



Architecture Competition

Edition #7

TINY HOUSE 2026

Total Prize - USD 5000



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INTRODUCTION



A Home is a space that is intimate to all of us. It goes beyond an everyday function of being a physical shelter for people and their activities; a home connects with its users at a personal and emotional level.

Our humble abodes are being redefined with every passing day. The world is changing constantly, and along with it, our homes are seeing us spend more time within them. The built form of a home is evolving rapidly, its design adapting to various other needs that were not limited to this space before.

Homes today are versatile entities – doubling up as offices, play areas, work-out zones, spaces for interaction, recreation and also being an abode for our furry friends and providing for their needs.

A space that is transformative, multi-functional, and ever evolving to adapt to us and our loved ones. A home is no longer just a place you live in but is a place that lives with you.



Less House, More Home!

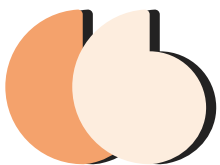
OPPORTUNITY



Our world is changing at a pace unheard of ever before with events unfolding across the globe and human race witnessing advancements across all arenas of life. As our needs are evolving, so are the house designs. Designing outside of the box has become increasingly important as focus is shifting to climatic responsibility, decreasing land availability and economic feasibility. It is inevitable today to utilize space efficiently and effectively that not only fulfills our needs and anticipates our desires but also moves the world towards sustainability.

The desire to have more freedom has led people to follow simpler and efficient ways of living, This coupled with a rapid development in technology and materials, there is a great opportunity to create a versatile and innovative personal space. In addition to shelter, a home must serve as an office, a full-time kitchen, an entertainment area, and place for peace. Having one home act in all these roles is a challenge that designers have to cater to for a variety of spatial experiences. It is time to put our creative and innovative devices to use and to craft a very intimate, providing and nurturing experience - A Home!

The Tiny House Movement, once again, celebrates the concept of simple yet resourceful living. Tiny House 2026 invites participants to explore how architecture can create thoughtful, efficient, and inspiring living environments within a minimal footprint.



Living Small, Yet Living It All!

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CHALLENGE



Participants are to design a Tiny House for 2 people that would provide a comfortable living accommodation. The design and concept of the house should be innovative, creative and sustainable and explore how compact spaces can support modern living in creative and meaningful ways.

The relation between the exterior surroundings and interior spaces must be taken into consideration. The proposed design should be well-conceptualized. The area of the proposed Tiny House should not exceed 300 sq. ft. The proposal should focus on comfort, flexibility, sustainability, and quality of living within a small footprint.

The designed proposals can be mobile that can be towed easily by a vehicle, stationary, portable, floating on water, suspended mid air, modular, or adaptable to changing lifestyles and environments.

Participants are encouraged to develop innovative concepts that respond to both the users and the surrounding context.



Less is More

*Mies Van Der Rohe
German-American architect*

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DESIGN PROGRAM



At minimum, the Tiny House should include:

- Living space
- Sleeping space for two occupants
- Food preparation area
- Toilet / sanitation space
- Workspace
- Recreation areas

Participants are free to add any additional functions based on their design concept, such as:

- Reading area
- Outdoor extensions
- Pet-friendly spaces
- Green Houses
- Flexible or transformable elements

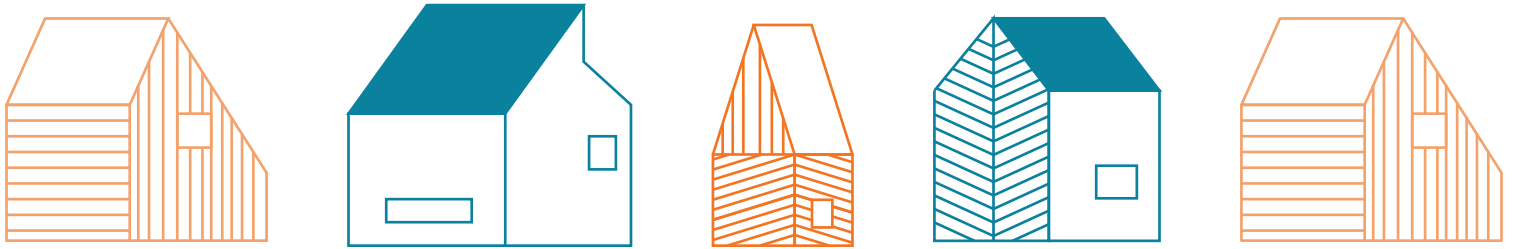
Client Interaction is one of the most critical components of the design proposal. For the purpose of this competition, participants may assume their client to be an individual, a couple, two separate individuals, or multiple genres of individuals based on the design concept.

SITE SELECTION

Participants may choose a site anywhere in the world.
The selected location can be:

- urban or rural,
- real or hypothetical,
- natural, remote, or densely built.

The design should respond meaningfully to the chosen surroundings and demonstrate sensitivity to the context.



JUDGING CRITERIA

Concept Innovation

The participants have to design an innovative housing module and complex and make them exceptional, as compared to the conventional housing buildings today.

Spatial Design

The entries will be judged on the basis of creativity displayed in the spatial design and configuration of spaces.

Site Selection

The participants are to select a site in either urban or rural context for their design. The entries will be evaluated on the basis of the site justification given.

Functional Versatility

The efficiency and functionality of a single housing module and same with respect to the entire community complex.

SUBMISSION

The entrants must complete the online registrations and the submission must include, (but are not limited to) the following required drawings.

Building / Site sections which illustrate key aspects and major spatial or programmatic elements.

Floor plans to show the interior spatial arrangements and program.

Large scale drawing that illustrates innovative details or integrated aspects of design.

Three dimensional representations explaining the design, perspectives and montages which display the character of the project.

Elevations demonstrating qualities such as material, texture, and colour.

All drawings should be presented at a scale appropriate for the design solution and include a graphic scale for reference.



FORMAT

A single A1 sheet must be submitted in JPEG format (150 DPI Resolution), file size not exceeding 5 MB.

The file must be marked with your unique identification number, presented clearly in the top right corner on the A1 sheet.

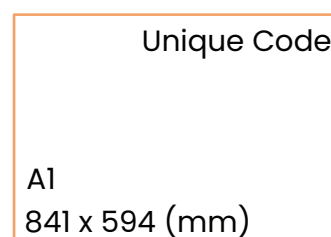
The sheet must not include ANY INFORMATION (Name, Organization, School, etc.) that may give away your identity.

Any other submission other than the above-mentioned format would not be accepted.

All text must be in English, with a MAXIMUM of 200 WORDS for project explanation with a readable font size (to be provided on the A1 sheet).

All dimension should be in imperial or metric unit.

SHEET FORMAT



ELIGIBILITY

Tiny House 2026 Architecture Competition is open to all.

We invite architects, students, engineers, product designers, thinkers, companies, organizations and everyone interested in the mission of the competition to submit their ideas. No professional qualifications are necessary.

SCHEDULE



**Competition
Launch**

19 June 2026



**Registrations
Deadline**

15 October 2026



**Submissions
Deadline**

23 October 2026



**Winners
Announcement**

23 December 2026

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registrations

19 Jun 2026 - 21 Aug 2026

For participants from India:

INR 3186 / per team

INR 2700 + 18% Tax

For participants from other countries:

USD 82.6 / per team

USD 70 + 18% Tax

Standard Registrations

22 Aug 2026 - 15 Oct 2026

For participants from India:

INR 3776 / per team

INR 3200 + 18% Tax

For participants from other countries:

USD 106.2 / per team

USD 90 + 18% Tax

AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

Total Prize – USD 5000



Certificate of Achievement
Publication



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Publication

10 Honourable Mentions : Certificates

Winners and Honourable Mentions will be published on Volume Zero website and several international architecture and design magazines.

Participation Certificates

To show our appreciation, all the participants would receive participation certificate.

FAQs

Q: How does a team receive their team unique code?

A: All the participants will only receive the team unique code on completion of registration process.

Q: Can I change team members after I register?

A: Teams are welcome to add any new members as long as their total members do not exceed 3. However they are prohibited from swapping or removing any existing member of the team. To do this please send your request to questions@volumezerocompetition.com with the details of the new team member requested by the organizer with the team unique code.

Q: What are the modes of submissions?

A: The participants are requested to submit their work in JPEG file format in 150 DPI resolutions.

Q: What should the participants do in case the payments are not available in our country?

A: We request the participants to send us the queries on questions@volumezerocompetition.com to get an alternate payment method. We would send you all the possible payment methods.

Q: Where all do the participants need to use their team unique code?

A: All the participants would be using their team code on the top right corner of their sheets, as the name of their submission and wherever requested by the organizer. This code will be their only identification for the process related with this competition.

Q: What is the limit or cap on the number of team members and can anyone participate individually?

A: A team can have up to three members and cannot exceed this number. The participants who desire to participate individually can do so by filling and submitting the details for the team leader.

Q: What is the nature of the competition and is it open for all?

A: Tiny House 2026 Architecture Competition is an open ideas design competition with no intentions to execute the proposals submitted in any form. The competition is open to all and students and professionals from all walks can join the competition.

Q: What should be the submission file size?

A: The file size should not exceed more than 5MB.

RULES & REGULATION

English is to be used as the language of communication for all drawings. Submissions must include an area statement and scale for eligibility.

The deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM IST 23rd October 2026. Submissions after this deadline will not be considered.

The identity of the participants needs to be anonymous. The registration number is the only form of identification for the entries.

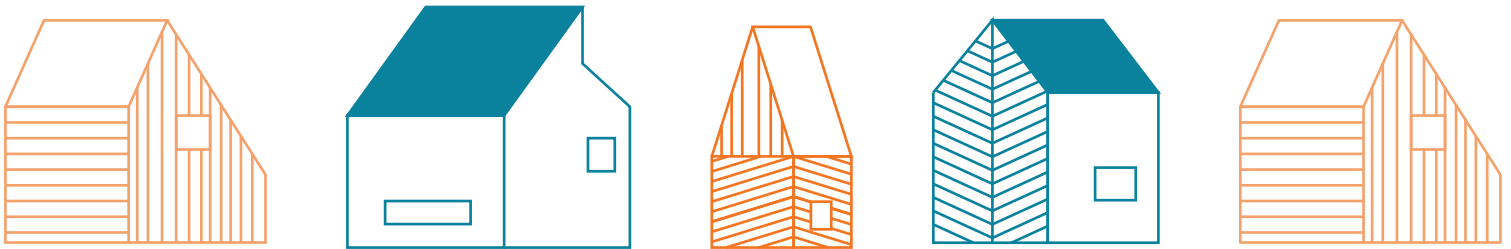
The registration fee is non-refundable.

The participants should not contact the jury under any circumstances.

All participants must accept the rules and regulations of the competition.

The participants may face disqualification if any of the rules are not followed.

Volume Zero reserves the right to modify the schedule of the competition.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

We invite everyone, irrespective of their professions or qualifications, to join the competition and present their ideas. Participants are free to submit multiple entries but each entry needs to be registered separately.

Alongside individual entries, team entries are also allowed. A team can have a maximum of three participants. Interdisciplinary teams are also welcome to join.

After your registration has been approved, you will be sent a unique identification number for your team / entry which will be necessary to submit your proposal. If you haven't received a confirmation within two business days, please contact us at questions@volumezerocompetitions.com or our Facebook profile.