled in a university in high-income countries according to World Bank GNI, a submission fee of 25 EUR is required, while for those enrolled in a university in low-income countries, the entry fee is 15 EUR.

The entry fee must be paid at the time of submission, which means that May 31st, 2025, at 23.59 (GMT) serves as the deadline for the payment as well.

Questions related to the entry form

9. Where and when should the entry form be submitted?

The entry form must be uploaded at the time of submission. The submission deadline is May 31st, 2025, at 23.59 (GMT), which also serves as the deadline for submitting the entry form. The entry form will be uploaded on the following link for submissions: <https://forms.fillout.com/t/3jcH5VFGNrus>
The blank form can be downloaded from the webpage: <https://ifla2025.com/student-activities/student-competition>

10. Are faculty advisors required/accepted for the teams? Can you explain the dean, director, or program head/chair endorsement requirement for entry?

As clarified in the competition brief, participants are required to upload the entry form (available for download from the webpage), along with the signed document of endorsement from either the dean, director, or program head/chair of the program each participating student is enrolled in. This is to prove that the student is entitled to enter the Design Competition by their respective university.

Faculty advisors are not accepted (therefore neither required) for the teams. The team members can only be enrolled students in a program (diploma, undergraduate or graduate) at the time of the competition's date of submission. Those who do not have student status cannot be members of a team.

11. What does the “Proof of Enrollment” refer to in the submission form?

As clarified in the competition brief, the proof of enrollment is a Student Certificate, which proves that the participant(s) is/are enrolled in a diploma, undergraduate or graduate program at the time of the competition's date of submission. This document is obligatory for each participant. Please combine all Student Certificate documents for each team member into a single file format, e.g., a PDF or ZIP file, as only single file uploads are allowed in the form.

12. How do I fill the “Name of Person/Organization that Has Paid the Fee” in the entry form?

The “Name of Person/Organization that Has Paid the Fee” should be the card holder's Name Surname or Name of the Organization of the card that will be used for payment during submission to the competition.

13. What is the maximum number of advisors that can be listed in the application? Is there a specific limit?

Only one dean/director/program head/program chair is needed in the entry form. It is not necessary to fill more than one.

Questions related to team members

14. Can the restriction, that a maximum of 5 members must form a team, be avoided? Can we participate in the competition as a team of more than 5 members?

No, as required by the competition brief, each participating group shall have a maximum of five (5) members.

15. Our team consists of students from different programs, universities or countries. Is this permissible?

A team can consist of members from various programs, universities, or across different countries, as long as the number of participants in a team is no higher than the maximum of five (5) members as required.

16. Does teachers count among the five members of the restriction?

All team members must be enrolled students in a program at the time of the competition's date of submission. Those who do not have student status cannot be members of a team.

Questions related to the competition theme

17. What is the theme of the competition?

The theme of the Student Competition is aligned to the Congress' theme **Guiding Landscape** and the sub-theme **Guiding cities**. You may find the detailed briefs for each category of the Student Competition from the related webpage: <https://ifla2025.com/student-activities/student-competition>

Questions related to requirements

18. What are the requirements for the design drawings of Student Competition projects? Are there specific requirements for the quantity or size of drawings?

As clarified in the competition brief, two (2) A1 posters in portrait format must be submitted along with the other requirements. For more information about submission requirements, please check the competition brief, which can be downloaded from the following webpage: <https://ifla2025.com/student-activities/student-competition>

19. Is there a template for the format requirements that can be downloaded?

There is no requisite template for submissions. However, participants must download the entry form for submission from the following webpage of the competition: <https://ifla2025.com/student-activities/student-competition>

20. What does the submission include?

The competition brief covers all aspects related to the submission requirements

Questions related to project site and scale

21. Is it possible to choose the site for the design proposal by yourself? Is there any limitation for the size or typology of the project's context?

As clarified in the competition brief, participants are free to select the context and site of their projects, as long as they align with the brief of the theme. Students are also free to choose the scale(s) of their projects that will best convey and represent their proposals.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO TIMELINE

22. What are the important dates and deadlines to consider?

You may inquire the competition brief about the complete timeline of the Student Competition. The submission deadline, which is May 31st, 2025, at 23.59 (GMT) should not be missed as submissions will be officially closed by this date.

The complete competition brief is accessible from the following webpage: <https://ifla2025.com/student-activities/student-competition>

KEY DATES:

Opening of the application platform:	March 2025
Deadline for questions:	until April 18th, 2025
Answer for questions:	April 30th, 2025
Submission deadline:	May 31st, 2025 (23:59 CET)
Winner notification:	July 31st, 2025
Award ceremony:	September 12th, 2025

23. What are the “Deadline for Questions” and “Answer for Questions” in the competition timeline?

The "Deadline for Questions" marks the last date by which potential participants can submit their questions to the competition organizing committee. This date is currently passed and questions are no longer accepted. The "Answers for Questions" on the timeline, denotes the date by which responses to the questions received (this document) have been disclosed publicly on the congress website.