UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education

2023 Guidelines

Theme: Digital learning for greening education

The deadline for nominations: 5 February 2024

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2023 theme

The 2023 edition of the Prize will focus on the theme "**Digital learning for greening education**". It will be awarded to initiatives that use digital technology to develop innovative and inclusive climate pedagogies. Selected programmes must give learners the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, values and skills to tackle climate disruption and promote sustainable development. By encouraging synergies between public digital learning and green education, and by showcasing best practices in this field, this edition of the Prize addresses several priority areas identified at the Transforming Education Summit that took place in 2022.

Who can apply?

Individuals, institutions, non-governmental organizations or other entities

Eligibility criteria

- The project is in line with the objectives of the Prize and is relevant to the theme of the year

- The project should be ongoing for at least 1 year

- The project and its organization should not be affiliated with UNESCO or receive any funding from UNESCO
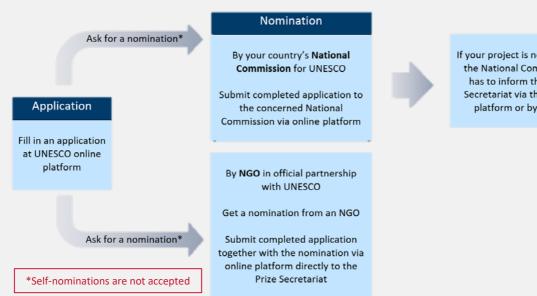
- The project should be public and free of charge

Selection criteria

- **Appropriateness of digital solutions:** The project is backed by needs assessment and applies fit-for-purpose technologies to provide safe, inclusive and robust tools

- **Pedagogy innovation:** The project adopts pedagogical methodologies adapted for climate education to facilitate digital learning and learner engagement

- **Inclusion and equity:** The project should advance inclusion and equity in education while taking into account marginalized groups, minorities, and learners with different abilities

- **Evidence of impact:** The project should provide evidence of impact on learners reached and pre-set learning outcomes

- **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

NOTE: The Prize is not a grant scheme to support new projects or organizations. The Prize is aimed at recognizing already implemented projects and activities or individuals/institutions/ organizations for the creative use of technologies in education, teaching, and learning.

For Candidates: How to submit an application and ask for a nomination?

Application

Fill in an application at UNESCO online platform

Ask for a nomination*

Nomination

By your country's **National Commission** for UNESCO

Submit completed application to the concerned National Commission via online platform

If your project is nominated, the National Commission has to inform the Prize Secretariat via the online platform or by email

By **NGO** in official partnership with UNESCO

Get a nomination from an NGO

Submit completed application together with the nomination via online platform directly to the Prize Secretariat

Ask for a nomination*

*Self-nominations are not accepted

1. **Contact nominating entity:** If your project/programme meets the criteria, please get in contact as soon as possible with an appropriate nominating entity to inform about your interest in applying for the Prize.

   - **List of National Commissions for UNESCO**
   - **List of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO**

2. **Create your account:** Request a user account and indicate through which entity you will apply at : www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize/register

3. **Go to the online platform** accessible at www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize and start filling in the online application form in **English** or **French**.

4. **Present your project/programme** in a clear and structured way, following the instructions given in the form and respecting the indicated word limit. All supporting materials (e.g. publications, photos, videos) must be transmitted electronically through the online system.

5. **Ensure that your project is nominated**

If you want to be nominated by your country's National Commission	If you want to be nominated by an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO
➢ Fill in the application and submit it via UNESCO online platform for review and possible nomination of the concerned National Commission	➢ Identify an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO
➢ If selected, the National Commission will provide the nomination via UNESCO online platform and submit it to the Prize Secretariat	➢ Provide this NGO with information about your project and ask for a nomination
➢ Please note that a National Commission can nominate only up to 3 submissions	➢ Receive a nomination (in form of a letter) and attach it to your online application
We strongly recommend:	➢ Submit the application to the Prize Secretariat via UNESCO online platform
* Contact your country's National Commission already while filling in the application	
* Some countries may have the national selection process and internal deadlines for submission. This is why it is essential to get in contact with the relevant National Commission from the very beginning of the application process in order to submit your application in line with the National Commission deadline and guidelines.	

Please note that **self-nominations cannot be considered**. Any submission form **not nominated** by the National Commission or an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO will not be accepted by the Secretariat.

Difficulties in reaching an appropriate nominating entity: please contact the Prize Secretariat.

For Nominating Entities - National Commissions for UNESCO and NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: How to nominate?

1. **Screen your candidates:** Inform all involved stakeholders and set up a selection committee or panel to screen the candidates.

2. **Nominate up to three candidates:** Select the three best candidates, whose projects are in line with the theme. You are encouraged to work with the candidates to prepare their submission forms.

National Commission for UNESCO	NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO
➢ National Commissions can access the platform with their generic UNESCO accounts. To access the nomination form, the National Commission should: • Follow the link provided to the application or access the online platform here: www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize • On the login page, enter the username (natcom.yourcountryname@natcom.unesco.org) • Enter the password associated with the UNESCO account of the National Commission. ➢ A National Commission can also initiate the process of nomination and submit an application on behalf of a candidate ➢ To nominate a candidate, the National Commission should edit the online form by entering a written recommendation in the appropriate fields, in English or French, and explain why the project of the candidate deserves the Prize (max 350 words). * If due to technical problems, the National Commission cannot access the online platform to provide the nomination, it can issue a nomination letter or inform the Prize Secretariat by email.	➢ If solicited by a candidate and wishing to submit the nomination, you should provide a nomination letter to be attached by the candidate to the online form ➢ An NGO can also submit an application on behalf of a candidate. To create and fill in the application, please see the guidelines for candidates.

Should you require any clarification regarding the application or nomination process, please directly contact the Secretariat of the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in education at UNESCO: ictprize@unesco.org

We look forward to receiving your nominations!