MimED 2026

ARCHITECTURE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, AWARDS FOR ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS

1. INSTITUTION

This competition is organized annually by Architecture Education Association [ArchED, “MimED” in Turkish]. “25th MimED2026 Project Awards for Architecture Students” includes projects carried out in architectural design studios of “2025-2026 fall”, “2025-2026 spring” and “2025-2026 summer” semesters (as part of summer schools offered by certain universities) by **undergraduate students of architecture, registered to the departments of architecture**. Projects carried out in summer internships are not accepted for evaluation.

2. TYPE OF THE COMPETITION

This competition is a national student competition **open to undergraduate students of architecture, registered to the departments of architecture,** and is conducted in **two stages, a digital pre-selection and a jury evaluation**.

In the first stage, projects uploaded to the competition website [www.mimedprojects.com] will be evaluated digitally by the competition jury in successive rounds of digital pre-selection. Projects that qualify for the second stage will be sent to the competition with their print-outs. The second stage of the competition will be held in an exhibition area where digitally pre-selected project print-outs are arranged according to class years, and will be held as a live jury evaluation session.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

> This competition is open to all **undergraduate students of architecture, registered to the department of architecture** in Republic of Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

> This competition consists of four categories; “First Year” “Second Year”, “Third Year” and “Fourth Year”. Students can participate with projects carried out in architectural design studios, either individually or as a group (max. 3 people), of “2025-2026 fall”, “2025-2026 spring” and “2025-2026 summer” semesters.
Diploma, 8th semester, etc. projects are not included in the Fourth Year category.

> Students can participate in the competition with more than one project. For each project submitted, a separate participation fee must be deposited. If the project is carried out by a group of students, it is sufficient that one participation fee is deposited by one of the students.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

This competition is announced via www.mimed.org.tr. In addition, the announcement poster is sent via email to the department secretariats of all schools of architecture in Republic of Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for further announcement.

5. IMPORTANT DATES

October 15, 2026: **Announcement of the Competition**
October 19, 2026: **Deadline for Questions**
October 22, 2026: **Publication of Responses to Questions**
November 9, 2026: **Deadline for Digital Registration and Project Submission (Pre-Selection)**
November 11, 2026: **Deadline for Studio Instructor Approval and Payment of the Entry Fee**
December 7, 2026: **Announcement of Pre-Selection Results**
December 14–15, 2026: **Submission of Printed Projects Qualifying for Jury Evaluation (11:00–18:00 / ITU Taşkışla)**
December 19–20, 2026: **Jury Evaluation**
December 21, 2026: **Announcement of Results**
December 21, 2026: **Colloquium and Award Ceremony (17:30 / ITU Taşkışla / Room 109)**

* For projects submitted by post, the date of posting (no later than December 14, 2026) will be taken into account. Installation of the exhibition for jury evaluation will be completed by December 18, 2026. All postal submissions must arrive before that date.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Questions related to the competitions should be sent via e-mail to **mimedyarisma@gmail.com** by October 19, 2026. Questions other than those directed to **mimedyarisma@gmail.com** will not be answered. Answers will be announced on October 22, 2026 via **www.mimed.org.tr**

7. PRIVACY POLICY

> All the registrations on the competition website and the identity information are confidential.

> The identity information of all printed projects that pass the digital pre-selection stage and are submitted either in person or by post will be kept confidential, and the projects will be evaluated anonymously.

> Rapporteurs will cover the identity codes given automatically by the competition website and will give a new code number to each submitted project according to its category. Jury members will evaluate the projects only with these code numbers.

> Following the completion of jury evaluations, the identity tags will be opened and award winners will be revealed.

> All projects that pass the digital pre-selection stage will be included in the competition exhibition, which will open following the announcement of the results at the colloquium. If a participant wishes to keep their identity confidential **in the event of not receiving an award**, they must indicate this by checking the "Do Not Disclose My Identity" (Kimliğim Açıklanmasın) box on the competition website.

8. DIGITAL PRE-SELECTION

* For the registration and project submission, **please see diagram at the pages 6-7.**

> Participants must register to the competition website [www.mimedprojects.com] to upload their projects. The website will automatically give a project code according to the year category. **If project boards and images have any kind of information about the names of students, project instructors or schools etc.; the project will be disqualified.**

> Participants who would like to participate with more than one project, have to register for each project separately. The same name and surname can be used for each registration, but **different email addresses must be used** for each registration. The system recognizes participants according to their e-mail addresses. Because of the fact that these email addresses are used for communication, participants are responsible for using a valid email address and responsible for **checking their spam and junk mailboxes frequently**.

> Projects which have been carried out as group work must be indicated as "Group/Team Work" (Takım). After the information of the responsible student has been entered, the information of the rest of students must be entered to the "Group Members" (Ekip Üyeleri) section on the right. The information of the project instructor **must NOT be entered** in this section.

> The checkbox which indicates that 4th year projects [Category 4] are **NOT** graduation, diploma, 8th semester etc. projects must be marked.

> Participants will upload their projects in JPG format to the "Project Visuals" (Proje Görseli) section. Maximum 2 poster boards can be uploaded. For projects with 2 poster boards, **participants must first upload their first board and control it by previewing; then must upload the second board**. Each poster board can be a **maximum of 10 MB**. Participants are responsible for uploading correct visuals.

> A text describing the area, theme, content, and design concept of the project with 200 words in Turkish and 200 words in English must be written into the correct section on the website.

> Participants must indicate the name and e-mail address of the project instructor in the registration page. Uploaded projects will be sent to their instructors for confirmation. Thus,

email addresses must be up-to-date. After the confirmation of projects, an automatic message for confirmation and payment will be sent to participants. Participants will pay the competition fee **300TL** according to information in the message. In the case of participating with more than one project, separate fees must be paid for each project.

> Competition fees are checked separately through the bank account of the Association. Because of this fact, notification messages are not sent immediately; participants get confirmed and noticed just after the control of bank account activities. **Digital submissions will end on November 9, 2026. Payments will be confirmed in 3 days after November 11, 2026, which is the final date for project instructors to confirm projects and for participants to pay the competition fee.**

> The evaluation of projects for digital pre-selection will be held by the MimED2026 jury through the competition website. **The deadline for project submission is November 9, 2026, 23:59.** Results of digital pre-selection will be announced on December 7, 2026 and will be sent to participants via email.

> Projects that are qualified from pre-selection can be submitted individually at submission place or can be sent via post [the date for the project to be submitted to post office (deadline: December 14, 2026) will be taken into account.] The organization of the exhibition for the second stage evaluation will be completed in December 18, 2026. Projects sent by post must arrive before this date.

> The projects to be submitted must be the **same** as those uploaded to the competition website; absolutely no corrections / changes / additions are accepted.

> Only printed projects are accepted for the second stage of the competition. **Please do not send physical models.** You can add images of your models to your poster boards.

9. DIGITAL SUBMISSION FORMAT

Project boards which will be uploaded to the competition website for digital pre-selections are called “Project Visual”. Specifications of these boards are below:

> Maximum 2 boards can be uploaded for each project.

> Boards must be in **A1 portrait size** [59,4 cm. X 84,1 cm.], in **JPG format** and **maximum 10MB**. Resolution for boards must be **min. of 150 dpi**.

> The project text written in Turkish and English as 200 words each, must be placed into **a 10 cm.** strip on the bottom of the first project board. **Any information that reveals the identity of student such as name, university, project instructor etc. must NOT be included in boards and in text.**

> There is not any restriction for representation techniques of the projects.

10. SUBMISSION LIST

Printed Project Boards
Features of the project boards that passed the pre-selection and will be sent in print:

> In terms of ease of displaying the projects, maximum 2 pieces of A1 [59,4cm. X 84.1cm.] will be presented on a hard-floored [thick cardboard, photoblock, corrugated cardboard, etc.] board [gluing, printing, etc.].

> These panel[s] will be designed to be displayed vertically [portrait]. It should also be taken into account that they can be exhibited side by side or one under the other, depending on the display status of the boards. A drawing/ picture etc. should not be split into two boards.

> Each project board must include a 2 cm. strip on the top of them. On the right corner of the strip, there must be a box with 1x6 cm dimensions, which includes the project code that will be given by the website. The title “MimED2026” and the information of year category must be placed into the left corner of this strip. The information of year categories will





be as 'MimED2026 I kategori: 1.yıl', 'MimED2026 I kategori: 2.yıl', 'MimED2026 I kategori: 3.yıl' or 'MimED2026 I kategori: 4.yıl'.

> Those participating in the competition with more than one project will use separate project codes provided by the website for each project.

> The project text written in Turkish and English as 200 words each, must be placed into a 10 cm. strip on the bottom of the first project board. **Any information that reveals the identity of student such as name, university, project instructor etc. must NOT be included in boards and in text.**

> The projects to be submitted must be the **same** as those uploaded to the competition website; absolutely no corrections / changes / additions are accepted. Compared to the images uploaded to the website, the only addition to be made on the printed delivered boards should be the 2cm strip with the Category and Project code.

> There is not any restriction for representation techniques of the projects.

> Projects that do not meet the requirements will not be taken into consideration.

ID Envelope
The 'ID Envelope' must be a closed, non-revealing A4 format envelope with the project code written in the upper right corner. The project code to be written on the envelope is the code given by the competition website, and is also on each poster board of the project.

The following should be included in the 'Identity Envelope' to be delivered with the project:

> Identity Form to be sent by e-mail to the participant who passes the pre-selection and to be filled and signed by the participant.

> CD or DVD on which the project is recorded [a CD or DVD, containing the exact copies of the project in JPG format, at 200dpi resolution, and containing the name, surname and project code of the project owner. This CD/DVD will be used to create the 'MimED architecture students project competition archive', as well as to publish the projects that advance to the second stage.]

Digital Registration and Submission of the Projects
until November 9, 2026

11. COMPETITION FEE

There is a **300TL** competition fee for each project submitted to the MimED2026 Student Project Awards. This fee must be paid after the confirmation of projects by project instructors during the digital submission phase. To complete the registration, the bank account of the Association will be checked and participation will thus be confirmed. It is enough to pay one single fee for projects if the project is a group work. Students are responsible for problems that might appear because of the different procedures about money transfer systems between bank accounts. **(Banks may take wages in different amounts for money transfer systems. It is suggested for participants to get informed about wages from their banks beforehand or consider alternative banks & transfer systems).**

Bank Account:
Mimarlık Eğitim Derneği
TC İş Bankası Taksim Şubesi
Şube No. 1052
IBAN: TR11 0006 4000 0011 0521 2126 27

Competition fee is **not refunded** for any project, including projects which do not conform to the conditions of the competition, or which are eliminated in the digital pre-selection.

mimedprojects.com (Registration)

Register (Kayıt Ol)
Check the spam and junk folders for confirmation

Participants who would like to participate with more than one project, have to register for each project separately. Same participant name can be use but different email addresses must be used. Competition fee must be paid for each registration.

mimedprojects.com (Project)

12. SUBMISSION

All documents specified in article 10 of the specification can be delivered by hand or by post office. **Please do not send the Identity Envelope and the project boards separately in the post.**

> Projects to be hand-delivered should be delivered to address below between 11:00 - 18:00 on Monday-Tuesday, December 14-15, 2026.

> The date for the project to be submitted to post office [deadline: December 14, 2026] will be taken into account. **Exhibition organization for evaluation will be completed in December 18, 2026. Projects sent by post must arrive before this date.**

Deadline for Digital Registration and Submission of the Projects
November 9, 2026

Teams must mark the related checkbox

Project Type: Team Work (Takım)

Team Members (Ekip Üyeleri) (right lower panel)
Name, current e-mail

Instructor (Proje Yürütücüsü) (right upper panel)
Name, current e-mail

4th year projects must mark the related checkbox

Bitirme/8.dönem projesi vb. değildir

Project Visuals 1 (max. 10 MB)

After uploading, must be controlled by previewing

Project Visuals 2 (max. 10 MB)

After uploading, must be controlled by previewing

Concept of the Design (text)
200 words English

Concept of the Design (text)
200 words Turkish

Registered E-Mail Address

Confirmation by the Instructor
Message about the approval

Project Code
Given by the system automatically

Competition fee will be paid through the project code

Competition Fee (300TL)

For detalis, see Article 11.

Confirmation of the Payments
within 3 days after Nov 11

Deadline for Approval from the Studio Instructor and Payment of the Submission Fee
November 11, 2026

Address
MimED2026 – Elmira Gür
İstanbul Teknik Üniversitesi, Mimarlık Fakültesi,
Taşkışla Binası, Oda No.129
34437 Taksim / İstanbul

13. JURY

Submitted projects will be evaluated by a jury selected from faculty members of various schools of architecture and practicing architects.

Jury members* of MimED2026 project competition for architecture students

Arzu Erdem (Prof. Dr., EAA)
Bahar Avanoğlu (Lecturer, PhD, MEF University)
Boğaçhan Dündaralp (DDRLP)
Cem Sorguç (CM Architecture)
Deniz Aslan (Assoc. Prof. Dr., DS Mimarlık)
Güven Arif Sargın (Prof. Dr., Middle East Technical University)
Meltem Aksoy (Assoc. Prof. Dr., Istanbul Technical University)
Nilay Ünsal Gülmez (Prof. Dr., Bahçeşehir University)
Tülin Hadi (TeCe Architecture)
Zeynep Ataş (Assist. Prof. Dr., Mardin Artuklu University)
Zeynep Dündar (Assist. Prof. Dr., Dokuz Eylül University)

Coordination:
Çağla Şamcı (Istanbul Technical University)
Güliz Sevgi Kabasoğlu (Res. Assist., Medipol University)
Neslihan Topçu (Res. Assist., Istanbul Health and Technology University)
Sude Önen (Res. Assist., Medipol University)

Rapporteurs:
Betül Uyan Şentürk (Res. Assist., Istanbul Technical University)
Ecem Karabay Özder (Res. Assist., Istanbul Technical University)
Hasan Murad Adalı (Res. Assist., MEF University)
Vahit Türüt (Res. Assist., Istanbul Technical University)

* names are listed alphabetically by first name.

14. AWARDS

A “Success Award”, an “Encouragement Award”, and several “Jury Special Awards” whose quantity is specified by the jury are given for each category in the competition.

All award recipients will receive a certificate. Recipients of the “Success Award”, “Encouragement Award”, or “Jury Special Award” will also receive a cash prize in addition to the certificate.

The amount of the prizes of the current competition term is determined by MimED according to its budget facilities. For MimED2026, “success award” will receive a monetary award of 20.000TL, “encouragement award” will receive a monetary award of 15.000TL and “jury special award” will receive a monetary award of 10.000TL, for each category.

All award-winning projects will be included in the book to be prepared by MimED. All projects that pass the digital pre-selection stage and participate in the second stage will also be represented in the competition catalogue with a single image, accompanied by the project owners’ identifying information unless otherwise requested by the project owners.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS

Competition results will be announced at the colloquium on December 21, 2026 and will be published on the website www.mimed.org.tr.

16. RETURN OF THE PROJECTS

MimED has the right to publish all the projects awarded in the competition. Projects that did not receive an award in the competition – unless otherwise stated by the project owner – can be published by MimED together with their identity information. Award-winning projects are not returned; other participants will receive their projects back, through the rapporteurs of the competition, at a date to be announced after the award ceremony.

After this date, MimED has no responsibility for the projects.

17. CONDITIONS & VALIDITY

> MimED is not responsible for technical and natural problems or delays for project submissions.

> Projects submitted by post must be mailed no later than December 14, 2026, and must be received at the address specified above no later than December 18, 2026. Projects received after December 18, 2026, will not be evaluated by the jury.

> Projects which include any kind of informative text, letter or symbol that describe the identity of participant, team, university, project instructor etc. will be disqualified.

> Projects which do not conform to the rules [size, orientation, format] that are explained in the article 10, **will be disqualified** with a report to the juries by rapporteurs.

> Competition fee is **not refunded** for any project, including projects which do not conform to the conditions of the competition, or which are eliminated in the digital pre-selection.

