

Interior Designers of Alberta

2020 Student Research Competition

Post-secondary students and new graduates have been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis. Our summer plans have taken a different direction than we were expecting, and opportunities are scarce for work opportunities. Financial uncertainty makes planning for future school years (or a transition to the work world) difficult. The interior design industry as a whole is in transition, and we are learning about the immediate and long-reaching changes caused by this pandemic.

To help Alberta Interior Design students respond to these challenges, IDA is proud to launch our **2020 Student Research Competition**. Students are invited to research and write an article of approximately 1000 words which explores an issue that will impact the design profession in the post-COVID world.

Benefits:

- develop insight into a significant world event which will impact design in the years to come
- build your skills in writing and research
- enhance your resume
- make connections with industry professionals
- see your work published in the IDA website, newsletter and/or on social media channels
- **The top 5 submissions will receive a cash honorarium!**

Instructions:

- Your submission may relate to commercial or residential design.
- Sample topics are provided; or students may define their own topic. Ideas discussed may reflect short-term or long-term impacts on the industry.
- For tips on writing a research paper, refer to:
 - [How to write a short essay](#)
 - [Six Rules for writing good articles](#)
- All sources must be cited according to the standards of your institution (e.g. APA Guide, MLA Guide, etc.). Refer to your school's website for guidance.
- Potential references for your submission may include:
 - Popular magazines/e-magazines (e.g. Interior Design, dezeen.com)
 - Industry Associations (e.g. ASID, IIDA)
 - Scholarly journals (e.g. Journal of Interior Design)
 - Mainstream news sources (e.g. New York Times, Globe and Mail)
 - Publications from industry members (e.g. [Steelcase](#), [Gensler](#), [Cushman & Wakefield](#))

Eligibility:

- Current/incoming 2nd, 3rd or 4th year students, or 2020 graduates.
- Applicants are not required to be current IDA student members.

Deadline:

- Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2020.

Selection:

- Members of the IDA Council will review applications and select the winners.

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Application form

Name

Email

Telephone

School

- Mount Royal University Bachelor of Interior Design
- Yorkville University Bachelor of Interior Design
- NAIT Interior Design Technology Diploma
- Lakeland College Interior Design Technology Diploma
- Lethbridge College Interior Design Technology Diploma

Graduation date

Topic

Interior design in the post-COVID world, in relation to:

- Infection control
- Designing public facilities for large groups
- Remote working and its impact on the workplace
- Sustainability
- Technology
- Other (please describe below)

**The question you
are seeking to
answer**

Send completed form, along with written submission (approximately 1000 words), to:

info@idalberta.ca

subject line: 2020 STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION

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Thank you for participating!