



## UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education

### Frequently Asked Questions

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## Who can apply and how to be nominated

### Who can apply?

**Individuals, institutions, non-governmental organizations or other entities** that use AI-powered solutions to provide quality and inclusive education, learning and teaching.

The projects **should be ongoing for at least 6 months** and meet the following criteria:

Relevance to the Thematic Focus: The project is in line with the objectives of the Prize and is relevant to the specific theme of the year. Please see above the details of the 2019 theme.

Innovation: The project applies AI-enhanced solutions or blends AI and conventional technologies in a new innovative way;

Impact: The project ensures from the very beginning that it will have a lasting impact beyond the project lifecycle and generates measurable positive and sustainable impact in the lives of the targeted beneficiaries;

Potential for Replicability and Scalability: The project should show evidence that it can be replicated in other contexts or have the potential to further optimize and scale its impact.

### If I meet the criteria, can I apply directly for the Prize?

Direct applications or self-nominations are not accepted. All candidates have to be nominated by:

- The government of a UNESCO Member State, via its National Commission for UNESCO. It is recommended first to approach your country's National Commission for UNESCO (see list [here](#)) or
- An NGO or Foundation in official partnership with UNESCO. You may wish to contact an NGO working in your field (see list [here](#)).

Each Member State/NGO can nominate up to 3 candidates.

Member States/NGO coordinate their own national/internal selection process, deadlines and criteria to decide whom to nominate for the Prize. UNESCO cannot and does not influence these decisions or processes in any way.

### What is a National Commission for UNESCO?

National Commissions for UNESCO are national organizations established by countries within their respective Ministries and responsible for relations with the UNESCO Secretariat. Presently, there are 198 National Commissions for UNESCO across the world. You can find a list of National Commissions by country [here](#).

### What is an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO? How can my NGO become one?

The terms “**NGO in official partnership with UNESCO**” and “**Foundation maintaining official relations with UNESCO**” refer to a particular partnership concluded with UNESCO, following a long collaboration and a formal application process. You can find the list of organizations currently maintaining official relations with UNESCO [here](#).

- If you want to apply to become an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO, you will need to contact the External Relations Sector of UNESCO. This is a lengthy process and requires that common projects with UNESCO already exist. Further information can be found [here](#).
- An NGO does not need to be an official partner to be nominated for the Prize.

### I am an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO. Can I apply?

As an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO, you can nominate up to three candidates for each edition of the Prize.

Self-nominations are not accepted. It means an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO cannot nominate itself for the Prize. Should you wish your NGO to be nominated for the Prize, we advise you to contact the government of a UNESCO Member State or another NGO in official partnership with UNESCO.

#### **I have already applied to other editions of the prize. Can I re-apply?**

Yes. If you already applied and did not win the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize, you are encouraged to submit your application another time. Please note that your project should be ongoing and in line with the theme.

#### **My project is a governmental project. Can I apply?**

Yes, applicants can be individuals or organizations.

#### **I am not sure if my project meets the eligibility criteria, what should I do?**

It is recommended to contact the National Commission for UNESCO of your country and ask.

### **Filling in the form**

#### **I cannot access the online nomination platform; how do I get a user name and password?**

Please submit an account request at the following link: [www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize/register](http://www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize/register)

#### **I did not receive my account details, what should I do?**

Please check your junk box for your account details. If you did not receive an email within 2 working days, please contact the Secretariat of the ICT Prize for assistance ([ictprize@unesco.org](mailto:ictprize@unesco.org)).

#### **If forgot my password, what should I do?**

Please use the following link to reset your password:

<https://teams.unesco.org/sites/changePWD/>

#### **Frequent problems to be avoided while filling in the form**

- Please be aware that the best internet browsers for accessing your application are: **Chrome and Internet explorer 11**. Some applicants have expressed difficulty using browsers such as Safari and Firefox. Using a mobile phone to access your application may also cause additional difficulty.
- Please respect **the character limits** indicated for each question in the application, as exceeding the designated character limit will inhibit you from submitting your application.

#### **Can I send my nomination/supporting documents by e-mail or post?**

All nominations and supporting documents should be submitted via the **online nomination platform**.

#### **Can I complete the nomination form in Spanish, Arabic or another official UN language?**

Applications and supporting documents must be submitted exclusively in two working languages of UNESCO - English or French.

If you require assistance, contact the National Commission for UNESCO of your country. You can find the list of National Commissions [here](#).

### What makes a good nomination?

The jury is looking particularly for **innovative** projects that address both technological and humanistic approaches and already show proof that the project has **led to measurable results and change**. You can learn about the projects of previous laureates [on the Prize website](#) and read the jury's advice [here](#).

Here is some general advice on completing the nomination form:

- Carefully read and follow the **instructions** for each field of the form
- Write in a **clear and concise way** (have at least one other person proofread the nomination)
- Strictly respect the **word limit**
- Pay particular attention to the **project abstract**, which should summarize the entire nomination
- Candidates: Contact potential nominators **as early as possible**, to give them time to validate and submit the nomination

### What happens after the submission of your application

#### Will I receive a confirmation when my application has been submitted?

As an **applicant**, you will receive an **automatic confirmation e-mail** that your application has been submitted either to UNESCO Secretariat (you are nominated by a NGO in official partnership with UNESCO) or to a National Commission for UNESCO of your country.

#### If I submit an application to a National Commission for UNESCO, does it mean that my project is automatically nominated?

No, the National Commission will undertake its own review process. This is why you are strongly recommended to get in contact with the relevant National Commission as soon as possible and inform that you will submit an online application for their review.

If your project is nominated by a National Commission, you will receive an automatic confirmation e-mail.

#### Who selects the prizewinners?

All eligible nominations are examined by an [international jury](#) composed of **5 independent experts**. Every year, they recommend two winners to the Director-General of UNESCO who takes the final decision.

#### When will the winners be known?

The two winners are announced every year in **February** through a press release and on the [Prize website](#). Only successful candidates and their Member States will be notified individually.

#### What happens if I win the Prize?

Successful candidates will be notified by UNESCO shortly before the official announcement. UNESCO will invite a representative of each laureate to the award ceremony, which usually takes place in Paris in March. Each laureate will receive a medal, a diploma and the sum of **USD \$25,000**. The funds will be transferred to their bank account.

**Do candidates that have not won the Prize get any recognition or feedback?**

Unfortunately, due to the high number of nominations, it is not possible to provide individual or general feedback to candidates. However, 8 additional finalists that have caught the jury's attention during the selection process will be invited to participate in the exhibition on the day of the Award Ceremony and announced on the Prize webpage.