



DESIGN *for* **AMERICA**
uc san diego students using design to create local and social impact

Name of Organization

The organization shall be called **Design for America at UCSD**.

Purpose

Design for America at UCSD 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.

Nonprofit Statement

Design for America at UCSD is a non-profit student organization.

Membership

- Students of all majors are encouraged to join project teams.
- There is limited membership for our project teams.
- There will be 4-6 year-long project teams comprise 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 4-6 project team members per project team each year.
- \$10 quarterly dues are required from project team members. If a member fails to pay dues, they will removed from the studio.
- Our open workshops and events are open to everyone.

Meetings

All-Studio Meetings are held on Wednesdays from 7-9pm in HSS 1346.

Project teams can have additional meetings outside of All-Studio Meetings, as decided by Team Leads.

Leadership

Studio leadership is comprised of a **President, Vice President, Recruitment Coordinator + Social Media Director, Recruitment Assistant, Treasurer, Community Director, and Team Leads**.

- The **President** Maintains communication with the national Design For America Network, directs All-Studio meetings, make sure the organization mission is upheld, and guides the studio vision.
- The **Vice President** assists the President by handling communication with relevant campus organizations (i.e Design Lab, Design at UCSD).
- **Team Leads** decide project topics and lead project teams to address challenges within the community.
- The **Recruitment Coordinator + Social Media Director** plans recruitment week and manages social media accounts. A project team member can hold this position.
- The **Recruitment Assistant** assists the **Recruitment Coordinator + Social Media Director**. A project team member can hold this position.
- The **Treasurer** ensures dues are collected, manages any reimbursement requests, and helps find sources of funding if needed. A project team member can hold this position.
- The **Community Director** ensures a positive studio culture by planning social and development events. A 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.

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

Risk Management

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

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

Financial Management

Design for America at UCSD will finance its activities through a combination of fundraising events, donations, and reimbursement on a case-by-case basis through Design Lab approval.

Affiliation

Design for America at UCSD is affiliated with the Design for America National Network - more information which may be found at designforamerica.com.

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