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The Department of Architecture, Bezalel, in collaboration with the Israeli Ministry of Health and the Bernard van Leer Foundation



Competition Tracks

The competition offers two tracks: Adaptation and "From Scratch." The design challenge in both would be to design the centers and their environments according to the program and principles of the competition by studying the existing conditions, context, and target community.

Adaptation Track

Re-planning and re-designing an existing Well Baby Clinic. This track includes four prototypes of existing structures. Candidates can choose one, some, or all of the prototypes and propose a design intervention for (each of) the chosen structure(s).

"From Scratch" Track

The design of a Well Baby Clinic from scratch. This track includes three prototypes of vacant lots allocated to future clinics. Candidates can choose one, some, or all of the prototypes and propose a design intervention for each of the locations.

Candidates may submit proposals for one or both of the two tracks, and for more than one prototype.

The submitted proposals must address the competition program by offering a comprehensive examination and analysis of the existing conditions, a plan to adapt to the needs of specific communities (peripheral, religious, nonreligious, urban or non-urban communities, minorities, etc.), and a detailed design proposal. The submission must relate to the implementation stages and offer tools for intervention according to specific parameters on both the local scale and the wider urban context.

In both tracks, winners will be selected according to the following conditions:

- Each team to win first place will receive a €1,000 award.
- Each team to win second place will receive a €250 award.

For each prototype, at least a second-place award will be granted, but not necessarily a first-place award. The competition jury maintains the right to grant more than one first-place award for a single prototype.

The winning proposals will be presented in a future exhibition, enjoy international exposure and publicity, and be adapted into a design guide at the disposal of the Ministry of Health for implementation of future Well Baby Clinics over the next decade.

Winners will be introduced to the representatives of the Ministry of Health for the purpose of adapting their proposals into future projects, depending on availability and project requirements.

Participation Eligibility

Eligible for registering to the competition are the following:

- 4th and 5th year students of architecture or design in a higher education institution in Israel or elsewhere.
- Early-career architects and designers who completed their undergraduate studies up to three years prior to the date of the competition.

Proposals can be submitted only in interdisciplinary teams. The submitting team must include at least one architect (or student of architecture as described above) and one designer (or student of design as described above). Each team must include at least one local member.

Competition Documents and Information for Candidates Competition documents (for download via competition website):

Competition programme PDF Competition terms and regulations PDF

Further reading material PDF

Planning documents (will be sent to you after registration): Survey files DWG, PDF

Schedule and registration:

04 February 2021 – online registration opens 18 February 2021 – last date for submitting questions

25 February 2021 – virtual tour of model centers 04 March 2021 - online publication of Q&A

16 March 2021 – last date for submitting proposals 6 May 2021 – international event and announcement of winners

Submission format:

Independent Wix (or any other free website builder) website, which includes the following components:

At least two sections (scale 1:50). At least one detail (scale 1:5 to 1:20).

Schemes and diagrams specifying the planning principles. At least two visualizations – one interior and one exterior.

Additional visual materials.

Group name and contact info.

At least one plan (scale 1:50) and one site plan (scale 1:250).

Project description in English (Hebrew and Arabic are optional as a second language).

The link to the website should be sent to drops@bezalel.ac.il by March 16th, 2021 before 6pm (Jerusalem time).

All materials should be downloadable from the website in a printable PDF format.

Registration and Q&A:

Competition Jury:

Via website.

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Israeli Ministry of Health

Al-Qasimi center

Transportation Officials (NACTO) Prof. Arch. Els Verbakel – Head of the Department of Architecture and the Urban Planning Program, Bezalel Academy

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Daniella Ben-Attar - Israel Representative, Bernard van Leer Foundation Arch. Nir Caspi – Representative of the Unit for Planning, Construction and Development of Medical Institutions,

Dr. Shosh Goldberg – Representative of the Nursing Unit, Israeli Ministry of Health

Ron Ravia - Chief Administrator of Public Health Services, Israeli Ministry of Health Khouloud Zabaneh Tannas – Head of early childhood department in Al-Qasimi college and the director of Bidayat

Project Team:

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Nadav Luria – Supervisor of Well Baby Clinics (Tipat Chalav), Israeli Ministry of Health

Steering Committee:

Dalia Stultz - Deputy Head of the Unit for Planning, Construction and Development of Medical Institutions, Israeli Ministry of Health

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