



Domus Academy and Covestro are proud to launch:

# “RE-CITY”

**Reuse existing buildings  
to create city of the future**

After a period when cities all over the world supported new huge building investments, occupying consistent portions of free soil and densifying the few remaining open spaces we are now facing a “recycling phase”. Against the past increasing tendency, the demand is now focused on the capability to transform and reuse the existing landscape. Recycling abandoned buildings is a resource to revitalize the city centers, the suburbs and the territories. Through a proper investigation of people needs, the architectural project is addressed to produce

a recycled building not only in merely volumetric terms but in terms of approach, strategy, functions, interactions and space qualities. Moreover, on a large scale this approach can fix strategic guidelines for surgical interventions spread in the city, able to reshape the urban pattern and strength a social system which is progressively getting poor and fragile.

Urban Vision and Architectural Design Department would like to test your talent and skills in experimenting solutions for such a contemporary urban subject.

## BRIEF

Candidates are requested to select an existing building, located within a compact urban tissue of any city all over the world, being dismissed, underused or abandoned, actually still looking for a new spatial and functional identity. Following the most appropriate formula according to the main characteristics of the context, they are asked to design a building for a public activity (e.i. museum, library, theater etc. ), able to re-activate the intensity of use of that space. They can also propose to apply the same recycling intervention in other abandoned spaces within the selected urban center, getting a wider strategically vision. Thus, candidates should demonstrate the capacity to conceive the architectural project as a process concurring to the definition of the urban pattern, by interpreting its physical, cultural, economical and social features. At the same time they should be able to control the complexity of the architectural process, combining morphology, typology, technology and aesthetics at the different scales. A special focus is required towards materials like Covestro identifies trough the development of sustainable products (as polyurethane for the thermal insulation).

## AUDIENCE

The competition addresses people from urban, architectural, economics, human science, social and communication disciplines interested in developing a personal approach and improving their architectural sensitivity according to urban transformation needs.

## JURY

Projects will be selected and evaluated by the Faculty of the Master in Urban Vision & Architectural Design of Domus Academy.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Short written description of the project in A4 format (max 2 pages) in .PDF digital file.
- Boards of project in A3 format (max 3 boards) 300 dpi resolution file in .PDF for .TIFF digital file.
- Portfolio of projects
- Detailed curriculum vitae
- Motivation statement
- Copy of Degree Certificate
- Academic Transcripts
- Domus Academy Application Form\*

The candidates are asked to send their materials in one sole file in .PDF format. Any further attached material will be considered a plus and will be evaluated by the jury.

\* *Application fee is waived for competition participants.*

## PRIZES

- One scholarship covering **60%** of the total tuition fee of the Master Program
- One scholarship covering **50%** of the total tuition fee of the Master Program
- One scholarship covering **40%** of the total tuition fee of the Master Program
- Two special mentions covering **20%** of the total tuition fee of the Master Program

Prizes will be calculated on the standard tuition fee amounting to €25.990 (for non-EU passport holders - matriculation fee is not included) and €16.990 (for EU passport holders - matriculation fee is not included).

## SCHEDULE

The works must be delivered to Domus Academy by and no later than **April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016**.

Candidates will be informed about the results of the competition by e-mail on **May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

## ENTRY DELIVERY

Projects in digital format must be sent to the following address:

[www.competition.domusacademy.com](http://www.competition.domusacademy.com)

or sent by e-mail to:

[competitions@domusacademy.it](mailto:competitions@domusacademy.it)

Paper works must be sent to:

Domus Academy

"Re-City" - Reuse existing buildings to create city of the future Competition

Master Program in Urban Vision & Architecture Design

Via Carlo Darwin, 20

20143 Milan - Italy

When you submit your project, you will receive a confirmation within 48 hours that your submission was received. If you do not receive a confirmation, let us know at: [competitions@domusacademy.it](mailto:competitions@domusacademy.it)

## MASTER PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Envision. Adapt. Change.

Cities are experimental laboratories where humans formulate and refine responses to our basic needs: for shelter, relationships, movement, commerce. In the Master in Urban Vision & Architectural Design program, you will learn strategies for transforming a city, from private developments to public space. You will envision future urban and architectural scenarios, according to complex dynamics and evolving requirements.

## ELIGIBILITY

Candidates holding a first-level academic diploma or BA degree, or about to graduate within the academic year 2015/16 and with a knowledge of the English language (IELTS 5.0 academic or equivalent certificate).

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Every moral or authorship right as to the project remains property of the author.
- The projects sent to Domus Academy will not be returned.
- All the material must be the result of an unpublished work developed by the candidate, not to be used in other previous occasions.
- Domus Academy is entitled not to award the scholarship if the projects are deemed not to meet the suitable standards defined by the jury. The jury will judge at its own discretion and its decision is final.
- The scholarship presented in this public announcement cannot be combined with other economic reductions offered by Domus Academy.
- The scholarship will be deducted from the balance of the tuition fee.
- The assigned scholarship which will not be confirmed could be transferred to the next candidate in the ranking list.
- Participants that will be selected accept that part of their work will be published on Websites and/or Social Media channels of the institutions involved.

## INFORMATION

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