In collaboration with the School of Architecture and University Planning, the Public Art Initiative presents a student-designed bike rack competition.

Design Teams
This competition is open to all current students in the School of Architecture. Teams can include one, two, or three students from across the School of Architecture, and may not receive assistance or advice by anyone not on team.

Prizes
The jury, comprising architecture, facilities, and public art professionals, will award three prizes: first place, $1,000; second place, $500; third place, $250.

Schedule and Deliverables
By 5 p.m. on January 13, please submit your team name, along with the names and Husky email addresses of your team members, to t.vannatter@northeastern.edu subject line: BikeRackCompetition_Team Registration is mandatory.

By 9 a.m. on January 17, please submit pdfs of your proposals to t.vannatter@northeastern.edu formatted at a 12 x 18-in. printable landscape. Your team name must appear on the submission.

You may represent your design in any form (plans, sections, elevations, details, axonometric, isometric, elevation projection, perspective, collage, incorporated photos, etc.) as long as your design is fully decipherable. Submissions should be primarily visual.

Design Constraints
The bike rack must:
- Be galvanized steel, stainless steel, or a durable composite with no paint, powder coating, or hand-painted finishes
- Should support two or more bikes
- Must not include sharp edges
- Allow for ease of locking with a "U" lock or longer cable lock and allow for locking of a bike in two places
- Be free standing and not need to be bolted to the ground plane (on a plate).
- Design should be no larger than 31” high x 62” long
- Adhere to all Americans with Disabilities Act standards for protrusions in the right-of-way, including the ability to detect the rack with a white cane. To be detected, the protruding or leading edge of the rack should be no more than 27 in. high above the sidewalk surface. The protruding or leading edge may overhang a maximum of 12 in.
- Be designed with the space between the rack features larger than 9 in. and smaller than 3.5 ft. to avoid children trapping their hands or heads.
- Approved designs will become the intellectual property of Northeastern. Student designers must complete required documents to transfer intellectual property to the university.

Evaluation Criteria
Submissions that don't satisfy the entry criteria or teams in violation of the competition rules will not be considered. Design and aesthetics will be weighed equally with feasibility. Decisions of the jury are final. The criteria to determine a winner are:
- Significance, aesthetics, and functionality
- Design and technical innovation
- User experience
- Relationship of rack to the installation location (how it addresses the space)
- Constructability and durability
- Structural viability
- Detailed resolution
- Resistance to corrosion, abrasion, and damage.