[AMSTERDAM] Iconic Pedestrian Bridge
INTRODUCTION
The bridge is a structure built to span physical obstacles such as a body of water, for the purpose of providing passage over the obstacle.

It is designed for pedestrians and cyclists, rather than vehicular traffic. Footbridges complement the landscape and can be used decoratively to visually link two distinct areas or to signal a transaction. Footbridges can be both functional and beautiful works of art and sculpture in their own right as seen in some of the most visited countries around the world.

Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands and has a population of approximately 7 million. It has been called the “Venice of the North” for its more than one hundred kilometres of canals, about 90 islands and 1,500 bridges. The 17th-century canals located in the heart of the city of Amsterdam were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in July 2010.

AIM OF THIS COMPETITION
The aim of this International competition is to design an Iconic Pedestrian Bridge in the Heart of Amsterdam. The architecture of this new structure should reflect contemporary design tendencies.

The proposal must not only attend to the specific function but the design should also take into consideration the urban insertion and impact geared towards creating a new architectural symbol for an European capital city.

This competition hopes to achieve the following:
- Encourage and reward design excellence between architecture and engineering.
- Research, respond to and highlight the unique aspects of designing an original footbridge.
- To generate the discussion of ideas regarding the functionality of bridges in relation with art and sculpture.
- Encourage the employment of sustainable design in all aspects of the proposal.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE
This is a single stage Competition with the aim of identifying the most appropriate proposal, which best satisfies the general and specific objectives of the contest.

This is an open international competition hosted by [AC-CA] to generate progressive contemporary design ideas. There are no plans for the Iconic Pedestrian Bridge to be built.

Schedule ///
- Competition Officially Announced - 17th October 2011
- Start of Competition and Early Bird registration - 30th October to 15th December 2011
- Late Competition Registration - 16th December 2011 to 15th February 2012
- Deadline for Questions - 31st January 2012
- Closing Date for Submissions - 29th February 2012
- Jury Evaluation - 05th March - 12th March 2012
- Announcement of Winners and posting on www.ac-ca.org - 15th March 2012

Fee ///
Prizes ///

Winning participants will receive prizes totaling **US$ 5,400** with the distribution as follows:

1st PRIZE: US$ 3,000 (THREE THOUSAND US DOLLARS)

2nd PRIZE: US$ 1,600 (ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED US DOLLARS)

3rd PRIZE: US$ 800 (EIGHT HUNDRED US DOLLARS)

There will also be 7 honorable mentions.

Publication:

1st Prize, 2nd Prize and 3rd Prize will be published in following magazines as well as on the [AC-CA] website:

- **About:Blank Architecture Magazine** (Portugal)
- **wettbewerbe-aktuell Magazine** (Germany)
- **Concept Magazine** (Korea)
- **Arquitectura Beta Magazine** (Spain)
- **Earch.cz Architecture Magazine** (Czech Republic)
- **Designboom Design Magazine** (Italia)

FAQ ///

Please send your questions to amsterdam@ac-ca.org.

Questions and answers will be posted on the website frequently. Please make sure that your questions are not already answered in the FAQ section.