

# Autodesk Buildathon 2026 - Competition terms and conditions

## Eligibility

- Participants must meet a minimum age requirement of 18-years old at the time of the competition.
- All participants must meet Autodesk's [eligibility criteria](#) for the Education Plan and be enrolled at a qualified educational institution at the time of the competition.
- You may be asked by the organizers to confirm your eligibility by showcasing proof such as a student ID or equivalent.
- You must enter as a team – the minimum team size is 2 people; the maximum is 4 people.
- Each team member needs to submit their full name and a unique email address when registering to ensure that we can provide all participants with relevant information and updates.
- Global teams must nominate a Team Captain and declare a single primary Time Zone at registration. **All project deadlines are strictly enforced at 6:00 PM local time within the team's declared region.** Late entries due to time zone confusion or technical delays will not be accepted.
- Each student may only register once and participate as a member of a single team.
- Geographic limitations apply to this competition. Participation and registration are not open to residents of restricted regions, and the competition may not be available in select countries.

## Registration Guidelines

- All participants must have registered by **6:00 PM UTC on August 10, 2026**. Registration [link here](#).

## Originality and intellectual property

- Submitted projects must be the original work of the participants.
- Any form of plagiarism or infringement of intellectual property rights will result in disqualification.

- The use of AI functionality in Autodesk products is allowed as a supporting resource. AI may be used for concept ideation but must be explicitly disclosed in the project narrative. Competition submissions that have been generated by AI tools will be disqualified.
- By entering, participants grant the competition organizers a non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, and display their projects and designs for promotional purposes.

## Project Briefing Times

Dates outlined below based on region:

- **EMEA: AUG 18 at 8AM BST | 7AM UTC**
- **APAC: AUG 18 at 8AM SGT | 12AM UTC**
- **US EAST COAST (EDT): AUG 18 at 8AM EDT | 12PM UTC**
- **US WEST COAST (PDT): AUG 18 at 8AM PDT | 3PM UTC**

- The competition design brief will be announced in August. All competition entries must adhere to these requirements.

## Final Project Submission Deadlines

Dates for outlined below based on region:

- **EMEA: AUG 19 at 6PM BST | 5PM UTC**
- **APAC: AUG 19 at 6PM SGT | 10AM UTC**
- **US EAST COAST (EDT): AUG 19 at 6PM EDT | 10PM UTC**
- **US WEST COAST (PDT): AUG 19 at 6PM PDT | 1AM UTC (AUG 20)**

- To maintain global competitive fairness, participants must submit their entries via the specific submission form designated for their region (APAC, EMEA, or Americas).
- Each regional form will automatically close at 6:00 PM local time on the final day of the competition.
- It is the participant's responsibility to ensure they are using the correct link for their geographical location.

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## Awards and Recognition

- The top 3 teams will receive an award. [Click here](#) for prize details.
- The organizers may opt to award additional recognition for noteworthy submissions. The winners of these awards will need to confirm acceptance within a set time period that will be communicated by the organizers.
- All registered participants will receive an Autodesk Certificate of Participation, which will be sent to the email address entered on the registration form.
- The organizers may opt to award additional recognition for noteworthy submissions. The winners of these awards will need to confirm acceptance within a set time period that will be clarified as part of the announcement.
- The winners are expected to be announced during September 2026; exact date will be announced on day 2 of the competition.
- All cash prizes are in USD. Organizers are not responsible for fluctuations in exchange rates. Winners are liable for any taxes, duties, or bank charges incurred upon receipt of the prize.
- Prizes are awarded to the named participant or team only and may not be sold, transferred, or assigned to any third party. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash, credit, or alternative awards.
- For travel prizes, the organizers reserve the right to substitute the prize if visa issues or travel restrictions prevent attendance.

## Participation and Conduct

- Participants are expected to conduct themselves professionally and respectfully.
- Any form of cheating, disruption, or unreasonable behaviour will result in disqualification.

## General Terms

- The competition is organized by KnowledgePoint Limited, an Autodesk Learning Partner Distributor.
- KnowledgePoint reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions or cancel the competition at any point in time.
- Failing to meet any of the competition terms and conditions may lead to disqualification.

## Judging Criteria

- Designs will be evaluated based on three criteria categories. See the judging criteria for a detailed overview.
- Decisions by the appointed jury are final and cannot be appealed.

## Privacy and Data Protection

- Personal information collected during registration will be used for the administration of the competition.
- Registered participants agree that the organizers and our partners may contact them with information related to the competition prior to, during, and after it.
- Participants' data will be stored according to KnowledgePoint's [privacy policy](#).
- Autodesk's privacy policy dictates that user data is utilized for eligibility verification, competition promotion, and software compliance, adhering to global data protection standards. For more information, please review the official [Autodesk privacy statement](#).