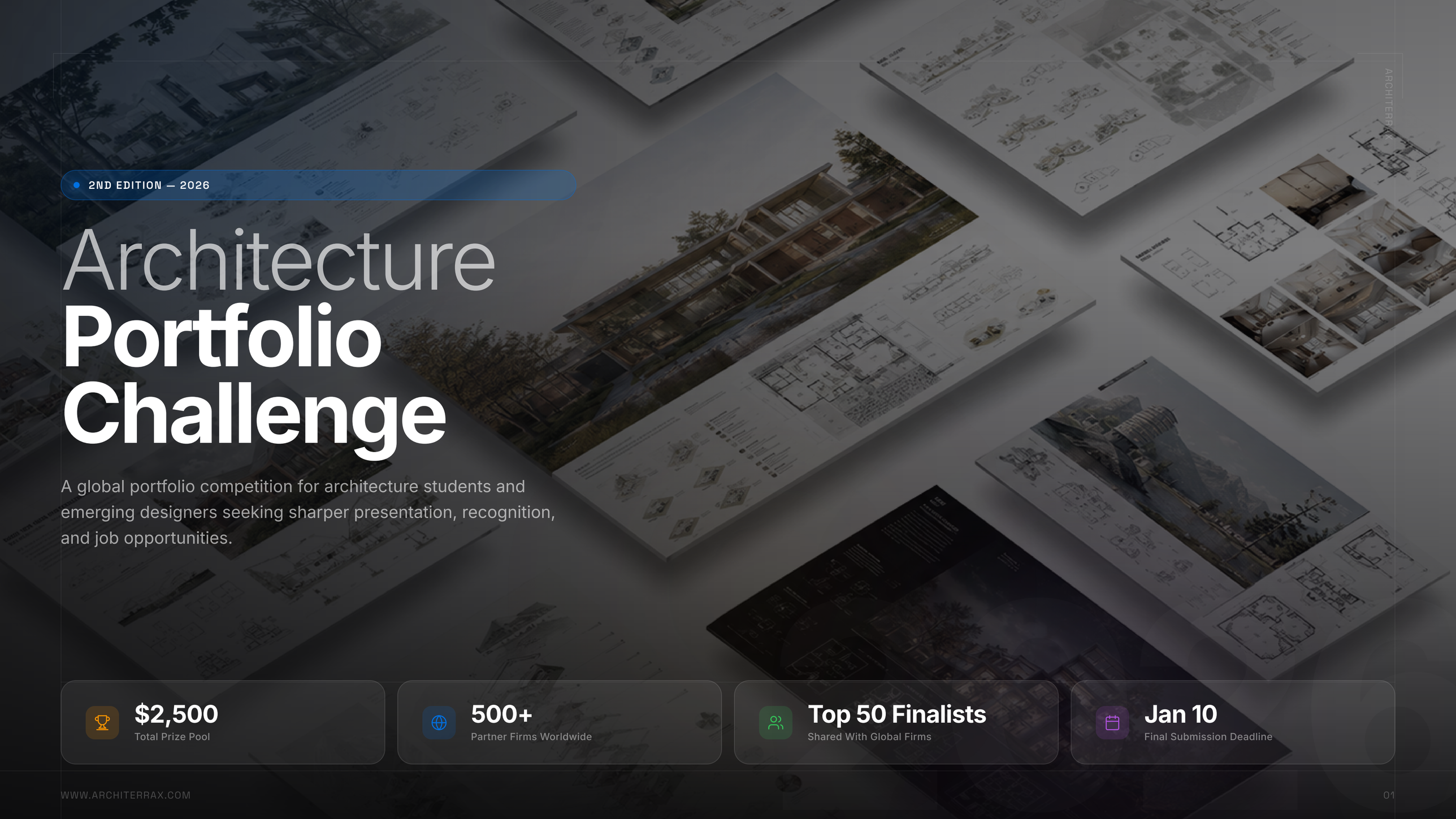


2ND EDITION — 2026

Architecture **Portfolio Challenge**

A global portfolio competition for architecture students and emerging designers seeking sharper presentation, recognition, and job opportunities.

$2,500
Total Prize Pool

500+
Partner Firms Worldwide

Top 50 Finalists
Shared With Global Firms

Jan 10
Final Submission Deadline

OVERVIEW

Build a portfolio that works beyond the classroom.

The Architecture Portfolio Challenge 2026 invites students and young designers to submit a portfolio that communicates design thinking, process, technical ability, and personal identity.



01

Select your best 3 designs.

02

Compile them into a well-composed portfolio.

03

Submit your entry to gain recognition and showcase your design to the world's top firms.

THE BRIEF

Curate your best architectural work into one decisive portfolio.

Prepare a professional portfolio that demonstrates originality, clarity, technical proficiency, and design impact.

The work should communicate who you are as a designer and be suitable for review by architecture firms for job and internship opportunities.



PORTFOLIO / 16:9 / REVIEW SHEET

Only the design projects will be judged for the competition. Resume and additional work sections are included for the reference of architecture firms.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

More than a competition entry.

Global Exposure

Top 50 portfolios shared with 500+ partner architecture firms.

Recognition

Winners and finalists announced on Architerrax and recognized architecture publications/websites.

Portfolio Discipline

Create a portfolio combining your best architecture projects which make you stand out.

Exciting Prizes

Win cash prizes from a USD $2,500 pool.

THE JURY

Reviewed by internationally recognised architects.

Portfolios are reviewed by practising architects and designers from internationally recognised firms.



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Ar. Saman Dadgostar

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

$2,500 total prize pool value.

$1,000 in cash prizes + $30 each for the Top 50 Honorable Mentions.*



Winner

USD $500



1st Runner Up

USD $300



2nd Runner Up

USD $200



50 Honorable Mentions

USD $30*



Top 50 finalists get their portfolios shared with **500+ global partner architecture firms** for job and internship opportunities. All participants and finalists will also receive certificates.

*The USD $30 awarded to each of the Top 50 Honorable Mentions is provided as Architerrax website credits — redeemable on products from the Architerrax store, for access to Architerrax live workshops and recorded courses, or toward future competitions.

TIMELINE & REGISTRATION

Key Dates

Until November 30, 2026
Standard Registrations

Until December 31, 2026
Late Registrations

January 10, 2027
Submission Deadline

February 1, 2027
Result Declaration

Registration Fees

Standard
UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2026
$40 USD

Late
UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026
$60 USD

SUBMISSION FORMAT & REQUIREMENTS

*URC means unique registration code.

One file. One format. Follow exactly.

Single PDF Portfolio

LANDSCAPE 16:9 • ONE COMBINED FILE

Your entire portfolio — cover page, resume, index, design projects, and additional work — must be compiled into a single PDF file.

Cover	Resume	Index	Projects	Additional	MAX
1	2	2	12	4	20
PAGE	PAGES	PAGES	PAGES • 4/PROJECT	PAGES • OPTIONAL	PAGES

1. **One PDF file** containing your complete portfolio in landscape **16:9 aspect ratio**.
2. All text must be legible on a computer screen without zooming.
3. Maximum file size: **20 MB per submission**. File name should be the participant's URC.
4. Maximum length: **20 pages** (Cover + Resume + Index + Projects + Additional Work).
5. Place the participant's **URC at the top right corner** of each page.
6. Email to **submissions.architerrax@gmail.com** with the URC as subject.

Note: The design projects section of the portfolio will be used for the judgment of the competition. The complete portfolio including resume will be shared with partner architecture firms.

JUDGEMENT CRITERIA

Five dimensions of review.

The jury reads the portfolio through five weighted lenses.

Originality & Creativity

Unique concepts and inventive problem-solving.

Clarity in Explanation

Clear design narrative through drawings, diagrams, and text.

Aesthetics & Overall Composition

Visual quality, layout, and presentation standard.

Design Impact

Strength of decisions against context and brief.

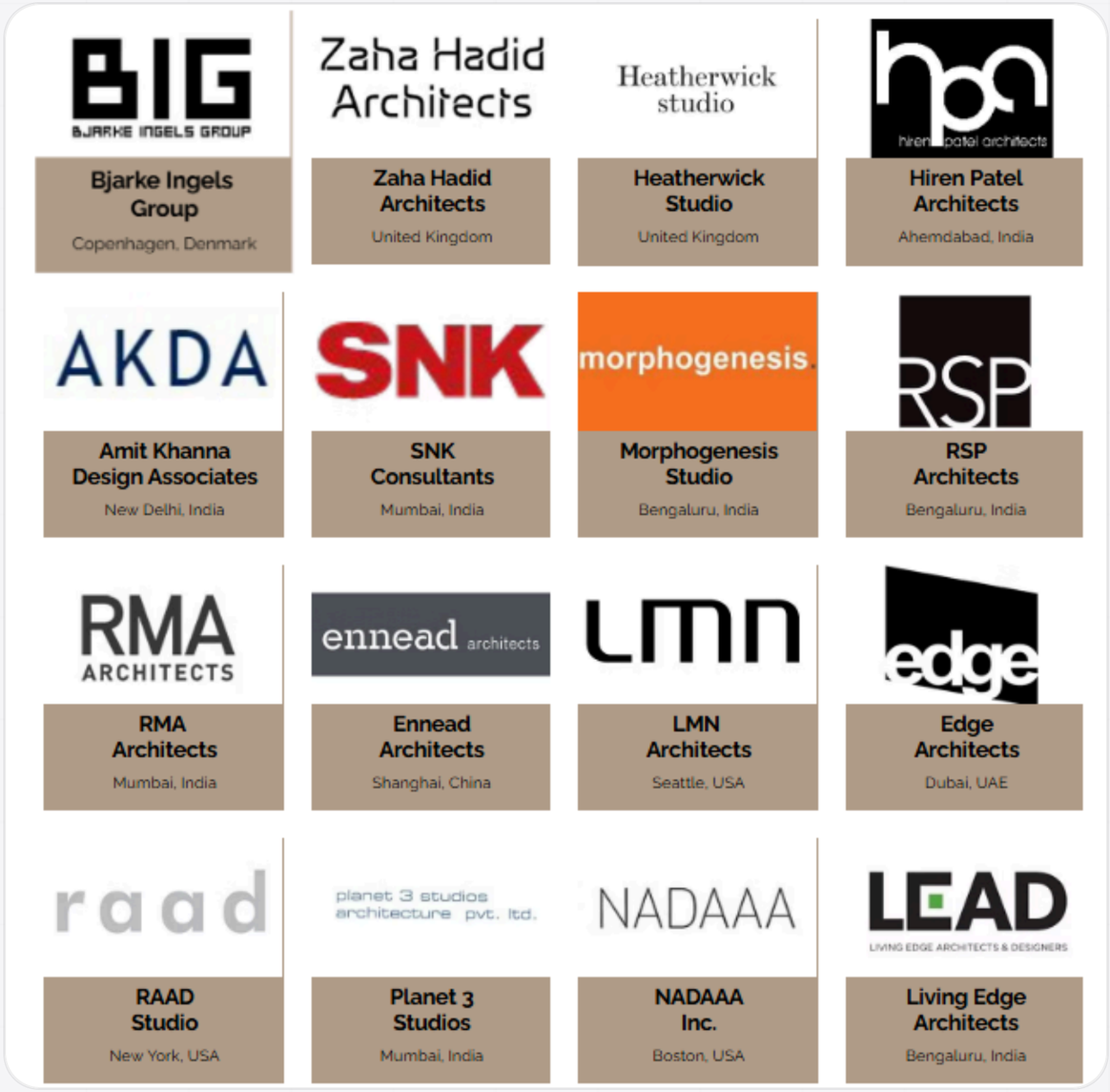
Technical Proficiency

Architectural representation, software skill, and detailing.

PARTNER FIRMS

Portfolios shared to a global architecture network.

The finalist portfolio will be shared with 500+ architecture firms for the opportunity of a job or an internship.



500+
ARCHITECTURE FIRMS

50+
COUNTRIES

100+
CITIES

New York · London · Dubai · Singapore · Tokyo · Mumbai · Sydney · Toronto · Berlin · Copenhagen · Shanghai · Paris · Barcelona · Melbourne

COMPETITION RULES

Please read all rules carefully before registering.

Participation assumes acceptance of these regulations.

01 URC is emailed within 48 hours of registration checkout and is the competition identification code.

02 Registration fees are non-refundable, except if the competition is cancelled.

03 Schedule changes may be made if necessary and communicated by email and social media.

04 Plagiarism causes immediate disqualification. Contacting jury members is strictly prohibited.

05 Architerrax and its partner platforms may publish and promote submitted material with author credit. Ownership remains with the author.

06 Non-compliance may lead to disqualification. Jury and organizer decisions are final.

By registering for the competition, participants agree to the Architerrax terms and conditions.

GET IN TOUCH

Questions before you submit?

For registration, submission, and competition queries.



Register now at **www.architerrax.com** and take the first step towards global recognition.

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