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2017 Emerging **Designer Competition**

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Design Exchange, in partnership with RBC Foundation, is accepting applications for the 2017 Emerging Designer Competition.

This exciting national competition seeks to provide an unparalleled opportunity for emerging Canadian designers to gain recognition and exposure, while celebrating the immense and diverse design talent in Canada.



An overall winner will be selected by an expert jury and receive a cash prize of \$10,000.

The overall winner will be partnered with a curatorial mentor and exhibition designer who will provide support in the development of an exhibition to be featured at Design Exchange that will open in November of 2017 and run through to Toronto's internationally celebrated design week in January 2018.



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Best of category awards will be presented, where participants will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

All winning and honourable mention work will be exhibited at Design Exchange and featured in an awards publication.

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Participation is open to all Canadian designers between the ages of 18 and 35, as of December 31, 2017.

Participation is open to practitioners across all disciplines, including but not limited to: Architecture, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Fashion, Graphic Design (including Digital Design, UX Design) Digital Design, and Urban Planning.

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Projects submitted should be realized or soon to-be completed.

Group participation is permitted. In such cases, all founding firm, studio, collective partners must be between the ages of 18 and 35, as of December 31, 2017.

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Completed registration form

Registration forms can be completed on **DX.ORG/EDC** A registration number will be sent to you via email.

Digital portfolio of completed or soon-to-be-completed projects

Portfolios must include minimum three (3) and maximum five (5) projects. Portfolio be in PDF format and should not exceed 20 pages. Logos or names should not appear on the pages of the portfolio.

Curriculum Vitae and biography

Curriculum Vitae (two pages, PDF format) that should include information about education, work and teaching experience, and exhibition history (if applicable); awards, grants, and residences; and other relevant information.

Biographical statement should not exceed 250 words.

Please note that the CV and Biography will be withheld from the jury until after the evaluation.

Entries must be submitted by September 1, 2017

Entrants are required to label Portfolio, CV, and Biography by assigned registration number. *For example: EDC2017Portfolio_RegistrationNumber.pdf*

Entries must be submitted electronically in one attachment. Entries should be submitted to the competition coordinator at <u>emerging@dx.org</u> and can be submitted through WeTransfer, Dropbox, or other cloud-based file transfer service.

Judging.

A jury comprised of noteworthy design professionals selected by Design Exchange, as well as representatives from RBC will review all valid entries.

Jurors will select the Emerging Designer of 2017 and category winners based on the following:

Degree of Innovation
 Aesthetic Quality
 Functionality and Usefulness
 Emotional Content
 Social and Environmental Responsibility

The jury reserves the right not to award prizes. The jury's decision is final. Design Exchange will notify the winning Emerging Designer, and any secondary winners in Fall 2017. Design Exchange will not be able to verify or acknowledge the receipt of entries. If this is a concern, it is suggested that your entry be mailed/shipped using a traceable delivery method.

Entries will not be returned. Design Exchange and RBC are not responsible for lost or damaged entries. For more information contact the competition coordinator:

 Direct
 416.216.2137

 Toll Free
 1.855.216.2137

 Email
 emerging@dx.org.

Intellectual Property/Priority Rights/ Rights Of Publication

By entering the competition, the entrant: (i) agrees that RBC and Design Exchange will have the right to use and/or publish in any medium and for any non-commercial purpose, without compensation, the submitted design, (ii) certifies and warrants that the submitted work is the entrant's own original work and that the work, including its eventual publication by RBC and/or Design Exchange, does not and will not infringe any right of any third party, including intellectual property rights and rights of privacy and (iii) agrees that RBC and Design Exchange may use either during or at any time following the competition, but in relation to the competition, the name and photograph of the entrant without restriction or compensation.

Termination Of Emerging Designer Competition

Design Exchange and RBC reserve the right to suspend, modify, terminate, or cancel the competition at any time.