

A Bauhaus Bathroom

Design Competition For a Public Restroom at Gropius House



As one of the most celebrated and architecturally significant Modern houses in the United States, Gropius House continues to inspire visitors and design professionals alike. Yet, despite its renown, public restroom facilities at the site have long been limited to use of a portable toilet. After forty years under Historic New England stewardship, and coinciding with the 100th anniversary of Bauhaus Dessau, the organization has determined that it needs a permanent solution—one that reflects the same spirit of thoughtfulness, innovation, and design excellence embodied by Walter Gropius himself.

Open to professionals and students, the competition celebrates the Bauhaus spirit of collaboration, by welcoming designers from all disciplines to contribute creative perspectives. In the same spirit, collaboration across design fields is strongly encouraged, including participation from graphic designers, industrial designers, and other aligned professionals.

The winning team will receive a \$5,000 cash prize, a place in the Gropius House archives, and an exhibition at the property. Historic New England aspires to ultimately build the selected design.

Jury: Tanja Hwang (MoMA), Philip Kennicott (Washington Post), Antoine Picon (Harvard Graduate School of Design), Suzanne Stephens (writer/critic/Columbia/Barnard), Nader Tehrani (NADAAA/Cooper Union)

Submission Deadline: February 6, 2026



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