# Riga Technical University International Summer School

July 26 - August 9, 2014

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Cesis, Latvia

Workshops, lectures & more\*



Riga Technical University International Summer School is an annual two-week course in urbanism, architecture and design, but it also welcomes students and young professionals of related disciplines. Applications for 2014 are now open!

### **TOPIC**

Current life expectancy trends show that people are living longer than ever before, and the average lifespan will continue to increase. The issue is whether we are not only living longer, but also healthier, happier and more comfortable.

What can rural towns offer for the well-being of their residents and visitors? We are going to revisit local natural assets, infrastructure and traditions of wellness, and propose ways how they can be updated according to the needs of a healthier society and possibilities of current technologies.

#### LOCATION

The Summer School is going to take place in Cesis, a town where health and leisure have always been intrinsic to the local lifestyle. Cesis is located within the Gauja National Park, which is the largest protected natural area in Latvia. Its high biological diversity, varied terrain and natural water resources provide for hydrotherapy establishments, outdoor sports of all seasons, and traditional picking of mushrooms, berries and medicinal plants.

### **PROGRAMME**

Participants will be offered an intensive two-week programme of lectures, discussions and workshops, as well as sightseeing tours and parties. Some of the units are going to research the physical, socio-economic and political realities of Cesis, while others are going to design, test and build ephemeral installations in the public realm.

The Summer School is an opportunity to work hands-on with creating actual events and spatial structures that accommodate public interactions.

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Work done in Summer School 2013: Story Tower book exchange installation, Oasis mapping of urban landscapes and Sālsmaize dinner for the whole town.



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# **ELIGIBILITY**

Focus of the course is urbanism, architecture and design, but it also welcomes students and young professionals of related disciplines: arts, geography, sociology, and others.

Applicants should have finished at least one year of studies by the beginning of the course, be fluent in English and keen to work in groups.

### PARTICIPATION FEE

The fee including registration, tuition, accommodation, meals and social programme is € 675. A limited number of full and partial bursaries are available.

# **ACADEMIC CREDITS**

Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Riga Technical University and 3 ECTS points upon completion of the course.

### **APPLICATION**

Read more and apply online: www.rtusummerschool.lv Deadline for submitting applications is May 4, 2014.

### **ORGANISERS**

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