

Riga Technical University  
International Summer School

July 26 – August 9, 2014 Cesis, Latvia Workshops, lectures & more\*

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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](http://www.rtusummerschool.lv)  
Deadline for submitting applications is May 4, 2014.

**ORGANISERS**

Riga Technical University Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning  
Online platform for Latvian creative industries FOLD

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\*more than you expect!



## Call for applications – RTU International Summer School «Get Well City»

Riga Technical University International Summer School 2014 opens for applications and announces this year's theme – «Get Well City». It welcomes students and young professionals of architecture, urbanism and design, as well as related disciplines.

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Within two weeks, from July 26 to August 9, 2014, an international team of tutors will guide the participants through a complete project cycle – from first sketches to communication of complex data, construction of spatial structures in public domain and seeing their work being tested by the users. As usual, the lecture programme with talks by international and local speakers, as well as project presentations by the participants will be open to the public.

In 2013, participants of the RTU International Summer School gathered over a hundred residents of Cesis for a common dinner during the «Sālsmaize» event and built a book exchange structure «Story Tower». Its inventive construction and Tetrapak roof cladding sparked interest of design media worldwide. This year, the cosy Rucka manor, located just outside the town's centre, is going to accommodate the Summer School and become one of the cases to study – in the past the building has served as a tuberculosis hospital, but currently it is on its way to transform into a new creative hotspot.

Call for applications is open until May 4, 2014 for students and young professionals of spatial disciplines. Applicants should be fluent in English and keen to work in groups. Participation fee is € 675, a limited number of full and partial scholarships are available. Application form can be found on the Summer School's [website](#).

### Organisers

The course is organised by platform for Latvian creative industries [FOLD](#) in collaboration with Riga Technical University [Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning](#). RTU International Summer School is supported by State Education Development Agency and Cesis Local Municipality.

### Online resources

More information and application for the Summer School: <http://www.rtusummerschool.lv/>

Facebook page of the Summer School: <http://www.facebook.com/rtu.summer.school>

Video of the 2013 Summer School «Local Shift»: <http://vimeo.com/73863128>

Installation «Story Tower» published on «Dezeen»: <http://ej.uz/dezeen2013>

Installation «Story Tower» published on «Frame»: <http://ej.uz/frame2013>

### Additional information and questions

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