

Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. The BYU Design Review Essay Contest (hereafter BDR Contest) is open to all readers of the BYU Design Review.
- 1.2. Members of the Editorial Board (hereafter EB) and those involved in evaluating the contest are not eligible to participate.

2. Submission Guidelines

- 2.1. Essays must be original work by the participant.
 - 2.1.1. Plagiarism will also not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.
 - 2.1.2. If your submission is written with the help of A.I., that must be disclosed. However, your submission must be largely your original thought, anything more than 20% written by A.I. Software will also result in disqualification.
- 2.2. Submissions should be between 1000 and 2000 words.
- 2.3. Submissions must be written in English.
- 2.4. Entries must be submitted to the BYU Design Review by the stated deadline.
 - 2.4.1. Entries submitted earlier than others will not be given preferential treatment.

3. Theme and Format

- 3.1. Entries must adhere to the theme and topic prompted by the contest announcement.
 - 3.1.1. The given prompt is: "What is a real-world design (from the last 100 years) that you think could be improved and how would you do so?"
 - 3.1.1.1. "Real-world" denotes a design that you could interact with in your life
 - 3.1.1.1.1. For example, Phasers from Star Trek and Using basilisk fangs to destroy a Horcrux are not permissible
 - 3.1.1.2. "Within the last 100 years" eliminates designs, such as fire, the wheel, bridges, etc.
- 3.2. Essays should be written in a professional manner and adhere to BYU Conduct policies.
- 3.3. Citations and references should be included for outside sources.
 - 3.3.1. The EB suggests that participants format their citations in the Chicago format, but this is not a requirement.
 - 3.3.2. If an article is selected for publication, the EB and the participant will work together to format the article for publication
 - 3.3.3. Pictures included in the submission will not increase the chances of winning, however, upon winning, the EB will work with the participant to find appropriate pictures.
- 3.4. Submissions should be entered in PDF format.

4. Judging and Evaluation

- 4.1. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges selected by the EB.
- 4.2. The judging criteria will include originality, clarity, coherence, relevance, and quality
- 4.3. The decisions of the judges are final and binding.

- 4.4. The EB and its panel reserve the right to not award any prizes if the entry quality is deemed to be insufficient.
5. *Prizes*
 - 5.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top essays as determined by the judging panel
 - 5.2. The nature and value of the prizes will be specified in the contest announcement and entry requirements
6. *Publication, Rights, and Privacy*
 - 6.1. All essay entries will be considered to be included in the weekly BDR publication on designreview.byu.edu.
 - 6.1.1. Participants will be given full recognition and retain ownership of their articles if it is chosen for publication.
 - 6.2. Essays and names will be shared amongst the editorial board, however, personal information collected during the contest will not be shared or distributed. Personal information will be used solely to administer the contest and will not be shared without consent.
7. *Deadline*
 - 7.1. The deadline for essay submissions will be absolute on the date stated in the contest announcement.
 - 7.2. Late submissions will not be accepted
8. *Disqualification*
 - 8.1. The EB and judging panel reserve the right to disqualify any participant who violates these terms and conditions or engages in professional and academic *dishonesty*.
9. *Changes to Terms and Conditions*
 - 9.1. The EB reserves the right to modify or update these terms and conditions at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes.
10. *Contact Information*
 - 10.1. For inquiries or concerns related to the contest, please contact the EB at designreview@byu.edu

By participating in the BDR Essay Contest, participants agree to abide by these terms and conditions. Failure to comply with these terms may result in disqualification from the contest.