



School Global Award Initiative of Talented Education

Cycle 2 - 2023

About the World Giftedness Center

The World Giftedness Center (WGC) is one of the unique initiatives of Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance to support best practices and distinguished efforts in gifted education, talent development, and related areas. The WGC aims to advance gifted education and provide support to different countries all over the world. It seeks to trigger a worldwide effort to help individuals enhance excellence. Through the offering of awards, for example, the WGC seeks to promote and disseminate the culture of excellence globally. Generally, the long-term objective of the WGC is to establish an interactive platform to serve the international community in nurturing gifts and talents and to disseminate the culture of best practice.

About the Award

The launch of the award by Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance represented by the World Giftedness Center is one of its unique initiatives to support best practices and outstanding efforts in gifted education, talent development, and related areas. The main goal of the award is to stimulate global efforts to advance gifted education in schools and provide dynamic support for the community of gifted and talented learners. The award is intended for all school educators such as teachers, principals, and counselors involved in gifted education in public or private schools from KG through pre-university all over the globe. Any of those aforementioned individuals or groups who have made eminent contributions in serving gifted and talented students may apply for this award.

Scope of the Award

This award primarily aims to encourage outstanding school initiatives and best practices to provide rewarding education to gifted and talented students from KG through pre-university worldwide.

Who is eligible to apply?

This award is intended for all those involved in gifted education and talent development from K1 through pre-university. For example, teachers, principals, and counselors involved in gifted education in public or private schools all over the globe may apply for this award. Thus, this award is for any of the above-mentioned individuals or groups who have made distinguished contributions in serving gifted education and talent development within the contexts of schools.

Conditions

In the case of a group application, the conditions below are pertinent to the team leader. The school principal is fully responsible for the authenticity and verification of all the information submitted, and for approving and signing the application form.

- The project should be relevant to the field of gifted and talented education.
- All submitted documents should be written in English. Any document submitted in any
 other language will not be considered.
- Eligible Individuals or groups such as teachers, principals, and counsellors involved in gifted and talented education in public or private schools from K1 through pre-university may apply for this award.
- · Should have a university degree.
- Should have at least three ongoing years of experience in their current position serving gifted and talented students.
- · Should have ongoing outstanding contributions.
- The submitted project should have been functioning for the last three years as of the
 application's point of submission.
- Obtaining an award or an appreciation certificate for supporting and enhancing gifted
 education at the local or national level is an advantage.
- The project is not fully or partially supported by Hamdan Foundation.
- A project used to apply for the award cannot be simultaneously used to apply for any
 other award of Hamdan Foundation. A winning project of this award cannot be used again
 in the future to apply for the same award or any other award of Hamdan Foundation.
- · The project must not contain any sectarian, partisan, or political agenda.
- Any attempt by the candidate or any supportive/associated individual to contact a member of the jury will result in the exclusion of the applicant from the award.
- Hamdan Foundation reserves the right to take any disciplinary action such as withdrawing the award from the winners or suspending their candidacy to receive the award, if it later became clear that they had involved in any activity that violates the conditions of the award.
- Applicant should be ready to provide original documents, or any further documentations
 relevant to the submission to evaluation committee members at any time.
- The Hamdan Foundation reserves the right to use the content of the submission for publication, including but not limited to showcasing the work of the winners and sharing best practices with the wider community through various media channels and training materials.

Evaluation Criteria

Submitted work will be evaluated based on the quality and impact of the contributions, as well as the professional responsibilities and ethical commitments of the applicant towards giftedness. The applicant should provide concrete evidence to support their contributions. Describing and explaining what the applicant contributions are, will not suffice and will not be fully considered in the selection process without providing clear and convincing proof for all activities and practices. The evaluation committee reserves the right to request further documentations from the applicant at any stage of the evaluation process.

The description of the project may include the following essential points.

- Project rationale (20 points)
- Project Quality (25 points)
- Project impact (35 points)
- · Professional responsibilities and ethical commitments towards giftedness (10 points)
- Problems faced and project future-planning (10 points)

Selection process

All eligible applications received by the stated deadline will be reviewed by an International Jury who are chosen for their high level of knowledge and experience in gifted education, talent development, or related areas.

Award's Incentives

The winner will receive 25000 US Dollars, a certificate, a trophy, a round trip flight in the economy class and accommodations to attend the honoring ceremony. The school principal or a representative will only be invited to attend the honoring ceremony.

The value of the award will be granted to the school represented by the school principal who should allocate %30 of the total amount for the project future development, and the rest %70 should be equally distributed among all team members in the case of a group application. The award amount is transferred after the award ceremony.

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