

Designathon 2026 FAQ

When is the Designathon happening?

The Designathon will run over two days – 17-18 July 2026. We're organising a familiarisation/training session on 19 June which will also be repeated on 3 July – we will provide details once you register for the Designathon.

Who is eligible to enter?

This is a student team competition. You must meet Autodesk's eligibility criteria for the Education Plan and be enrolled at a qualified educational institution at the time of the competition (technical college or university) or be enrolled in a course at an Autodesk Authorized Academic Partner. Details here: <https://www.autodesk.com/support/account/education/students-educators/eligibility>.

Do I need to enter as part of a team?

Yes, this is a team competition. You cannot enter on your own. You need to participate as part of a team of 2-3 people – all participants need to be students meeting eligibility criteria.

<https://www.autodesk.com/support/account/education/students-educators/eligibility>.

How many people can be in a team?

Teams have to have at least two people, maximum three people. Each member needs to be a student, meet eligibility criteria and have their own, unique email address. <https://www.autodesk.com/support/account/education/students-educators/eligibility>.

Can I enter on my own?

No. You need to form a team before registering. This team needs to have between two and three members – all students meeting eligibility criteria.

<https://www.autodesk.com/support/account/education/students-educators/eligibility>.

What information do we need to provide when we register?

You will need to give your team a name. You will also need to provide the names and unique email addresses for each member of the team.

Can I be part of more than one team?

No, you cannot be part of more than one team. Anyone who registers themselves for more than one team will be disqualified from the Designathon.

One of my team can no longer make the Designathon, can they be replaced?

Yes, they can be replaced. Please share the details of the new competitor and we will register them instead of your teammate. We will need their name and their email address.

I have changed my email address, what should I do?

Feel free to contact our helpdesk at ALP-Support@knowledgepoint.com and let them know your new details.

Can I register for the Designathon after 3 July?

Sorry, no – the closing date for registrations is 3 July. This gives us time to prepare everything ahead of Designathon on 17-18 July 2026.

We didn't get a registration confirmation email

Confirmation emails will be sent within a few days of registering. Make sure that you have approved the "knowledgepoint.com" domain in your email client. Feel free to contact our helpdesk at ALP-Support@knowledgepoint.com if you encounter any issues.

Will you share additional event information?

Yes, following your registration we will send out a confirmation email. We will also follow up with additional practical information as we approach the event. We need you to include all your team members' contact details on the registration form to ensure you don't miss any important updates.

I can't make the dates of the Designathon, can I still participate in some way?

Unfortunately, no. The Designathon is an online design competition only taking place on 17 and 18 July. If you're interested in boosting your Autodesk Fusion skills, please take a look at these self-study resources.

What tools or software do we need to use?

Participants in the Designathon will be required to use Autodesk Fusion. You can register for this for free, if you're at an eligible institution. You can do this on the Autodesk Education Community.

<https://www.autodesk.com/education/edu-software/overview>

Do I need prior knowledge of Autodesk Fusion to participate?

To have the best experience, we recommend you familiarise yourself with Autodesk Fusion. Once you register, we will provide some details of self-study resources as well as the details of the familiarisation/training sessions delivered by Autodesk experts on 19 June and 3 July (note these are the same session, we wanted to offer alternatives). Day 1 of the Designathon will focus on learning around key workflows. The content will give you the skills needed to use Autodesk Fusion in the Designathon competition.

What will we be expected to do as part of the Designathon?

The Designathon takes place over two days and you're expected to take part in both days. Day 1 focuses on training and upskilling, helping you prepare for success. Day 2 is competition day, when you'll receive the brief – you will then need to work with your team and submit your response by the end of the day (the times will be specified in the brief). Your response takes the form of a written description and design renders.

Can I see the competition brief before the Designathon?

No, everyone gets the brief at the same time – on Day 2 of the Designathon.

How can we best prepare for the Designathon?

We have a number of ways you can prepare for the Designathon. We will be running two Autodesk Familiarisation sessions on 19 June and 3 July. You can also access some self-study resources. In addition, our sponsor Autodesk Learning Partners are offering preparation sessions in selected markets.

How we will be expected to share our project?

All projects must be designed in the Autodesk Fusion platform. You will be asked to upload your final designs through the official competition submission form, which will be shared on 18 July 2026. Submissions must include a description of the project and a link to the 3D-model in Autodesk Fusion.

Are we allowed to use AI to generate our response to the brief?

Submitted projects must be your original work. The use of AI functionality in Autodesk products is allowed as a supporting resource. Competition submissions that have been generated solely by AI tools will be disqualified.

What if we miss the deadline for submission of our project?

All entries must be submitted by 19:00 BST on 18 July 2026. Late submissions will not be considered by the jury.

What are the judging criteria?

Entries are assessed on key areas such as innovation, design quality, and practical application, with final decisions made by an expert judging panel.

Are there prizes or recognition?

Yes, there are prizes for the top three teams, as well as for a "wildcard" entry. In addition, all entrants will receive an official Autodesk certificate of participation.

Is there any information about previous Designathons so I can learn more about the competition?

This is the fourth time KnowledgePoint has organised an Autodesk Designathon – involving 2,500 students from 25 countries. If you want to find out more about the winning entries from previous editions, please visit:

- Designathon 2023 [Your paragraph text](#)
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None of your sponsors are located in my country, can you provide some guidance?

We have chosen to partner with a select group of Autodesk Learning Partners for the Designathon. Please contact our helpdesk at ALP-Support@knowledgepoint.com and we will look into alternatives for your country. Please also note that day 1 of the Designathon will include hands-on training on Autodesk Fusion, which will give you the insights you and your team need to compete on day 2.