

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE THE CREATIVE CHALLENGE – ENTRY FALL 2025

All applicants to the Spitzer School of Architecture B Arch program *must* complete a Creative Challenge form to be considered for admission. Please complete the required information below when submitting your Challenge. For more instructions regarding admission application requirements, see the Spitzer School of Architecture or CCNY websites: ssa.cuny.cuny.edu and cuny.cuny.edu

- CUNY freshman applicants, applicants to the Macaulay Honors College, transfers applicants, and current CCNY students applying to change their major must submit the Creative Challenge by **February 1, 2025**.
- Student must submit a **single file**, containing all pages of this document.
- Name the file as follows: *LAST NAME, FIRST NAME Challenge*. (For example: GARCIA, ANA Challenge)
- Make sure *all* pages are marked with your CUNY First ID (EMPL ID) and name. The CUNY First ID is generated with the CUNY application.
- NO VIDEO FILE SUBMISSIONS ARE ALLOWED AS ANSWERS.
- USE OF AI GENERATED TEXT OR IMAGES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED – Challenges containing this type of work will not be considered.
- Files may not exceed 250MB and must be in the following format: doc, docx, ppt, pptx, png, jpg, jpeg, pdf, or zip.
- Only Challenges submitted by February 1, 2024, will be considered in the first round of review in late February.

Submit your completed Creative Challenge and any transfer materials required for admission here: securetransfer.cuny.cuny.edu/filedrop/SSAUndergrad

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|
| LAST NAME | | FIRST NAME | DATE OF BIRTH |
| CUNY First ID (EMPL ID) | | PHONE | E-MAIL or CCNY E-MAIL |
| ADDRESS | | APT. /PO BOX | |
| CITY | STATE | POSTAL CODE | COUNTRY |

I AM APPLYING AS A:

FRESHMAN

CURRENT CCNY STUDENT – CHANGE OF MAJOR

TRANSFER STUDENT

TRANSFER STUDENT INFORMATION

If you are not applying as a transfer student, skip to the next page.

NAME: _____ CUNY First ID (EMPL ID): _____

I have previous architectural training: YES NO

Transferring from which institution? _____

What is your current major? _____

- All transfer applicants are required to send an official college transcript to the department as part of their application. All submissions should be sent attention to:

Ms. Amy Daniel

The Spitzer School of Architecture

The City College of New York

141 Convent Avenue, Room 133 New York, NY 10031

adaniel@ccny.cuny.edu

- If you are transferring from an accredited Bachelor of Architecture program, you must submit a digital portfolio with your Challenge as part of your application.
- If you wish to be considered for transfer credit, you must also submit all syllabi and/or course descriptions of architectural coursework with your Challenge.

All materials should be uploaded with your application package by February 1, 2025.

Please be aware that the transfer credit evaluation process is complex and will take place after admissions decisions are made.

Dear Applicant,

In keeping with The City College's founding mission, which emphasizes diversity and access to excellence, we are providing prospective students of the Spitzer School of Architecture an opportunity to demonstrate their full imaginative potential by responding to this Creative Challenge.

With this unique component of your application for consideration within the Spitzer School of Architecture, we invite you to express who you are and how you see the world. Share a bit of yourself with us! Your interpretive responses to the following five problems will enable us to get to know you better.

It's important to remember that there are no right or wrong ways to respond to the prompts in the Creative Challenge. We have no expectation that anyone applying has special drawing skills. Please respond to the questions based on your own personal ideas and abilities. If you do not have experience drawing, don't panic, you might use this as an opportunity to experiment with it. If that doesn't work for you, you might explore different means and methods to express your ideas – just remember to follow the guidelines we have provided in the Challenge directions. Finally, while we want to be helpful, to maintain fairness, we are unable to provide more specific guidance on how to respond to Creative Challenge questions. We hope this helps and we wish you the best of luck with the process!

Enjoy, and good luck!

Regards,
The Faculty and Staff of the Spitzer School of Architecture

Please read and acknowledge that you will honor the following rules when completing the Creative Challenge. Failure to do so will result in your application being immediately rejected by The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture.

1. Please stay within the black lines on each page.
2. Your response to each question must be recorded on the corresponding sheet (ex. Question 1 should be answered on the sheet marked Question 1 within the black box and include your name and information on the top.) **Do not attach additional pages.**
3. You may *not* draw on the back of the sheets or use additional pages in your responses.
4. **DO NOT INCLUDE OTHER MATERIALS WITH YOUR CREATIVE CHALLENGE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**
5. Be sure your name and CUNY First ID (EMPL ID) number are clearly marked on *every* page of your response.
6. **USE OF AI GENERATED IMAGES OR TEXT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** Challenges with type of work will not be reviewed.
7. **Include *all* pages and questions of the Challenge, including this page, with your response.**
8. You understand that your submission must be received by February 1, 2025, to be considered in the first round of review. All Challenges received after the deadline, and before May 31, will be reviewed but not guaranteed any spot in the program before candidates from the first round of review.
9. You have read and agreed to the Statement of Authorship below.

I hereby declare that all of the responses contained in this Creative Challenge represent my own work and that I have not received any help from any outside parties, nor has anyone completed the Creative Challenge responses for me. I agree to forfeit my application if any part of this statement is found to be untrue.

SIGNATURE

DATE

NAME: _____ CUNY First ID (EMPL ID): _____

CHALLENGE 1: Make a drawing or diagram that captures or represents you in a creative act.

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CHALLENGE 2: In 300-500 words, tell us about a space or place that is important to you and why. Is this a place that you admire or dislike? Did it make you want to be an architect or maybe change society? Tell us about it!

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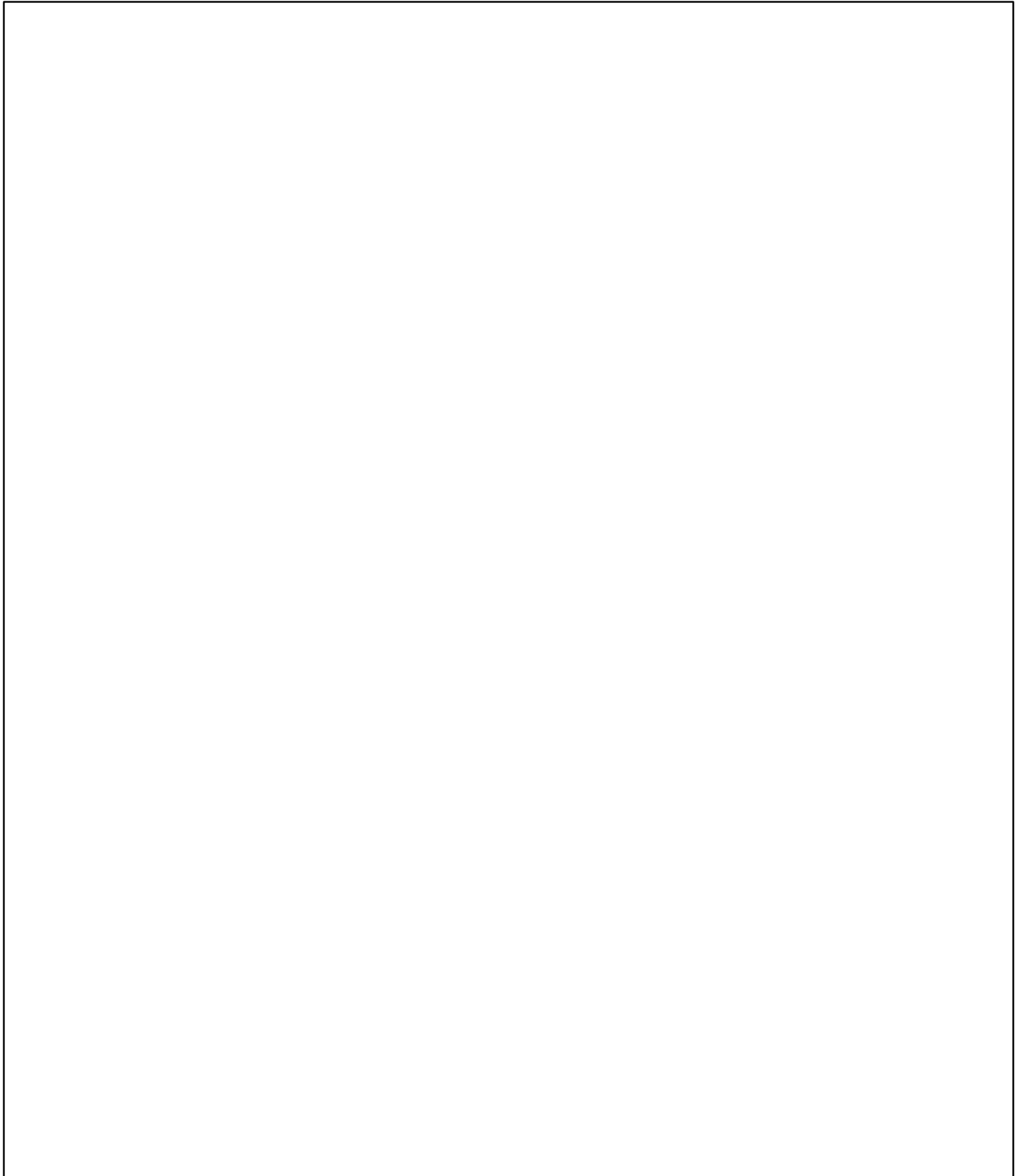
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CHALLENGE 3: Draw an object in motion.

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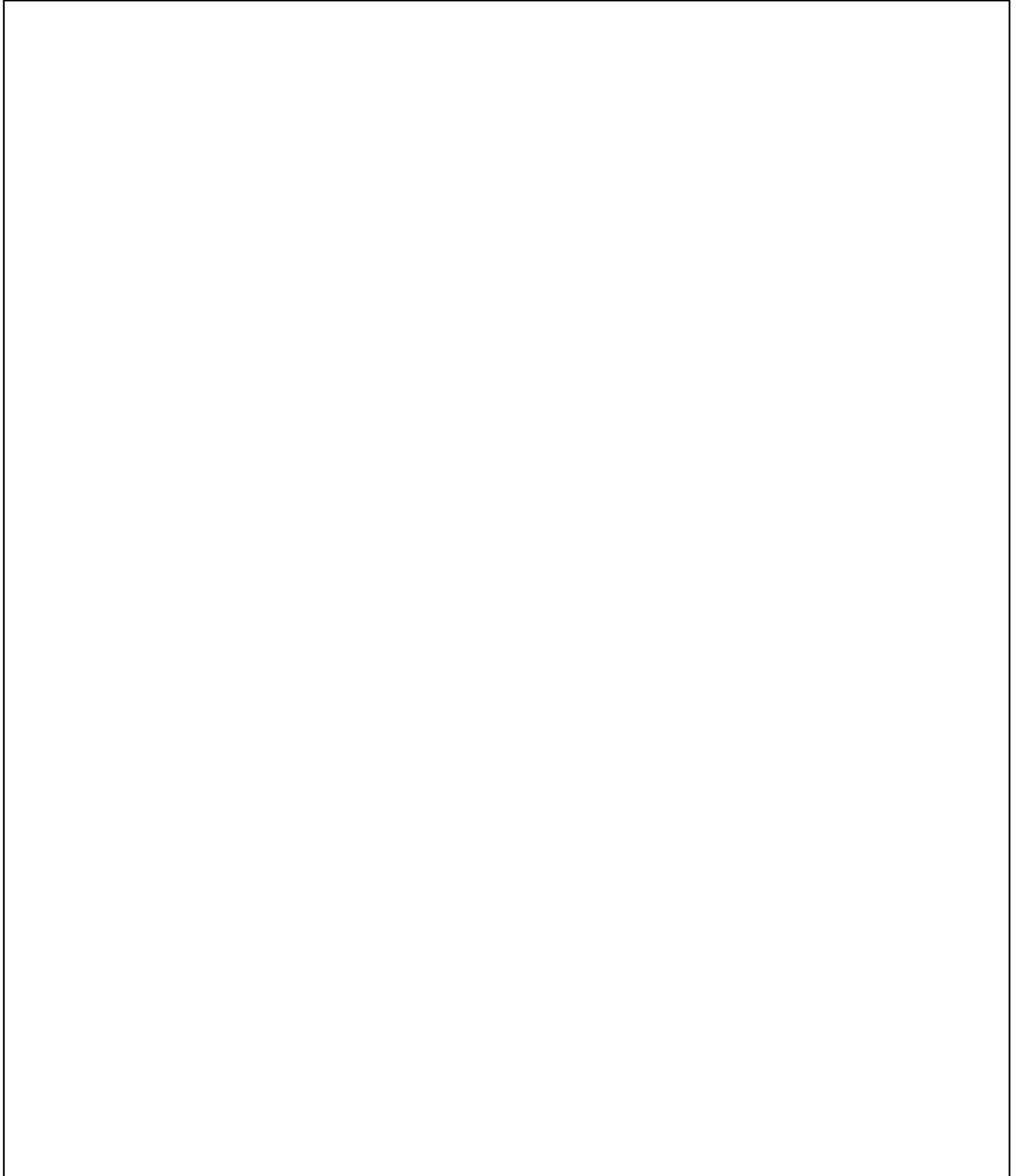
CHALLENGE 4: Choose an object that is meaningful to you – it can be anything. Draw this object in 3D below from a direction, vantage point, or perspective that conveys or captures its importance to you.



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CHALLENGE 5: Make a drawing that explains/traces your journey from home (or a relative's home) to school or work. Try to capture the array of sensory experiences that you have along the way.



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