

Cityscape
Bahrain



STUDENT COMPETITION BRIEF

Architects of Tomorrow

The Use of AI in the World of Architecture

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Event	Cityscape Bahrain 2026, Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB), Sakhir
Competition date	28 November 2026
Format	Live 5–7 minute student presentations with real-time jury feedback
Universities	University of Bahrain · Royal University for Women · Applied Science University · Kingdom University
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OVERVIEW

Architects of Tomorrow is the student design competition at Cityscape Bahrain 2026. It gives emerging architects a live stage to present technology-driven design thinking to a jury of practising architects, developers and industry leaders. This year's theme asks students to explore how AI is reshaping architecture — from generative design to data-driven sustainability and the evolving role of the architect.

FORMAT

- **Presentation time:** 5–7 minutes per team, strictly timed.
- **Live jury feedback:** Real-time verbal feedback and questions after each pitch.
- **Delivery:** Slide deck and/or boards, supported by a verbal presentation.
- **Team size:** TBC with each university's faculty coordinator.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Criteria	Weight	What the jury looks for
Concept & Innovation	25%	Originality of the idea and creativity of the AI application.
AI Integration	25%	How meaningfully AI shaped the design process, not just the visuals.
Design Quality & Feasibility	20%	Architectural resolution and real-world buildability.
Presentation	20%	Clarity and storytelling within the 5–7 minute window.
Jury Q&A	10%	Ability to defend design decisions live.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to currently enrolled architecture and design students at the University of Bahrain, Royal University for Women, Applied Science University and Kingdom University. Each university nominates its participating team(s) through its faculty coordinator.

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