

Unlimited Doha Design Prize

Questions & Answers

The questions below have been published to answer possible questions regarding the eligibility of interested applicants. Should you have any further questions relating to the application or the Design - Residency please email: UDDP@britishcouncil.org

- 01 Non-Qatari national, working and living in the Gulf.
- 02 Gulf based architect, working in UK practice.
- 03 Team of Qatari national and non-Qatari architect based in Qatar.
- 04 Disciplines for joint applications.
- 05 Additional team member, who is not part of the same practice.
- 06 Mixed disciplines for joint applications.
- 07 Independent architects.
- 08 Architects working for a practice, but applying independently.
- 09 UK architect, not living in the UK.
- 10 Graduates of other disciplines.
- 11 Current students.
- 12 Additional fees and benefits for practices.
- 13 Requirements from practices.

Q 01: I'm currently living and working in Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as part of a Gulf based architecture or design practice, however I am not a national from those countries – can I apply?

A: We are very keen for national architecture practices to benefit from the partnerships this project promotes. You may apply if you submit the application in partnership with a national Architect. You must also be a resident in one of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states.

If you do not have a fellow GCC participant to include in the application, we would still encourage you to apply, with the support of your GCC based practice, and the selection panel will take this situation into account.

Q 02: I'm a Gulf based architect working in a UK practice – can I apply?

A: As the aim of the project is to foster new partnerships between the UK and Gulf, applicants need to be currently based in the Gulf. However, UK applicants can invite another person from their practice to join their team, with the understanding that additional travel costs have to be covered independently. This person can be of any nationality.

Q 03: I would like to team up with a Qatari national to form a joint application – I am currently based in Qatar, but not a national – can we apply?

A: Yes. Qatari designers may invite one person to join their team. Additional team members can be of any nationality, but must be based in Qatar and proposed as part of the original application.

Q 04: I would like to make a joint application from Qatar or any other GCC country. Does the 'invited person' have to be from a different creative discipline, or can they also be an architect?

A: Additional team members nominated as part of the application can also be architects, and do not have to be from a different creative discipline.

Q 05: I'm a UK designer who wishes to propose an additional team member who is NOT a part of my practice. Is this possible?

A: Yes, however additional team members would need to cover their own participation costs (including flights and accommodation), and will need to confirm the full consent and backing of the associated practice as part of their application.

Q 06: I am a UK architect / designer who wishes to apply with an additional team member who is NOT an architect / designer. Is this possible?

A: Yes, however additional team members would need to cover their own participation costs (including flights and accommodation), and will need to confirm the full consent and backing of the associated practice as part of their application.

Q 07: I'm a UK architect / designer not currently working as part of a practice. Am I still eligible to apply?

A: Yes. Applicants can be independent architects.

Q 08: I'm a UK architect / designer working as part of a practice. Can I apply independently of this or do I have to use their name?

A: Applicants can apply as individuals rather than through their practice should they wish. You are however responsible for ensuring your practice is happy for you to participate under these terms.

Q 09: I am a UK architect / designer not currently living in the UK? Can I still apply?

A: As the aim of the project is to foster new partnerships between the UK and GCC, UK architects need to be currently based in the UK.

Q 10: I am a graduate in urban design / master planning / engineering / 3D design / technology design rather than architecture – can I apply?

A: Yes. We recognise the closely associated subjects that are very relevant to the project, which might include among others, urbanism, spatial or urban design, master planning etc.

Q 11: I'm a graduate currently studying for my post-grad qualification. Can I apply?

A: Yes. Applicants do not have to be working as part of a practice, however we would require confirmation from your school or university that you are able to travel to Doha to take part in the Design - Residency (assuming this is during term time) and that they give their support to your application. Applicants should also have a minimum of two years professional experience post qualification.

Q 12: My practice have asked if there are any additional fees they will have to take on before I apply, and also what benefits there are for them – can you advise?

A: Architects are expected to contribute their time to the project, and this should be agreed in advance with their practice. Selected participants from the UK will be provided with economy return flights to Qatar, accommodation and daily meal expenses for the duration of the visit. This is available for one designer per participating practice.

Additional expenditure made by the designer (i.e. not a direct and pre agreed cost of participation in the Design – Residency, but additional entertainment/visits, refreshments etc.) will not be covered by the Unlimited Doha Design Prize and should be financed by the architect or practice as agreed between them.

The Design - Residency venue, pre-agreed materials and other practical resources required during the Design - Residency will be provided.

Q 13: What do you require from my practice to confirm their full support and endorsement?

A: If you are applying as an employee of an architectural practice, we will need to be assured that they have been properly consulted and are happy for you to 1) apply under the practice name, and 2) take time out of scheduled work to participate in the Design - Residency should you be selected. This could be in the form of a branded email or letter from your practice.