



# D'source Corona Design Challenge FAQs:

Updated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

## Participation and Registration:

### Who can Participate?

This International call is open to **students, fresh graduates, and young designers** from around the world. You may work as **individuals** or work as collaborative **groups**. You could work with others from different institutions and located in different places.

### Can I take Advice?

You are encouraged to **seek guidance from faculty members and professionals**, because we recognise that it takes collective endeavor to come out with something meaningful. Do write to us in case you need a mentor for guidance, suggestions and feedback.

### Do I need to Register?

It is **not mandatory/compulsory** to register as a participant. The advantages of registration are the following: (a) we could send you updates, (b) we could get you in touch with mentors to give you feedback and guidance if required and (c) You'll be part of the discussion forum

### How about Registration for

#### Faculty members and Professionals?

To **faculty members/teachers**, we request that you take the initiative to inform, motivate and guide your students to work on finding solutions by addressing the problem areas listed.

To all **working professionals**, we request that you volunteer some of your time to mentor students or young designers who may be working with you as interns or colleagues.

Registration will help us to connect you with the ones that need your support.

**What is the link to the Registration page?**

This is the **link to the registration page**:

<https://dsourcechallenge.org/index.php#register1>

## **Dates and Schedule:**

**When does the design challenge start?**

This International call was first announced on 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2020. We can take this as the start date of the challenge. The second call was announced on 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. **The Third and ongoing call has announced on 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.**

**When is the deadline for submission?**

The first deadline for submission is over, which was on 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. The second deadline for submission is over, which was on 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. The third deadline for submission is over, which was on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. **The fourth deadline is on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.**

**What do you mean by first deadline?**

The Design Challenge will have **multiple deadlines** - 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 is the first. The second is on 15<sup>th</sup> of June. The third is on 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2020. **The fourth is on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.**

As the solutions are the need of the hour, the earlier the submission is done, the selected entries will become available for use sooner. For this, the jury shall be conducted on an ongoing basis.

The deadlines are kept flexible to suit participant's schedules and conveniences. The main intention is to find relevant fresh ideas even if it takes an extended period of time.

## Submission Details:

**How many entries can one submit** The number of entries is restricted to a **maximum of 3 entries per Design Area** per individual entry or per group entry (for the same individual or the same group)

**Can the submission be deleted or resubmitted?**  
**How many pages can I submit?**

Once you submit, the submission **cannot be deleted or resubmitted**. If you desire to do so, do write to [DsourceChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:DsourceChallenge@gmail.com)

The **specifications for submission are different** for each of the Problem Areas. You need to check and follow the exact specifications.

The general rule is that one needs to combine the different pages or artworks into one PDF for each of the submissions.

**What is the maximum size for the submission**  
**Will you be asked for the original Artworks?**

The **maximum file size** for each of the submissions is **10 MB**. Do share the link for submission of video or animations.

If your entry is selected, we will ask/request for the original artworks at high resolution to be shared with us, so that we can upload it in the section on final selected entries with Open design access to the artworks.

**Can I submit the same entry to other?** Yes, you are free to submit the same solution to other challenges or competitions.

**Competitions/Challenges?** If your entry is selected through DCDC, it will be accessible for use on the Open Design Platform.

## Open Design Initiative:

**Who will have creative rights to your submission?** The creative rights to the submitted entry will be held by you and your team. You will retain the copyright for the submitted entry, while allowing others to make use of it.

**Will the final solutions be promoted?**

# Jury Process:

**Why is DCDC called a challenge and not a competition?**

**How is the selection done? Will it be available for use? Why?**

**Is it licensed?**

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We will promote this initiative through the traditional as well as new medias.

The D'source Corona Design Challenge is also supported by world organizations such as Cumulus (global association of art, Design and Media Institutes to serve art and design education and research), ico-D (International Council of Design) and WDO. The winning entries will also be made available for download and use as part of the Open Design initiative. This is with the sincere hope that the winning designs will find large-scale use in these trying circumstances.

The Open Design initiative is very much like the Open Source initiative where people initiatives are available for use and further development in an open environment.

The selected submissions are licensed under [Creative](#) (World Design Organisation).

The D'source Corona DesignChallenge is not a competition. - in the sense the best of the entries are chosen for their individual merit and not in comparison to other entries.

The selection of the winning entries will be done online by jury members. The jury members will be established persons who are either academicians or professionals. There will be separate **Do you get to know who the jury members are?** through an online interface where they get jury members for each of the Problem Areas. The jury process will be done individually by each of the jury members to see your submitted solution.

The names of the jury members for each of the Problem Areas will be uploaded on the DCDC web-space in due course of time.

**When is the jury conducted?** The jury process will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> of October till the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.

## Accolades:

**What will the winners receive?**

The winners are entitled to free participation (seminar/workshop expenses and food) during the 'Design Experience Seminar and Workshop' organized at IIT Bombay during the summer of 2021. These workshops and the seminar will be conducted by design experts.

Each of the winning participants will be given the certificate of winning the 'D'source Corona Design Challenge Merit Award' along with a trophy for 'Design Contribution' and will also receive a copy of the book.

**How will the winning entries be made available to the public?**

Winning entries will be published in three formats:

- (a) published online,
- (b) printed as a book and
- (c) displayed in a travelling exhibition during 2020-2021 giving full credits to you, your team and your institution.

The winning entries will be made available for download and use as part of the open design initiative.

## Contact Details:

**What are the ways you can reach the DCDC organization?**

These are the different ways you can reach DCDC:

1. Through **email – the easiest:**

Please write to us through email at

[DsourceChallenge@gmail.com](mailto:DsourceChallenge@gmail.com) and we will get back to you

2. Through **phone**:

This is going to be operational as soon the lock-down is lifted in Mumbai. We'll keep you posted on this. Phone number:

+91 22 25767820

3. Through **Postal/Courier Services**:

You can post to the following address:

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D'source Corona Design Challenge

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