

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Design for America at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Design for America at UC San Diego tackles challenges in our community by working in interdisciplinary project teams to develop daring, feasible, and applicable solutions following the key principles of human-centered design.

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Design for America at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Students of all majors are encouraged to join project teams.
- There is limited membership for our project teams.
- There will be 4-10 year-long project teams comprising our studio.
- Prospective project team members apply to join the studio at the start of the school year through an application process.
- Designated team leads accept new team members.
- We will be accepting 4-7 project team members per project team each year.
- \$10 dues are required from all project team members. If a member fails to pay dues, they will be removed from the studio.
- Our open workshops and events are open to everyone

ARTICLE V. FREQUENCY OF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

- All-Studio Meetings are held on Mondays from 7-8 pm PST in Price Center Marshall Room.
- All-Studio office hours are held on Mondays from 6-7 pm PST on Zoom
- Project teams can have additional meetings outside of All-Studio Meetings, as decided by Team Leads.

ARTICLE VI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HOLDING OFFICE AND METHODS OF SELECTING AND REPLACING OFFICERS

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

Studio leadership consists of one President, two To Be Designed (TBD) Program Leads, two Year-Long Project Leads, and one Social Media and Marketing Director.

- Presidents maintain communication with the national Design For America Network, direct All-Studio meetings, make sure the organization mission is upheld, and guides the studio vision.
- TBD Program Leads are in charge of the To Be Designed (TBD) program: planning, leading, coordinating the 2 quarter-long projects including recruiting team members and community partners.
- Year-Long Project Leads decide project topics and lead project teams to address challenges within the community.
- Social Media and Marketing Director plans recruitment week and manages social media accounts. A

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project team member can hold this position.

New team leads and President/Vice President will be appointed at the end of each school year through a similar application process to that of project membership.

Appointed leadership holds their position for the entirety of a school year. Previous studio members are eligible for leadership roles.

In special cases, leadership can be removed at the discretion of the rest of the leadership, based on discussion and a vote.

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

Design for America at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Design for America at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1. IN CASE OF INTERACTION WITH MINORS AND/OR ELDERLY

Design for America at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via UC Learning <https://uclearning.ucsd.edu>. DFA will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMUNITY MENTOR

The community mentor will be selected based on their commitment and experience in community-driven design. They will serve for one school year. Their role will be as a mentor to the DFA board members. The community mentor for the 2024-2025 school year is Anh-Thu Ngo, Ph.D.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Design for America at UCSD will finance its activities through a combination of fundraising events, donations, and applying to grants and available student funding.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Design for America at UCSD is affiliated with the Design for America National Network. More information which may be found at DesignForAmerica.org.