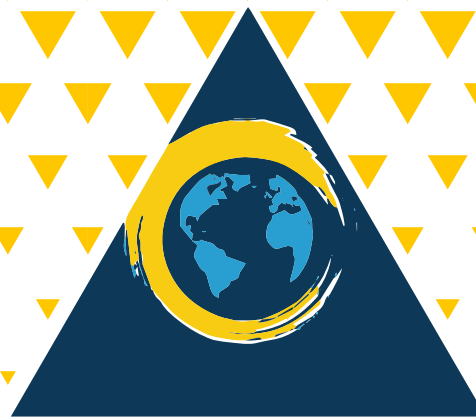


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## INTRODUCTION



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### **On this day,**

millions have died from COVID-19 or been infected. For those who perished, for those who lost a loved-one, for those who have recovered, and for those who courageously and selflessly served during the darkest and most uncertain days of the pandemic, we announce a competition to design a COVID-19 Monument of Honor, Remembrance, & Resilience sponsored by the Hektoen Institute of Medicine.

This Monument will be a physical sculpture or installation that addresses and symbolizes the myriad issues and emotions encountered by citizens throughout the world as they navigate this powerful scourge and tragedy of our time. No other event in the past two centuries touched everyone as did the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether by death, illness, grief, or at best, lock-down, the pandemic left no one unscathed. This universal event respected no boundaries and did not discriminate by age, gender, religion, or nationality. As this pandemic excluded no one, our Monument is unequivocally inclusive and will embrace the sentiments of all citizens throughout the world.

Our hope is that we will conquer this virus, and the pandemic will be history—a distant memory. But lest we forget, it is critical that we come together to reflect, and to honor those who continue to fight on the front lines, those brave souls who ensured our survival. They are the nurses, doctors, health care workers, the public service sector employees, airline personnel, those who rang up our groceries and medicines, delivered our packages, prepared our to-go meals, drove our buses, and many more. They all encountered significant risks dealing with an unknown illness. The Monument will honor these individuals and allow those who lost loved ones to mourn and know they are not alone. The monument will educate and enlighten with the wisdom and experience we have shared.

Additionally, the Monument will celebrate resilience and victory. The discovery and distribution of the vaccine, engendered by multiple agencies, effectively saved millions of lives. This triumph of science in the COVID-19 vaccine and concomitant testing advances must be lauded and serve as a reminder of hope in the face of intense adversity and obstacles.

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## PROJECT SUMMARY



### The Hektoen Institute COVID-19 Monument Commission

invites artists throughout the world to submit design concepts.

[The Hektoen Institute of Medicine](#) is a nonprofit educational and research organization founded in 1943 by a group of prominent Cook County Hospital physicians in Illinois. They administer grants to improve care and resources for patients; conduct medical research and education; and spearheaded Chicago's COVID-19 contact tracing efforts. Research endeavors have comprised: blood substitutes; HIV; and Artificial Intelligence to improve functionality of kidney biopsies.

The first phase of the Monument is the preliminary design concept. The winning artist will receive a cash prize of US \$20,000. After a design is selected by a panel of distinguished judges, the artist may be asked to participate in the construction of the Monument.

The artist should envision the Monument as a major outdoor or indoor public sculpture or installation and may or may not suggest a specific site in which to place the Monument. The Commission would expect the materials and concept to be in harmony with the environment and cultural topography. The design should provide a moving and creative concept that would speak to all nations and cultures.

The concept may include one large structure or several that address the theme of Honor, Remembrance, and Resilience. The design should honor all who courageously served while much of society stayed home, locked-down by worldwide order. Aspects of remembrance might address the lives lost by illness, the pandemic experience, the suffering, and hence the call to learn and to heal. The design should also embody notions of resilience and victory.



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**The size of the memorial is open but should make a marked impression outdoors and allow for surrounding space of gathering and reflection.**

The materials are the choice of the artist but would be expected to blend into and be sustainable for the landscape. Practical consideration such as feasibility of construction, structural and surface soundness, resistance to weathering, and required ongoing maintenance should also be addressed.

Artists must be 18 years of age and submit original work.

***Deadline for submissions is August 31, 2023, 12PM CST***



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## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



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### Please submit the following:

*Each item below should be labeled as indicated*

#### 1. Artist Bio

A short written summary of the candidate's background.

If the submission is presented by a team of artists, please name all participants and submit a bio/written summary for each member of the team.

#### 2. Artist Statement + Concept

Artist statement of the monument design and explanation of the concept.

- No limits on the quantity of pieces in the statement/concept document, submit as much or as little as needed to represent the idea.
- The submission could include materials intended and dimensions.
- Renderings may be computer generated or hand drawn.
- All images should be sent in .jpeg or .png format and several views of the monument would be expected as according to a design concept

Email questions only:

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# FAQs



## Who may apply?

Anyone over the age of 18, from anywhere in the world. Your design must be your own original design.

## Can teams submit a design?

Yes! Teams of artists are welcome. Please note, the prize money is awarded per concept, not individuals.

## What kind of submission media do you prefer?

You may draw, paint, etc. your design by hand, or send computer-generated designs. Whatever it takes to best present your artistic vision.

## How finished should my design be?

We seek design concepts; however you may send a completed monument as well, even indicating construction of the monument. We do ask that you please suggest the materials you would use for the monument.

OPTIONAL: You may also suggest a site anywhere in the world in which to place the monument.

## What will I win if my design concept is selected?

The winning concept will receive a prize of US \$20,000. You MIGHT be asked to participate further in the construction of the Monument.

Upon winning, the monument commission will own the rights to your design; however you will be credited with the original conception.