# PLANUYEMO RAZOM

## 2023

Embark on an 6-month **urban planning competition** where Ukrainian and Canadian students collaborate across disciplines to redesign a city in Ukraine devastated by war.

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# INTRODUCTION

Participate in a transformative urban planning design competition that unites Ukrainian and Canadian student teams for an 6-month exploration. With the goal of rejuvenating a once-destroyed Ukrainian city, each team receives tailored assignments and valuable resources, including industry mentors, workshops, and crucial city insights. By December 2023, these dedicated teams will submit preliminary designs, laying the groundwork for transformation and receiving crucial feedback before winter sets in. In March 2024, final designs are presented, evaluated, and ranked by a panel of judges. Winning teams secure both a well-earned monetary prize. Watch the impact of their creativity unfold as these designs grace exhibitions in Toronto, Canada and Ukraine, embodying the potential of collaborative vision for a brighter future.

**CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATION**:
Students from different backgrounds learn to work together, fostering cultural exchange and understanding.

**INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS**:
The combination of diverse perspectives can lead to unique and creative urban design solutions.

**AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY :**
The competition can raise awareness about the importance of thoughtful urban planning and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

**EDUCATION & NETWORKING**: Participants have the chance to connect with and learn from industry mentors, potential employers, and fellow students.

## ABOUT THE LOGO

Planuyemo Razom
Плануємо Разом
Planning Together

The name "Planuyemo Razom" was created to symbolize the collaboration of efforts to come up with urban plan for destroyed cities. The image next to the logo represents destroyed cities (grey) progressing towards lively newly built cities (green).
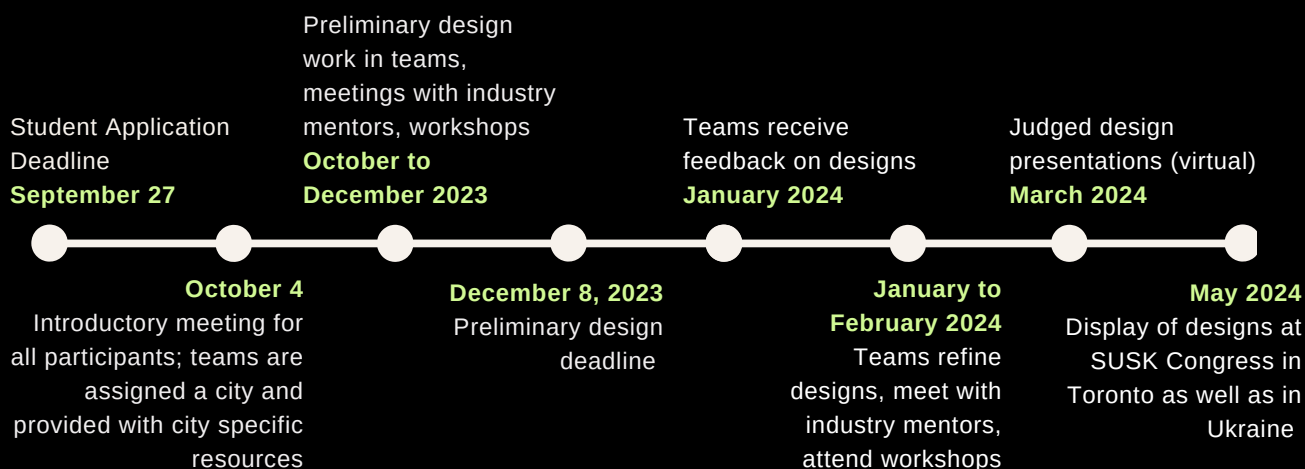
# PROGRAM DETAILS

## DESIGN MANDATE & SCOPE

Each student team will be assigned a small urban district (raion) in Ukraine. Most of these will be municipalities (hromada), roughly containing between 50,000 and 120,000 residents, that have been thoroughly devastated through the course of the invasion. Teams will then begin research into the city, through analysis of planning documents and news about these cities during the war, they come up with a future vision for how the city should look and function once rebuilding has been completed.

The three main design principles are as follows: Familiarity to residents, historic identity and expression of tragic loss, and the ideas of hope, resistance, and regeneration. The expectation is that, using multimedia graphic designs, teams will create a general overview of the new city, and include examples to showcase how each design principle have been incorporated into the overall design. These will be complemented with the core elements of accessibility, mobility, safety, and sustainability to create forward-thinking plans with tangible future applications.



## TIMELINE

Student Application Deadline
**September 27**

Preliminary design work in teams, meetings with industry mentors, workshops
**October to December 2023**

Teams receive feedback on designs
**January 2024**

Judged design presentations (virtual)
**March 2024**

**October 4**
Introductory meeting for all participants; teams are assigned a city and provided with city specific resources

**December 8, 2023**
Preliminary design deadline

**January to February 2024**
Teams refine designs, meet with industry mentors, attend workshops

**May 2024**
Display of designs at SUSK Congress in Toronto as well as in Ukraine

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## GET INVOLVED

### Students.

**Participant Eligibility:** Post-secondary undergraduate or masters students from Ukraine and Canada studying urban planning (Ukrainian students may be those currently still in Ukraine or those who recently moved from Ukraine and are studying abroad). Students from disciplines outside of urban planning may participate, but a limited number of spots are available. Ukrainian or English speaking; knowledge of both languages is an asset.

**Teams :** Will be made up of 5 urban planning with an additional 3 students from other disciplines. Each team is required to have at least 2 Ukrainian students and at least 2 Canadian students. Teams will be created based on preferences indicated on the application form as well as relative experience levels. Each team will be assigned a city and an industry expert with whom they will meet every other week to ask questions and stay on track

**Cost**: No cost to enter

**Prizes and Compensation** : any monetary compesation to students will be provided based on a need basis. As a result, each team will be given a lump sum of money ($500-$1000 CAD) that will be split amongst *Ukrainian students only.* Monetary prizes will also warded to top scoring teams at the end of the competition and will be split amongst *Ukrainian students only.*

**Application :** Registration opens September 1, 2023. Application deadline is September 27, 2023; Apply now! https://forms.gle/QTr3ApTjBb7EHNAH7

### Professionals.

**Call for professionals working in the urban planning field** to volunteer their time. We're looking for industry mentors who will meet with teams once ever 1-2 months, run topic specific workshops or become part of our judging committees. Professionals from other fields are also welcome and will be included if needed!

Interested in guiding students through this urban planning journey and supporting Ukrainian efforts?

Fill out the interest form here and we'll be in touch : https://forms.gle/8bMhLeYShv3Mieaj7

# FAQS

**How large of a time commitment will this be for students?**
Each team member can expect about 3-4 hours per week dedicated towards teamwork and the design

**Will designs actually be implemented?**
The rebuilding effort in Ukraine is ongoing and professionals on the ground have already begun laying the ground work for urban planning designs. Therefore, this is a theoretical exercise that is meant to both educate students as well as raise awareness about destruction brought upon Ukrainian cities. Select design aspects from winning presentations will be shared with urban planning firms in Ukraine in an effort to share student efforts and innovative ideas.

**What happens if some of my teammates only speak English while others only speak Ukrainian?**
For any teams that encounter this barrier, we will provide resources, such a volunteer translators to help with any communications

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The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK), serves as an overarching body for over 20 Ukrainian Student Organizations (USOs) across post-secondary institutions in Canada. Established in 1953 with a mission to cultivate emerging leaders within the Ukrainian Canadian community, its core objectives encompass the preservation and advocacy of Ukrainian language and culture, fostering academic engagement with Ukrainian and Ukrainian Canadian subjects, and raising awareness about pertinent Ukrainian issues. Notably, SUSK has previously focused on initiatives such as newcomer student support, enhancing resources for USOs, the Unissued Diplomas exhibitions, the SUSK Connect networking platform, and hosting the annual SUSK Congress. With an inclusive membership of around 600 individuals spanning all USOs, SUSK operates under the guidance of a board consisting of 14 student directors and one employee. Financially sustained by contributions from donors and interest disbursements from its expanding endowment fund, SUSK continues to play a vital and dynamic role in advancing its objectives.

## ABOUT OUR PARTNER

**REBUILD UA HACKATHON**

The Rebuild Ukraine Hackathon (Rebuild UA Hackathon) is an inspiring initiative that emerged in the fall of 2022 with the aim of supporting Ukrainian students who continue their education during the war. This dynamic platform is dedicated to advancing all aspects of Ukraine's reconstruction, with a special focus on education and youth. Thanks to generous donors, all Rebuild UA Hackathon hackathons and competitions have a prize fund, 100% of which goes to the participants. Financial support for day-to-day activities is provided by the Canadian firm WZMH Architects, Sparkbird, and a private donor, ensuring the sustainability of this noble cause.The inspired team, consisting of Canadians and Ukrainians, seeks to support the Ukrainian people and showcase their creative talents to the world.
The future of Rebuild Ukraine Hackathon is promising, as we plan to continue organizing competitions that demonstrate the potential of Ukrainian youth and provide necessary financial assistance to those in need. The platform also aims to share compelling stories of Ukrainian students and professionals in the fields of art and science who offer innovative solutions for the physical and social recovery of Ukraine.

This competition is your chance to channel your creativity and knowledge into rebuilding these cities and contributing to Ukraine's future. Together, we can make a difference!

Join us in the "Planuyemo Razom" competition and be a part of this transformative journey.

Let's create a brighter future for these cities and their residents.