



Las Catalinas is a new beach town on the Guanacaste coast of Costa Rica. Its purpose is to create a way of life that is healthy, sustainable, rewarding, and fun. Las Catalinas consists of houses, shops, restaurants, small hotels and inns, plazas, parks and recreational facilities. All elements are arranged to create a series of wonderful, walkable public spaces interwoven with nature. Architecture is adapted for outdoor living. Motorized vehicles are refreshingly absent.

OBJECTIVE

Professionals, Students, and Kids are invited to present ideas for a civic hall in Beach Town, Las Catalinas! We seek this building to be of architectural importance, embracing the tropical traditional vernacular of Las Catalinas. As a priority, the proposal should optimize natural ventilation. The design should also allow for a building with flexible use, and durable and sustainable materials. This building has many fronts and should provide a welcoming facade on all sides.

JURY

- Charles Brewer | Town Founder, Las Catalinas
- Diana Cascante | Construction Director, Las Catalinas
- Will Hoeg | Commercial Real Estate Developer
- Nila Leiserowitz | Former Managing Principal, Gensler
- Stuart Meddin | President, The Meddin Company
- Sara Picado Bega | Senior Town Architect, Las Catalinas

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Registration form with personal data in their respective category
2. Sending documents digitally

Participation is open to all professionals and students of architecture or engineering, residents of Costa Rica or abroad, as well as children under twelve years of age.

It is not necessary to have some kind of registration from the professional association of the country of origin to participate.

Active members of the jury may not participate.

Participants can register as an individual or in a group. In the case of collective participation, a representative must be chosen.

Each participant may submit one single proposal which must meet the requirements and be sent within the set period.

The proposal will be delivered anonymously, with the identification number that will be sent to your email along with the complementary information package for the development of the proposal once the registration period is over.

PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES, FEES AND DOCUMENTS

PROFESSIONAL

Documents to present:

A PDF with a maximum of two sheets representing the entire project. The document must contain all the information necessary to explain and understand the proposal. The document must contain at least the following:

- Diagrams, views, sketches, renderings or any other type of visual representation
- Floor plan and facades necessary to understand the project
- A section or detail that explains the management of natural ventilation and passive strategies
- A descriptive text (250 words maximum), accompanied by reference images as an *esquisse* or *moodboard*

The format of the sheet must be 11x17 "or double letter, in landscape orientation. The file must be presented in PDF and must not exceed 5MB. The file name must contain only the identification code sent to the email.

STUDENT

Documents to present:

A PDF with a maximum of two sheets representing the entire project. The document must contain all the information necessary to explain and understand the proposal. The document must contain at least the following:

- Diagrams, views, sketches, renderings or any type of visual representation
- Distribution plan and facades necessary to understand the project
- A section or detail where it explains the management of natural ventilation and passive strategies
- A descriptive text (250 words maximum), accompanied by reference images as a *esquisse* o *moodboard*

The format of the sheet must be 11x17 ”or double letter, in horizontal orientation. The file must be presented in PDF and must not exceed 5MB. The file name must contain only the identification code sent to the email.

KIDS

A workshop will be held with interested community participants to visit the site and make their designs. The date of the workshop will be announced after the close of the registration date.

Documents to present:

- An image or hand drawing of your project ideas.

The format of the sheet must be 8.5x11” or Letter, in horizontal orientation. It can be presented in PDF format or delivered in person to the design and construction office with the name of the participant. The file must not exceed 2MB.

AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

First place:

- \$1000 USD (One thousand american dollars)
- Invitation to be part of the project design team as a consultant
- Two-night stay at Santarena Hotel for two people with a dinner included at Ponciana restaurant
- Publication in Las Catalinas Blog, social networks and exhibition of the project in the town

STUDENT CATEGORY

First place:

- 4-week internship in the Design and Construction Department of Las Catalinas
- Publication in Las Catalinas Blog, social networks and exhibition of the project in town

CATEGORY CHILDREN

First place:

- A day of learning with Las Catalinas Design and Construction team
- Printed award certificate
- Publication in Las Catalinas Blog, social networks and exhibition of the project in town

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Up to two honorable mentions will be chosen for all categories, which will be published on Las Catalinas Blog.

CALENDAR

- Early Bird Registration: November 15 - December 10, 2021
- Early Bird Project Information Delivery: December 13 - 17, 2021
- Regular Registration: December 11, 2021 - January 10, 2022
- Regular Project Information Delivery: January 10- January 14, 2022
- Projects Due for Delivery: February 28, 2022
- Announcement of Results to Winners: March 18, 2022
- Results Publication: April 4, 2022

PUBLICATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Each participant accepts the reproduction and dissemination of the work presented by the contest organizers for the purpose of marketing in printed and/or digital materials. If you are chosen as the winner, you agree to the publication of your name and those of your team in printed and/or digital marketing materials.

Each participant accepts that the proposals awarded first place or honorable mentions can serve as inspiration for the development of the final project of the Beach Town Civic Center in Las Catalinas. They cannot be used for the development of other projects by the organization,

architects, engineers, or other respective authors. At the same time, the participant agrees to send an exclusive design of his own authorship that may not be used for any other purpose other than that of the contest.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Any design proposal that does not meet the registration, documentation, anonymity requirements, or the originality of the submitted proposal is questioned will be disqualified.

The jury's decision is final.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNING PROJECT:

Las Catalinas will send an email to the participant (individual or representative of their team) chosen as the winner within their respective category on the date described as announcement of results. The winners will be announced publicly on the Las Catalinas Blog, social networks and the exhibition of the project in the town on the date corresponding to the publication of the projects.

EXECUTION OF THE WINNING PROPOSAL:

In the professional category, if applicable, the participant(s) named as winner(s) may be invited to participate as consultants in the process of developing the design of the Civic Center. This includes being part of the development of construction plans and architectural details for permits and construction, as well as participating in the inspection of the project at the time of its development. The expenses of this consultancy are covered by the participant(s) and the terms will be mutually agreed.

In the student category, the start date of the internship in Las Catalinas Design and Construction Department will be mutually agreed between the parties, the expenses involved in lodging and meals will be covered by Las Catalinas.

In the children's category, the date for a learning day with Las Catalinas Design and Construction Department will be mutually agreed between the parties, and a complimentary lunch will be offered by Las Catalinas.

OF THE PRIZE:

The organizers of the contest will provide the indicated financial prize to the professional(s) named as the winner(s). The award will be effective within a period of no more than one month from the date of publication of the projects.

In the case of group participations, the team representative will be responsible for distributing the prize among the members of the team.

Each individual or team participant will obtain a certificate of participation issued by the contest organizers. Each member of the team will have equal consideration and recognition at the time of publication.

ORGANIZERS RESPONSIBILITY:

If for any reason the winning participant or team representative cannot be located, because they incorrectly provided their data or it is not possible to contact them with the information provided, this will not generate responsibility of any kind for the organizers and the interested party will lose the right to claim the award correspondent to the respective category.

In this circumstance and for any other reason that makes it impossible to deliver the award, the organizers reserve the right not to award it to any other participant.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any questions regarding the design competition, you can contact us at concursos@lascatalinascr.com