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10 BLIND WALLS INTERNATIONAL IDEAS COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ARCHITECTS

Fundació Mies van der Rohe and the Barcelona City Council have launched an international single stage ideas competition open to all young architects as part of the city's nomination as the 2026 UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture.

Participants are invited to remodel 10 permanent blind walls, spread across the city's 10 districts, aiming to leave a lasting legacy in Barcelona.

The winning proposals will be implemented, whenever possible, for their inauguration in 2026 as part of the programme of activities of the UNESCO-UIA World Capital of Architecture.

This competition is conducted according to the [UNESCO Standard Regulations for International Competitions and the UIA best practice recommendations](#).

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all architects, entitled to practise in their country of residence, **born on or after 1 January 1989**.

Multidisciplinary teams must include an architect.

TIMELINE

- Competition Launch: **10 June 2024**
- Questions: **10-20 June 2024**
- Publication of answers: **1 July 2024**
- Submission of entries: **5 August 2024**
- Jury meeting: **9-17 September 2024**
- Publication of results: **25 September 2024**

JURY

- Camilla van Deurs (Denmark) architect
- Ali Kural (Turkey), architect
- Teddy Cruz (Guatemala/USA), architect
- Philip F. Yuan (China), architect, UIA representative
- Meriem Chabani (Algeria/France), architect
- Maria Buhigas (Spain), Barcelona Chief City Architect
- Anna Ramos (Spain), Director of Fundació Mies van der Rohe
- Alternate juror: Grichka Martinetti (France), architect, UIA representative

PRIZES

There are 3 prizes for each of the 10 locations as follows:

- 1st prize: **3,000 Euros**
- 2nd prize: **1,500 Euros**
- 3rd prize: **750 Euros**

At its discretion, the jury may also decide to allocate up to three honorable mentions to proposals with particular merit for each site.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages for the competition are **English, Spanish and Catalan**. All documents for the competition will be provided in the three languages.

The English version prevails in case of a conflict of interpretation.

PARTICIPATION

Registration, submission of questions and proposals will be done on the competition website: <https://www.barcelona.cat/capitalmundialarquitectura/>

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