

Dialectical Bridge FAQs

Q - According to the brief, group submission is permitted. Is there maximum number of persons per group?

A – A maximum of three per team is acceptable. In the event of a group entry, a team leader must be identified, so that in the event of being the successful team the prize is easily allocated.

Q - If team entries are allowed, can a team member be from another course (eg. engineering)?

A – All team members must be enrolled in tertiary education in 2008. And a minimum of one team member must be enrolled in an accredited Australian architecture course. As long as this is the case, other members may be enrolled in another course, such as engineering.

Q - Can you please confirm, firstly, that the city of Zeitgeist is 20 KILOMETRES from one bank and that the city of Nostalgia is 20 METRES from the opposite bank. And second, should we use the dimensions for the site from the text or from the diagram as these appear to be inconsistent.

A - We have reviewed the briefing material and have revised the diagram so that it is consistent with the written brief. The written brief has also been revised: both cities are 20 kilometres from each side of the river. Please check that you are using the correct version.

Q - Can a student who is finishing a first degree this year and is waiting to continue to master degree next year?

A - Yes, students who are beginning their master degree in 2008 are permitted to enter the competition.

Q - I have just completed a Bachelor of Architecture this year, am I still eligible to enter the Dialectical Bridge competition?

A – No, unfortunately all entrants must be enrolled in 2008.

Q – How will my model be delivered to Sydney?

A – All bridge designs will first be short-listed at the entrants' University locations. The RAIA and involved Universities will organise the process for short listing. All entrants will be notified of the process and if they have progressed to the next stage.

The final 20 bridge designs are then to be sent to the RAIA NSW Chapter office between 28 March and 3 April. Delivery is to be at the cost of the entrants. Please do not send your submission unless you have been directly notified to do so.

Q – Will my design be returned?

A – No, designs will not be returned.

However, models will be available for collection between 10.00am and 11.00am on Sunday 13 April, from the Parkside G05 room at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Q – Will the Virgin Atlantic Airways flight to London be substituted for a cash prize in the instance of a group winner?

A – Unfortunately the flight can not be substituted for a cash prize. In the event of group submissions, the RAIA suggests that a team leader be elected for the final prize to be awarded to in the case of being the winning design.