Design competition for an aspirational water fountain feature at the courtyard of Peter Lougheed Hall.

Terms of Reference (updated March 28, 2017)

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1. In support of the vision and mission of Peter Lougheed Leadership College as well as the goals and objectives of a new students’ residential community, it is envisioned that an aspirational water feature be built at the courtyard of Peter Lougheed Hall.

2. The design of this fountain feature shall be a student engagement project, to be divided into 2 components - design competition and implementation.

3. The design competition is only opened to all current University of Alberta students from all Faculties.

4. This location is the courtyard of Peter Lougheed Hall: (see plan)

5. The description of this design feature is as follows: It is to be a free standing water fountain feature that is activated in all seasons and enhances the campus experience of students in daytime and also in the evening.

6. The aspirational spirit of the design shall reflect the words of Nelson Mandela’s in Conversations with Myself: Honesty, integrity, simplicity, humility, pure generosity, absence of vanity, readiness to serve others – qualities which are within easy reach of every soul – are the foundation of one’s spiritual life.

7. 1st stage of the Design Competition is on design concept and sketches. Proponents shall provide a brief written statement together with drawings, sketches and/or 3D imagery that the proponent judges to best communicate the design concept as experienced.

8. Submissions are welcomed from individuals as well as for teams up to 4 members. Submissions shall also include short Bio’s and CV’s from participants.

9. A shortlist of between 5 - 10 submissions will be selected by a panel of judges to advance to the 2nd (final) stage of the Design Competition.

10. A workshop session, organized by the Office of the University Architect, shall be made available to each of the shortlisted individuals/teams with a design professional, a fabricators and/or a construction specialist to answer operational, detailing, fabrication and installation questions prior to final submission.

11. Final submission to include an illustrated and detailed description of the design (presented in 2 panels of 24"x36" boards in a portrait format) together with a 3-D model (physical or virtual). In addition, there will be a 10 minutes final presentation (up to 10 slides) by the short listed individuals/teams.

12. Panel of judges will be announced in advance to comprise of a Faculty member, an Executive of SU, a member of Peter Lougheed Leadership College, a member of Ancillary Services and a member representing the patrons (donor families), together with three technical, non-voting, members acting as resource.

13. Judging criteria shall be: a) authenticity and context, b) massing, scale and articulation, c) materiality, d) experience to visitors to courtyard and building occupants, e) design excellence and aspirational spirit.

14. Out of pocket expenses up to $1,000 will be reimbursed per short listed members/teams to cover reasonable costs incurred by each team. For example, this could include materials needed in the preparation of submission panels and/or the fabrication of a physical 3-D model. Due to the nature of this student design competition, the hiring of a professional graphic designer or other professional design professionals is not considered a reimbursable cost. Submission of receipts is required for all reimbursable expenses.

15. The winner will be awarded a prize of $10,000 as well as seeing the design completed in association with a technical/fabrication partner for design development, fabrication and installation.
16. The Office of the University Architect will work with Faculty administration of the winning scheme to possibility of awarding student(s) with academic (practicum) credit.


18. Design submissions to be made before 4 pm (mountain time) on specified date(s) to The Office of the University Architect, Planning and Project Delivery, Facilities and Operations, University of Alberta, General Services Building 4th floor, attn.: Ben Louie, University Architect.