



Architecture Competition

Edition #6

TINY HOUSE 2025

Total Prize – USD 4500



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INTRODUCTION



Home is a space that is intimate to all of us. A home goes beyond its everyday function of being a physical shelter for people and their activities; a home connects with its users at a personal and emotional level.

Our humble abodes are being redefined with every passing day. The world is changing constantly, and along with it, our homes are seeing us spend more time within them. The built form of a home is evolving rapidly; its design adapting to various other needs that were not limited to this space before.

Homes today are versatile entities – doubling up as offices, play areas, work-out zones, spaces for interaction and recreation, as also being an abode for our furry friends and providing for their needs.



Less House, More Home!

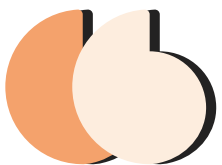
OPPORTUNITY



With growing environmental concerns, rising costs, and the need for more adaptable lifestyles, people are increasingly drawn to simpler and more efficient ways of living. This shift presents designers with a unique opportunity to redefine the idea of “home” — not just as a shelter, but as a versatile personal space that balances comfort, sustainability, and innovation.

The inclination towards minimal yet meaningful living, coupled with rapid advancements in technology and materials, opens the door to creating homes that maximize usability within a minimal footprint.

The Tiny House Movement celebrates this philosophy — proving that small can be smart, resourceful, and inspiring.



Living Small, Yet Living It All!

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CHALLENGE

The design of the Tiny House should be innovative and creative, with a sustainable edge. The relation between the exterior surroundings and interior spaces must be taken into consideration. The proposed design should be well-conceptualized. The area of the proposed Tiny House should not exceed 300 sq. ft.

Mobility being a vital factor, the house need not be self-mobile, but should be treated as an extension that can be towed easily by a car or pickup truck. However, the participants can avoid the issue of mobility altogether by providing a strong justification for the same.

The Interior Spaces should include the following:

- Living Area
- Sleeping Area for 2
- Cooking and Dining Area
- Toilet space
- Workspace
- Recreation space
- Any other function that the participant wishes to add to the Tiny House



Client Interaction is one of the critical components of the design proposal. For the purpose of this competition, entrants may assume an individual, couple, or a genre of people, based on the design concept.



Less is More

*Mies Van Der Rohe
German-American architect*

SITE SELECTION

The participants can choose a site according to their design proposals. The location can be either an urban or a rural area anywhere across the world. The design should be integrated well with the selected site and the selected site must strongly justify the design proposal.



JUDGING CRITERIA

Concept Innovation

The participants have to design an innovative housing module and complex and make them exceptional, as compared to the conventional housing buildings today.

Spatial Design

The entries will be judged on the basis of creativity displayed in the spatial design and configuration of spaces.

Site Selection

The participants are to select a site in an Urban Context for their design. The entries will be evaluated on the basis of the site justification given.

Functional Versatility

The efficiency and functionality of a single housing module and same with respect to the entire community complex.

SUBMISSION

The entrants must complete the online registrations and the submission must include, (but are not limited to) the following required drawings.

Building / Site sections which illustrate key aspects and major spatial or programmatic elements.

Three dimensional representations explaining the design, perspectives and montages which display the character of the project.

Floor plans to show the interior spatial arrangements and program.

Elevations demonstrating qualities such as material, texture, and colour.

Large scale drawing that illustrates innovative details or integrated aspects of design.

All drawings should be presented at a scale appropriate for the design solution and include a graphic scale for reference.

FORMAT



A single A1 sheet must be submitted in JPEG format (150 DPI Resolution), file size not exceeding 5 MB.

The file must be marked with your unique identification number, presented clearly in the top right corner on the A1 sheet.

All text must be in English, with a MAXIMUM of 200 WORDS for project explanation with a readable font size (to be provided on the A1 sheet).

The sheet must not include ANY INFORMATION (Name, Organization, School, etc.) that may give away your identity.

All dimension should be in imperial or metric unit.

Any other submission other than the above-mentioned format would not be accepted.

SHEET FORMAT

Unique Code
A1 841 x 594 (mm)

SCHEDULE



Competition
Starts



Early Bird
Registrations Ends



Standard
Registrations Ends



Submissions
Deadline



Winners
Announcement

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registrations

05 Oct 2025 - 05 Dec 2025

For participants from India:

INR 3186 / per team

INR 2700 + 18% Tax

For participants from other countries:

USD 94.4 / per team

USD 80 + 18% Tax

Standard Registrations

06 Dec 2025 - 16 Jan 2026

For participants from India:

INR 3776 / per team

INR 3200 + 18% Tax

For participants from other countries:

USD 112.1 / per team

USD 95 + 18% Tax

AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

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Certificate of Achievement
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10 Honourable Mentions : Certificates

Winners and Honourable Mentions will be published on Volume Zero website and several international architecture and design magazines.

Participation Certificates

To show our appreciation, all the participants would receive participation certificate.

FAQs

Q: How does a team receive their team unique code?

A: All the participants will only receive the team unique code on completion of registration process.

Q: Can I change team members after I register?

A: Teams are welcome to add any new members as long as their total members do not exceed 3. However they are prohibited from swapping or removing any existing member of the team. To do this please send your request to questions@volumezerocompetition.com with the details of the new team member requested by the organizer with the team unique code.

Q: What are the modes of submissions?

A: The participants are requested to submit their work in JPEG file format in 150 DPI resolutions.

Q: What should the participants do in case the payments are not available in our country?

A: We request the participants to send us the queries on questions@volumezerocompetition.com to get an alternate payment method. We would send you all the possible payment methods.

Q: Where all do the participants need to use their team unique code?

A: All the participants would be using their team code on the top right corner of their sheets, as the name of their submission and wherever requested by the organizer. This code will be their only identification for the process related with this competition.

Q: What is the limit or cap on the number of team members and can anyone participate individually?

A: A team can have up to three members and cannot exceed this number. The participants who desire to participate individually can do so by filling and submitting the details for the team leader.

Q: What is the nature of the competition and is it open for all?

A: Tiny House 2025 Architecture Competition is an open ideas design competition with no intentions to execute the proposals submitted in any form. The competition is open to all and students and professionals from all walks can join the competition.

Q: What should be the submission file size?

A: The file size should not exceed more than 5MB.

RULES & REGULATION

English is to be used as the language of communication for all drawings.

The deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM IST 30th January 2026. Submissions after this deadline will not be considered.

The identity of the participants needs to be anonymous. The registration number is the only form of identification for the entries.

The registration fee is non-refundable.

The participants should not contact the jury under any circumstances.

All participants must accept the rules and regulations of the competition.

The participants may face disqualification if any of the rules are not followed.

Volume Zero reserves the right to modify the schedule of the competition.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

We invite everyone, irrespective of their professions or qualifications, to join the competition and present their ideas. Participants are free to submit multiple entries but each entry needs to be registered separately.

Alongside individual entries, team entries are also allowed. A team can have a maximum of three participants. Interdisciplinary teams are also welcome to join.

After your registration has been approved, you will be sent a unique identification number for your team / entry which will be necessary to submit your proposal. If you haven't received a confirmation within two business days, please contact us at questions@volumezerocompetitions.com or our Facebook profile.