



Call for Proposals

The Association for Preservation Technology's Technical Committee on Documentation (TC-Doc) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the Committee's first inaugural Student Documentation Competition. The competition is open to individual students or small groups of students, and will highlight projects that explore heritage sites under threat through documentation. The projects may include sites that are built or natural, but the site should be considered under some type of threat, such as development, demolition, drastic alteration, or climate change. Applications will be accepted for all forms and methods of documentation.

Through this competition, the TC-Doc intends to engage with students to encourage the practice of documentation as a form of advocacy and storytelling. The committee hopes to provide mentorship and support to students interested in the field of documentation, and create lasting relationships and interest in APT. Lastly, the committee is also hopeful that this competition will make an impact through advocacy and awareness in communities where Heritage sites are threatened.

Documentation Project Criteria:

- The Site should be under threat, and could be a built or natural site
- Project must include documentation in some form:
 - 2D or 3D
 - Digital or analogue
 - Audio, visual, or a combination!
 - Static or interactive
- Small groups (2-5) or individual entrants
- The project can be a new or ongoing project*
- The project should have a potential collaboration between community organizations, non-profits or an academic institution.**

Submission Requirements:

Proposal submissions shall be submitted as a pdf or word document (no larger than 10MB), and include the following information:

- A list of the project team, contact information, and the current enrolled university/college
- A brief description and overview of the site (max 300 words)
- At least one image of the site
- A brief statement explaining the significance of the site, why it is important, and why you believe it is under threat. (max 500 words)
- A project plan which includes the following (max 1,000 words)
 - The type of data that will be collected
 - Tools, technology, software, and equipment required to complete the documentation
 - How the collected data will be presented to tell a story
 - A description of the final project
 - Optional: Identify a potential collaborator that may have a shared interest in the site (could be an individual, the owner, a non-profit organization, an academic institution, etc.)

* If there has been previous documentation work completed for the site, the project proposal must outline how the competition project will build upon what has already been completed, creating a new and different meaningful impact.

** no need to form the collaboration, TC-Doc may assist with this. The goal here is to have the entrants identify a potential ally to help continue the initiative forward, beyond the competition.



Competition Process:

After the project proposal's are submitted, the TC-Doc Student Documentation Competition Committee will review all proposals and judge which proposals will be selected to move forward to the next phase and complete the documentation work. The competition committee will notify proposal entrants if they were selected to continue by the end of May. The selected teams/individuals will be assigned a mentor by TC-Doc, and the summer of 2023 will be the intended work period for each team/individual to complete the documentation work and develop the project deliverables. APTI mentors will be available to consult with teams/individuals as is necessary during the working period. All final project deliverables will be submitted to the committee by the middle of September for juror deliberation. The documentation project teams (max two people per team) will be invited to attend the 2023 APTI Annual conference in Seattle, to present their project outcomes and receive awards.

Competition Schedule and Milestones:

April 1, 2023	Call for Proposals
May 15, 2023	Deadline for Project Proposals
May 31, 2023	Notification of Short-Listed Student Project Proposals
June – Sept 2023	Documentation Project Work to be Completed (with Mentorship by TC-Doc)
Sept. 15, 2023	Submission of Final Project Deliverables
September 2023	Juror Deliberation
October 2023	Project presentations & Awards ceremony at APT Annual Conference

Project Proposal Judging Considerations:

Proposals with the following will be given preference and will be more likely to be selected:

- Creative and innovative documentation approach
- Selection of a site that represents historically-marginalized communities
- Proposals that demonstrate efforts to address issues of social justice and inclusion
- Proposals that align closely with the Seattle 2023 Tracks
(see conference website for more information - aptseattle2023.eventscribe.net):
 - Technology in Historic Preservation
 - Environment (Resilience and Natural Disasters)
 - Cultural Heritage

Questions:

Please email the TC-Doc with any questions: documentation@apti.org

