

UCL Bartlett-Inspired Track

Global architecture benchmark and experimental portfolio preparation

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Purpose

CYDS created this global-benchmark track to help students practice experimental design process, critical storytelling, model-making, and built-environment thinking while still working from real Calgary problems.

Before launch

- Complete the experimental portfolio challenge brief.
- Seek architecture alumni, portfolio reviewers, or guest critics.
- Publish dates, expected workload, parent notes, and submit expectations.

What students will build

- A design question that connects architecture to climate, public life, culture, materials, or belonging.
- Precedent studies, sketches, physical or digital models, and iterative tests.
- A strong portfolio narrative that explains method, evidence, change, and final design direction.
- A reflective case study showing curiosity, experimentation, critique, and growth.

Who should join

Calgary-area teens 13+ who are curious about architecture, planning, landscape, sustainability, city design, or competitive portfolio preparation. No prior design experience is required.

How to join

Apply for free CYDS membership and mention this university-inspired track in the form. You can also email questions to info@cydsociety.ca.

Next step

Join the interest list at cydsociety.ca/ucl-bartlett-design-track.html

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