



**P9 Greenspace Design Competition**  
**Reimagine Your Campus. Shape the Student Experience**

Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) within the Facilities Management and Planning (FMP) team invites students to help reimagine an underutilized area of campus as a vibrant hub for community life. This design competition challenges our campus community to envision a flexible, welcoming, and culturally respectful outdoor space that fosters student well-being, curiosity, and connection.

Participants are encouraged to explore how thoughtful design can enhance the daily experience of the Carleton community, creating a place to gather, reflect, engage, and celebrate our shared campus culture.

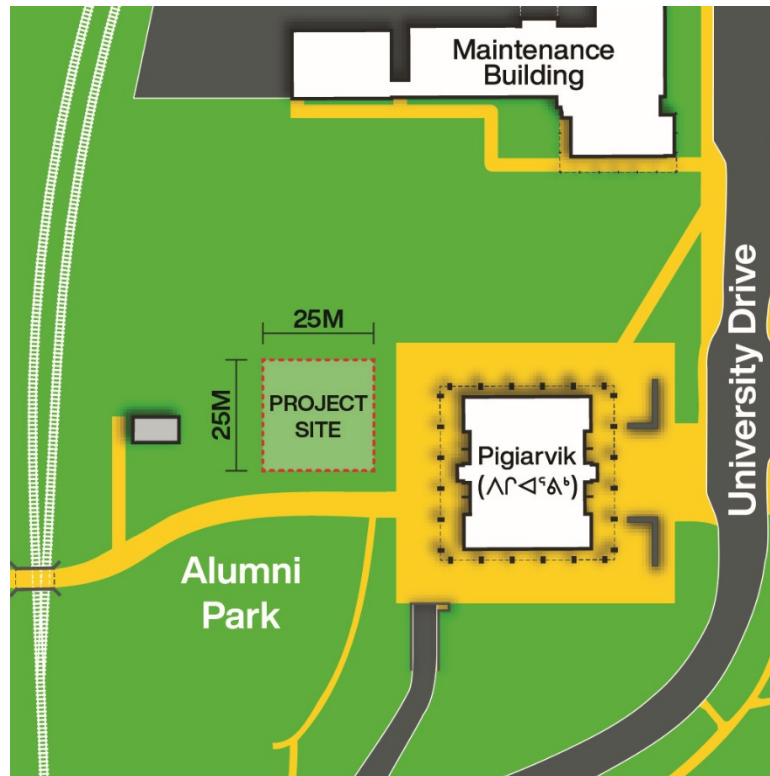


***Design Goal***

Create an inspiring, flexible outdoor space that enriches the student experience and reflects Carleton's core values of [accessibility](#), [sustainability](#), [inclusion](#), and [community engagement](#), while strengthening the connection and encouraging active use of both Alumni Park and the broader P9 greenspace.

### *Site Focus*

The proposed design must be located within the designated south portion of the P9 site, focused on transforming the former fountain area into a renewed landscape for interaction and belonging. Designs must remain fully within the defined site boundaries, including existing pathways and circulation routes, and must not obstruct or encroach upon pedestrian movement.



### *What to Keep in Mind When Designing*

When developing your concept, consider how your design can:

- **Stay within the \$100,000 budget:** Focus on creative, cost-effective solutions that maximize student impact.
- **Embrace interdisciplinary collaboration:** Teams that bring together different academic backgrounds, skills, and perspectives are encouraged. Creativity is stronger when inspired by diverse ideas.
- **Encourage student engagement:** Imagine how students will gather, relax, study, celebrate, and build community here.
- **Be accessible for everyone:** Ensure both physical and social accessibility, meeting AODA requirements and removing barriers to participation.

- **Celebrate culture, identity, and belonging:** Reflect Carleton's diverse student voices and foster a sense of inclusivity for all.
- **Public Engagement:** Shortlisted proposals will be presented for community feedback and/or voting.
- **Fit within the defined site boundaries:** Respect existing pathways, utilities, and protected trees as shown on the provided site plan above.
- **Embrace sustainability:** Prioritize durable, low-maintenance, and environmentally responsible materials and solutions.
- **Be safe and welcoming**  
Consider lighting, visibility, accessibility routes, and year-round comfort (summer shade, winter conditions).
- **Be flexible and future-ready:** Support a variety of student activities, from quiet reflection to active engagement, with elements that can adapt or be relocated as campus needs evolve.
- **Be buildable:** Ensure ideas are feasible to construct within the approved budget and typical campus construction practices.

### *Submission Requirements*

1. All submissions must be compiled into **one (1) PDF** (max 15 MB), formatted for digital viewing.
2. Name of the File should follow this convention: Team Name –P9 Design Competition
3. Required:
  - a. **Concept Statement**  
Up to 500 words describing the vision, purpose, and intended use of the space — including how it aligns with the Design Goal and Design Considerations.
  - b. **Design Alignment Notes**  
Up to 500 words of how the proposal supports one or more of Carleton's values, including:
    - i. Accessibility and inclusion
    - ii. Community well-being and safety
    - iii. Sustainability and environmental responsibility
    - iv. Student culture, belonging, and engagement
    - v. Year-round usability
4. **Team Information**  
Names of all contributors, program/department, year of study, and a primary contact email.
5. **Optional (Encouraged) Additions:**
  - a. **Preliminary Visuals**  
Sketches, diagrams, or renderings that help communicate your idea.
  - b. **Future Adaptation Notes**  
Ways the concept could evolve over time as campus needs change.

### *Who's Invited to Design*

- **Student Eligibility:** Open to all currently enrolled Carleton University students (part-time and full-time) individuals or teams of up to six (6) members.
- **Interdisciplinary Collaboration Encouraged:** Teams are strongly encouraged to combine diverse skills and perspectives — *all fields welcome!*
- **Team Participation Rules:** Each student may participate in only one submission.
- **Advisors Permitted — Not Participants:** Faculty, staff, and external professionals may provide feedback, but cannot be listed as team members or lead the design.
- **Primary Contact Required:** Each submission must designate one team lead for communication with the competition organizers.

### *How Your Idea will be Evaluated & Selected*

#### **1. Initial Panelist Review:**

A panel of judges will review submissions and select the **Top Five (5)** concepts based on how well they demonstrate:

- *Student Experience Impact* — Enhances daily student life through gathering, reflection, activity, and community.
- *Innovation & Creativity* — Shows originality and expresses Carleton's student culture.
- *Accessibility & Inclusion* — Welcomes everyone and supports AODA-aligned physical and social participation.
- *Sustainability & Durability* — Uses environmentally responsible solutions suitable for Ottawa's climate.
- *Campus Integration* — Strengthens flow and connection between Alumni Park and the P9 greenspace.
- *Feasibility* — Realistic to implement using typical campus construction approaches and constraints.
- *Seasonal Safety & Comfort* — Supports safe, enjoyable use in all weather and lighting conditions.
- *Future Adaptability* — Can evolve as campus needs change.
- *Ongoing maintenance and operational costs* — Ensure all costs are captured for ongoing costs, such as energy costs, maintenance, etc.

#### **2. Feasibility & Visualization Enhancement**

An external professional consultant will review the Top 5 concepts for constructability, safety, and long-term maintenance, and will develop **high-level renderings** to support decision-making. Will also provide design feedback and suggestions to ensure concept remains within the \$100,000 budget.



### 3. **Concept Presentations**

The Top 5 concepts will prepare a presentation to be delivered to the competition panel, who will then select the **Top Three (3) concepts** for campus wide voting.

### 4. **Campus Community Vote**

The **Top Three (3)** concepts will be showcased for a **campus-wide vote**, giving students and the broader community a voice in selecting the winner.

### 5. **Winner Announcement**

Carleton will publicly announce the winning concept and celebrate student contributions through campus channels and a design showcase.

## *Competition Rules*

To ensure a fair and successful competition, all participants must follow these rules:

- **Original Work:** Submissions must be created by the student or student team submitting the work. No copyrighted or unlicensed materials may be included.
- **Student Participation Only:** Only currently enrolled Carleton University students may participate. Faculty, staff, and external professionals may provide informal advice, but they may not produce design content or be listed as team members.
- **One Team per Student:** Each student may participate in only one submission.
- **Stay Within the Designated Site:** All proposed elements must remain within the defined P9 south zone and must not obstruct existing pathways or circulation routes.
- **Safety and Accessibility:** Concepts must consider personal safety and comply with AODA principles for physical and social accessibility.
- **Realistic and Constructable:** Ideas should be feasible to implement within typical campus construction methods and maintenance practices.
- **Respect for Community and Environment:** Designs must be culturally respectful and support environmental responsibility and biodiversity.
- **Submission Compliance:** Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. All files must follow the guidelines in the Submission Requirements section.
- **Intellectual Property:** Students will retain credit for their original concepts. Carleton University reserves the right to publicly share and display submissions, including renderings and descriptions, with appropriate credit to the creators.
- **Final Decisions:** Panel decisions and voting results are final.
- **Right to Modify:** Carleton University reserves the right to adjust competition details, timelines, or processes, if necessary, with notice provided to participants.

### *Competition Schedule*

- Competition Launch: Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Q&A/Information Session: Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2026
- Submission Deadline: Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 11:59pm
- Top 5 Announcement: Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Top 5 Nominees Presentation of Concept: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Top 3 Announcement: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026
- Voting Window: Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026
- Winner Announcement: Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### *Awards & Recognition*

1. **Winning Design**
  - Will be advanced for implementation with a \$100,000 project budget and support from the university's project management team.
  - Will be recognized publicly through campus communications and displayed in a design showcase.
  - Will be commemorated on-site with a plaque recognizing the student designer(s).
  - Invitation to the unveiling or celebration event
2. **Honourable Mentions**
  - Shortlisted concepts that are not selected as the final winner may be featured in Carleton communications, exhibitions, or campus displays.

### *How to Submit*

- A direct submission link will be available on the Competition webpage.
- **Reminder:**
  - One (1) PDF
  - Max 15 MB
  - File format: *Team Name – P9 Design Competition*

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### *Contact Information*

For questions or clarifications related to the competition, please contact:

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Responses to inquiries will be provided as promptly as possible.