

Biodesign Challenge Summit

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Summit Week look like for participating students and instructors?

Summit 2024 will take place during the week of June 10th. There will be a lot of activity throughout the week, so please read the following info carefully!

June 11-12

The exhibition space will be open for installation on Tuesday June 11th and Wednesday June 12th. If you are a student based in NYC or NJ, we recommend coming in on Tuesday to start your install. Most students who are flying in will be installing on Wednesday, so having installation spread out will help the BDC team balance our support!

June 13

Summit Day 1: All finalist teams will present at The New School University Center between 8am and 5pm ET. Specific presentation times will be announced in late May. There will be a gallery opening event in the evening that is open to all participants and the general public, which will run approximately from 6pm-9pm.

June 14

Summit Day 2: The Top 8 Teams selected by judges on Day 1 will present their projects a second time alongside guest speakers and panels. Day 2 takes place at the Museum of Modern Art between 8am and 5pm ET.

June 15

A day of optional activities including a student mixer and instructor feedback session. (Keep an eye out for invites to these!) Students are also expected to de-install their project displays from the Gallery Show on or before this day. We recognize not everyone can stay an additional day, but we highly recommend it if you can!

Where will the Summit and Gallery Show 2024 be held?

Day 1 of the Summit (June 13) will be held at The New School, Parsons School of Design. The address is:

The New School University Center
63 5th Ave
New York, NY 10003

Day 2 of the Summit (June 14) will be held at the Museum of Modern Art. The address is:

Museum of Modern Art
The Roy and Niuta Titus Theater 1
11 W 53rd St
New York, NY 10019

The Gallery Show (June 11-13) set up and opening will be held at The New School, Parsons School of Design. The address is:

Theresa Lang Center
55 W 13th St
New York, NY 10011

Are there hotel blocks available? What are potential lodging options?

We do not reserve hotel blocks for participants and attendees since everyone has varied budgets and amounts of time they'll be staying in NYC.

We recommend looking for hotels, Airbnbs, and hostels in Manhattan if possible so that you are close to the Summit event spaces. But we recognize that Manhattan prices can be expensive! More affordable lodging options can be found in Queens and Brooklyn off the E, F, M, Q train lines. All of these trains serve both locations, Parsons and MoMA.

How should I plan to travel around New York City?

The subway is the fastest and most affordable way to travel around NYC. Most train lines run consistently on weekdays and on the weekends. Yellow cab taxis and Lyft/Uber services are widely available throughout the city. Both Parsons School of Design and the Museum of Modern Art are in high traffic/walkable areas if you choose to travel on foot. Depending on where you stay, we recommend allotting 45 minutes - 1 hour of commute time in case of any delays.

Do family and friends who want to attend need to purchase tickets to the Summit?

Yes! Family and friends who'd like to watch presentations on one or both days of the Summit will need to purchase tickets through [this event link](#).

The Gallery Show reception on the evening of June 13 is free and open to the public, but we still ask that attendees [RSVP through the event page](#).

Is food provided?

Lunch on both days and light snacks on the evening of the gallery opening will be provided for all participating students and instructors. Students are responsible for meals outside of Summit activities.

Who are the judges and speakers for BDC Summit 2024?

You can learn about our 2024 Judges and Speakers on the [BDC Summit 2024 page](#).

What are the Prizes that will be awarded this year? Is there a rubric that the projects are reviewed against?

The 2024 Prizes are listed [here](#). For help forming your project, you can look towards the Judging Rubric on the BDC website [here](#) and our Project Guidelines Document [here](#).

What is the weather in NYC in late June?

Weather can range from mid-60 degrees F to mid-80 degrees F! There is no dress code for Summit activities, so feel free to dress comfortably!