

Call for proposals
Socrates Sculpture Park and The Architectural League invite designers and architects to help shape the physical setting in which the Park fulfills its mission as a venue for art, creative expression, public programming, and education.

Socrates Sculpture Park, located in Long Island City, Queens, is one of the most distinctive cultural organizations in the country with its combination of waterfront setting, accessibility, and community-based programming. As a venue for the presentation of public art, a New York City park, and an active social space, Socrates has for 30 years harnessed the power of creative minds to transform the urban landscape.

In previous years the Folly program investigated the intersection between sculpture and architecture with temporary structures that intentionally served no utilitarian purpose. More recently the competition has shifted emphasis, asking entrants to fuse form with utility, creating designs that explore the intersection of art and architecture while addressing and improving the conditions of the Park. Continuing this trend, the 2017 competition asks architects and designers to design and fabricate four portable, demountable structures to replace four standard tent structures that are deployed, as needed, throughout the Park.

The structure should provide shelter from rain, shade from sun, and be secure enough to withstand wind in a waterfront environment. The structure must be able to be assembled in no more than 10–15 minutes by two people, preferably one person, and disassembled in the same amount of time. These criteria will be strictly applied when reviewing submissions. A submission will not be selected if this project, in the judgment of the jury, does not convincingly demonstrate this capability.

Site

This year, for the first time, the project is not confined to a single site within the park. Instead, entrants should design an easily portable, demountable system measuring approximately 8' x 8' in plan with a minimum height of 7' to allow for standing. It should be adaptable for multiple locations, which will include areas adjacent to the park entrance, to its education area, and throughout the landscape.

To read more about annual programs and review images of past tents in use, visit archleague.org/folly17

Folly/Function 2017

A design/build competition organized by Socrates Sculpture Park and The Architectural League of New York

Deadline
Monday
January 9, 2017
11:59 PM EST

Socrates Sculpture Park and The Architectural League invite emerging architects and designers to submit proposals for Folly/Function, an annual design/build program during April and May leading to an inaugural installation at Socrates in May 2017.

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Award and installation

One project will be chosen. The recipient will receive a total \$8,000 production grant to realize the proposed project for four freestanding structures. All aspects including design, materials, delivery, labor, and initial installation of four portable and demountable structures must be within the \$8,000 budget. Socrates Sculpture Park has facilities and equipment that can be utilized in the fabrication, assembly, and installation of the project and the recipient will have full access to these resources during a two-month period at the Park, beginning in March 2017. The initial public use of the structures will be in May 2017. The project will be documented with a digital catalog.

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Submission requirements and process

Applications should be submitted via Formstack, linked on the League's website, no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, January 9, 2017. For entry requirements, please visit archleague.org/folly17

Eligibility

Architects and designers are invited to apply. Applications will be accepted from individuals and firms; entrants need not be licensed. Architects and designers outside of New York City are eligible to apply, but housing and transportation are not provided as part of the award. If selected, non-residents will have to make their own living and travel arrangements. Students are not eligible to apply.

Project directors

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Questions

Applicants may email questions to folly@archleague.org. Please read through FAQs online before submitting questions. All questions and answers will be posted on The Architectural League website.


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