



جائزة خليفة التربوية  
Khalifa Award for Education

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## Introduction

**Khalifa Award for Education** was founded in 2007 in the United Arab Emirates under the directives of the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, "may God rest his soul," The award seeks to advance Emirati and Arab educational outputs and standard of Education in all its levels by rewarding the outstanding innovators in numerous academic and learning domains.

The Award enjoys the esteemed patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, and the kind guidance of H.H. Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Presidential Court, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Khalifa Award for Education.

Based on the objectives of Khalifa Award for Education, that supports academic fields and motivates innovation in education, and as part of the Award's quest to excel as an international award and assure its standard among the international awards, the award maintains such standards to discover outstanding individuals and educational practices at the local, regional, and Arab world levels. It does so with the combined aims of promoting education, encouraging outstanding educators and enhancing innovative education practices. It has now been recognised as a world-class Award in the field of education. As such, the Award seeks to take its well-deserved place at the forefront of reputable educational awards within the UAE and beyond.

## Award Definition and Terminology

The terms in the prize's introductory guide mean the meanings outlined in their respective terms:

❖ The UAE	United Arab Emirates
❖ Emirate	The Emirate of Abu Dhabi
❖ Award	Khalifa Award for Education
❖ Award Patronage	H.H. the President of the United Arab Emirates
❖ Board	Award Board of Trustees
❖ Chairman	Chairman of the Board
❖ Deputy Chairman	Deputy Chairman of the Board
❖ Secretary General	Award's Secretary General
❖ Deputy Secretary General	Award's Deputy Secretary General
❖ Committee	Award's Executive Committee
❖ Coordinators	Coordinators at the Level of the UAE and the Arab world
❖ Arbitrators	Arbitrators at the Level of the UAE and the Arab world
❖ Financial Prize	Administered in United Arab Emirates Dirhams (AED)

## Award Objectives

1. Honouring innovative educators and those working in the field of education.
2. Enriching the field of education with research, innovative projects, and educational programmes, including their implementation.
3. Encouraging the integration of education and modern technologies, new media, environmental sustainability society service.
4. Honouring and appreciating Emirati families that have made outstanding contributions in instilling the national identity in their children and supporting their academic performance.
5. Focusing on early childhood behaviour, education, and growth; as well as appreciating in support of educating People of Determination.
6. Acknowledging specialists in the field of “People of Determination”.
7. Strengthening the linguistic identity of the UAE in the educational field as one of the components of national identity.
8. Encouraging promising talents in the field of Innovation so that they be qualified to achieve innovative content in the future.

## General Instructions

- 1 All applications are to be submitted online at <http://www.khaward.ae>
- 2 Applications are to be electronically filled up with agreement to the undertaking, which includes the general instructions, the documentation required for the electronic nomination and the special conditions after reviewing the relevant guidelines on the awards website.
- 3 Paper or project to be submitted in either the Arabic or English language.
- 4 In the field of Educational Research, it is a must that:
  - the research material must not have been prepared as part of acquiring a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD degree or equivalent.
  - Such research should not even include content from other Master's, PhD dissertations or equivalent work in the research submitted for the Award.
  - the research should not have been instructed by an official administration, such as a university, research centre, institute, or ministry.
  - The research should not have been previously published, whether in a book or a refereed journal.
- 5 Should an educational project or program win, the Award's General Secretariat shall have the right to circulate it to all relevant authorities under the name of the General Secretariat and the winner individual /entity of the award.
- 6 Winners of previous editions of the *Khalifa Award for Education* award may apply again after two (2) years in any field except that in which they have previously won the Award.
- 7 Nominees who get through to the final stages (interviews), locally or regionally, are granted participation certificates by the General Secretariat of the Award.

- 8 The Candidate should not have previously attained any award in the same field or category which they apply to for the *Khalifa Award for Education*. Additionally, the received award should not match neither in literal or material value, and within the previous consecutive two years, inclusive of the year of applying for the Award.
- 9 The Candidate of Khalifa Award shall not apply to another similar award whether within the UAE or abroad at the same year of their application to the Award and consequently the same field of nomination.
- 10 Application and nomination for one (1) session shall be in one field. It is not allowed to apply for two (2) fields or two (2) categories at the same field.
- 11 The General Secretariat grants certificates to all participants, on the Arab and world levels, whether they have made it to the final stage or not.
- 12 The *Khalifa Award for Education's* logo must not be used by any candidate in any form of media, be it social or commercial promotions, without prior written consent from the General Secretariat.
- 13 Regulation of the business ownership of the awarded work shall be referenced as per number of years, copyright, use or application, within two (2) years from the date of granting the Award, otherwise the work shall become the sole property of the original owner.
- 14 In the unfortunate event of the death of a Candidate after his/her nomination for, acceptance of and winning the Award, his /her right to the Award stands and shall be granted to his/her legal heirs.
- 15 Compliance to the regulations of the Award following the announcement of the winners' names:
  - ❖ Attachment of the individual photograph in formal attire with the full name (first, middle and last) and the title to be used in all administrative procedures of the Award.
  - ❖ The General Secretariat of the *Khalifa Award for Education* shall bear the expenses – inclusive of air ticket, hotel, and entry visa – of the Winner only, exclusive of any accompanying companions.

- ❖ The actual winner/s should personally appear on the stage to receive the award. Nomination of a representative to receive the Award on behalf of the winner is not accepted.
- ❖ Compliance to the formal attire on the stage and with the regulation of the organizing committee is a must.
- ❖ If the winner cannot attend the ceremony, the certificate of appreciation and the honouring shield will be sent for the field/category.
- ❖ The financial value is to be transferred to all winners outside the UAE in Emirati Dirhams or equivalence in other currencies.
- ❖ If the Candidate is an institution or a team, the team leader is the person authorised to receive the Award at the official ceremony.
- ❖ The General Secretariat of the Award to receive a PDF file inclusive of all the contents of the winning project/ research.

**16 Applications for nomination shall be disqualified in the following cases:**

- ❖ If it is discovered that they include incorrect information or data, or forged documents whether at the time of detection, upon winning the award or after officially declaring the winner, regardless of the time lapse after granting the award.
- ❖ If this measure is taken upon a decision made by the Board of Trustees, including cases in which the award is withdrawn in a manner that does not contradict the right to freedom of intellectual property, the process of cancelling the granting and withdrawing the award and its components is subject to a decision by the Board of Trustees.
- ❖ If a winner has been announced and given the Award but, for some reason, the Award is subsequently cancelled, this cancellation shall be announced in the same media outlet as that in which the winning of the Award was announced.
- ❖ Candidature shall be disqualified if received beyond the due date and did not satisfy the requirements.

## Requirements Guide for E-Candidacy

- 1 The application must be filled in electronically by accepting the *General Information and Special Conditions*, after reading the relevant supporting documents on the Award's website
- 2 All the requirements related to each field and category and falling within the special data of the form to be filled in by the Candidate and thereafter attached.
- 3 For individual Candidates, a recent 4cm x 6cm personal photo with white background shall be attached. For teams or establishments, a recent 4cm x 6cm personal photo with white background of each member of the team shall be attached, with the maximum number of team members not to exceed eight (8), including the team leader.
- 4 Each individual Candidate should attach his/ her Curriculum Vitae. Likewise, the CVs of each member of a team or establishment should be attached.
- 5 For Emirati Candidates, the candidate should attach a copy of each of her/ his passport copy, family book and ID card.
  - For expatriate Candidates, each should attach a copy of his or her valid passport, residence permit and ID card.
  - For teams or establishments: Each Emirati member on the team is to submit copies of each of their passport, family book and ID card. Accordingly, expatriates are to submit each a copy of the valid passport, residence permit and ID Card A copy of the last educational qualification, duly recognised, and attested by the issuing country, should be attached by each Candidate
- 6 Copy of the latest academic qualification attested from all concerned departments in the country of relevance.
- 7 Evidence and documents are to be limited to the last three (3) years only
- 8 For individual Candidates, both the Nomination Form and the Recommendation Letter must be downloaded from the website, filled in and attested by the Candidate's establishment in his or her country of origin. Once duly attested, both documents should be uploaded to the box indicated on the website. The Nomination and Recommendation Letters are compulsory for the approval of the nomination application in every field.

- 9 If the nominee for an Award is not from the same educational field of that Award, the nominee should submit a personal nomination letter, which in this case is a must for applying for nomination
- 10 The establishment or authority issuing and attesting the candidature and Recommendation Letter is held fully responsible for its validity and accuracy and shall be held liable towards the General Secretariat of the Khalifa Award for Education.
- 11 If the candidate is an institution, the nomination for the award shall be on behalf of the institution or in its ruling and not on behalf of the members of the administrative bodies or the team, provided that the requirements are adhered to in the electronic application system by including the information and data of the team leader and members of the team.
- 12 **Attachments and electronic supporting files should be organised as follows:**
  - A number of attachments may be uploaded per each criterion, provided that each attachment is less than 100 MB.
  - For electronic documents, only (PDF) and (JPG) formats will be accepted. Likewise, an attachment should not exceed 100 MB.
  - The Candidate may create an (Excel sheet or a Word file), save it as a PDF format document and then upload it to the website.
  - For e-security reasons, no (PowerPoint) files or hyperlinks are permitted.
  - Large video files that cannot be reduced may be uploaded to YouTube, with the link of each file to be pasted separately, in the box provided on the Award's application form link for the respective criterion.
  - **NOTE:** When uploading videos to *YouTube*, kindly change the status of the posted video to '*unlisted*' to prevent incorporation in the same field and to ensure that only those who are provided with the link and allowed to access the video can see it. To upload the files and attachments properly and avoid any problems, here are more tips on uploading files correctly:

- To upload files and attachments easily, kindly consider the following:
  - Each large file or attachment needs time to upload, which will vary according to its size. Please upload each file or attachment separately in each field and save the application to start the uploading process. (The time needed for a file to upload varies according to the attachment's size).
  - Once the file is successfully uploaded, the word '*DOWNLOAD*' will appear next to the concerned field.
  - Consequently, you need to press '*Modify the Application*', then upload the next file or attachment.
  - To ensure that the uploading process is smooth when uploading files, access to a high-speed Internet network is recommended.

#### Fields at the United Arab Emirates level

- General Education
- People of Determination
- Innovation in Arabic Language Teaching
- Education and Community Service

#### Fields at the UAE level and the Arab World Level

- Distinguished Educational Personality
- General Education (Creative Teacher Category)
- Innovation in Arabic Language Teaching (University Teacher Category)
- Higher Education
- Educational Research
- Educational Authorship for Children
- Innovative Educational Projects and Programs

## ❖ Distinguished Educational Personality Field

### Definition

This is awarded to a prestigious corporate educational personality who is a public figure and who support the educational process both locally and internationally.

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field/Category	Prize – UAE & Arab World
Distinguished Educational Personality	200,000 AED

## ❖ General Education Field

### Target Categories:

1. Creative Teacher – UAE
2. Creative Teacher – Arab World
3. Institutional Education Performance.

### 1 Creative Teacher Category – UAE and Arab World Levels

This applies to a teacher in the Educational Sector (Government, private, technical and the like) in the UAE and the Arab World. This Award is granted to the teacher whose performance is exceptional, proved by the result of application of a set of instruments, based on clear scientific criteria and specific key performance indicators.

### Terms and Conditions of Candidacy in General Education Field

#### Creative Teacher Category – UAE & Creative Teacher Category – Arab World

1. The teacher must hold a recognised and duly attested university degree.
2. The teacher shall have completed a minimum of three (3) years in the field of general education and is working as a teacher at the time of applying for the award.
3. The teacher's performance report in the last years must be excellent.
4. The teacher shall attach a minimum of 20 (twenty) pages or each standard. The size of one attachment shall not exceed 100 MB and a maximum of 50 pages.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction – Creative Teacher– UAE and Arab World

- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Teaching Competencies
- ❖ Assessment of Academic Attainment
- ❖ Studies and Research
- ❖ Sustainable Professional Development
- ❖ Distance Learning
- ❖ Outreach and Community Partnerships
- ❖ Loyalty, Belonging and Positive Citizenry
- ❖ Sustainable Learning

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE	Prize – Arab World
General Education	Creative Teacher	75,000 AED	75,000 AED

### ❖ Institutional Educational Performance Category – UAE Level:

This Category includes public, private and technical schools, and the like in the UAE, which operate as one institution, with a complete and comprehensive educational system, based on the institutional concept of work.

This Award is granted to the educational institution that is distinguished by its excellent and innovative educational performance in all educational fields and that aims at enhancing institutional and educational work in the UAE, proved by a set of academic instruments, based on clear academic standards and specific performance indicators.

### Institutional Educational Performance Category – Conditions for Nomination

1. The educational institution applying for Candidacy of this category should have obtained a performance assessment equivalent of “GOOD” or above during the past year.
2. Nomination of a domain manager as a focal person to communicate with on behalf of the Institution in the category of Institutional Educational Performance.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction

#### 1. Leadership and educational management

1.1 Planning and Administrative Organisation

1.2 Crisis Management

1.3 Innovation

1.4 Developing Positive Relations among Employees

## 2. Quality of education and learning

2.1 Teachers' competence and their efficiency in education

## 3. Learners' pedagogical and educational performance

3.1 Academic attainment of learners

3.2 Catering for low achievers

3.3 Catering for distinguished and talented learners

3.4 Developing learners' integrated personality

3.5 Participation in competitions and extra curricula activities

## 4. Resources Management

4.1 Human Resource Management

## 5. Environment of the educational institution

5.1 Quality of the campus of the educational institution and the utilities attached to it.

5.2 Security and safety system

5.3 Sustainable Environmental culture at the educational institution

## 6. The Educational Institution and the Community

6.1 Effective partnership between the educational institution and the local community.

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE
General Education	Institutional Educational Performance	100,000 AED

## ❖ People of Determination – UAE Level

**People of Determination:** Any person who suffers from a total or partial physical sensory, mental, communicative, psychological and/or educational disability, whether permanent or temporarily, which hinders the mentioned individual from maintaining the basic needs that others may enjoy.

### Target Groups:

- **Individuals:** Any individual providing care and support to People of Determination, to develop their abilities in the best possible manner within their respective potential to become active members of the community. Such individuals can be classified as follows:

Special education teacher, specialised teacher, or specialist (psychologist, social counsellor, speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, and visual and auditory therapist).

- **Centres and/or Institutions:** These are government, semi-government or private institutions specialised in providing care and educational services to People of Determination.

### Conditions for nomination: People of Determination Category- Individuals

1. The applicant should be a holder of a university degree issued by a recognised university, and duly attested by concerned departments and ministries in his or her respective country.
2. The applicant shall have spent three (3) years or more in the field of teaching People of Determination and should still be holding the job at the time of applying for the Award.
3. The applicant's performance report during the last three (3) years has been 'Excellent'
4. The teacher shall attach twenty (20) pages as a minimum and (50) pages as maximum for each standard. Each attachment must not exceed 100MB.

### Requirements for nomination in the People of Determination: Institutions and Centres category

1. The Institution or Centre should have been established at least three (3) years prior to the nomination.
2. The Institution or Centre should have previously contributed to the field of people of determination of all categories, and the local community should have benefited from its contribution.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction: Individuals category

- ❖ Planning
- ❖ Professional performance (work environment, strategy of work practice, educational and professional techniques)
- ❖ Tools and techniques of assessment
- ❖ Catering for people of determination
- ❖ Professional development and transfer of knowledge
- ❖ Communication with parents and the local community
- ❖ Outputs and achievements
- ❖ Education and sustainable development

## Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction: Educational Institutions and centres Category

1. Planning
2. Administrative organization
3. Assessment Tools and techniques
4. Management of human and financial resources
5. Empowering and Nurturing people of determination
  - 5.1 Nurturing different categories of students and employees
  - 5.2 Developing the capabilities of people of determination, both students and employees.
  - 5.3 Improving the behaviour of employees and students
6. Educational Strategies and Learning/ Work Environment
  - 6.1 Teaching skills, methods, and techniques
  - 6.2 Work environment
  - 6.3 Activities and extracurricular activities
7. Relationship with the local community
  - 7.1 Interaction with parents
  - 7.2 Co-operation between the Centre and the community
8. Education and sustainable environment

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence – Field and Category
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE
People of Determination	Individuals	75,000 AED
	Institutions and Centres	100,000 AED

## ❖ Innovation in Teaching Arabic Language

This field aims to provide a distinguished educational process in Arabic language and literature, enabling the student to assimilate the taught material and acquire skills in using Arabic Language. It also aims at motivating Arabic Language teachers in both government and private schools within the UAE as well as at the University level.

Candidates may be Arabic Language teachers at public and private universities and academic institutions where teaching of Arabic language is part of the program, both in the UAE and throughout the Arab World.

### Target groups

- ❖ Innovative Arabic Language Teacher- General Education Sector, the UAE
- ❖ Innovative Arabic Language University Lecturer, UAE
- ❖ Innovative Arabic Language University Lecturer, the Arab World

### Terms and conditions of nomination:

1. The Candidate should hold, from a recognised university, a duly attested degree in Arabic Language and be involved in teaching Arabic language and literature.
2. The Candidate should have completed three (3) years as a teacher in general education or as a university lecturer in higher education
3. The Candidate's three (3) average technical grades over the past three years should all be 'Excellent.'
4. The teacher shall attach a minimum of (20) pages or each standard for the previous consecutive three years. The size of one attachment shall not exceed 100 MB and a maximum of (50) pages.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction: Innovation in Teaching Arabic Language – Innovative Teacher Category

- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ Teaching Competencies
- ❖ Evaluation of Education
- ❖ Studies and Research
- ❖ Sustainable Professional Development
- ❖ Distance Learning
- ❖ Outreach and Community Partnerships
- ❖ Loyalty, Belonging and Positive attitude Towards the Community
- ❖ Sustainable Learning

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction: Innovation in Teaching Arabic Language – Innovative University Lecturer category - the UAE and the Arab World

- ❖ Teaching Arabic Language and Literature
- ❖ Scientific Research
- ❖ University and Community Service
- ❖ Education and Sustainable Environment

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE	Prize – Arab World
Innovation in Teaching Arabic Language	Innovative University Lecturer	100,000 AED	100,000 AED
	Innovative Teacher	75,000 AED	-

## ❖ Education and Community Service Field

Based on the slogan 'Education is the Responsibility of All', community service programmes and projects are considered a main characteristic of a successful educational system. The programmes and projects submitted to the Education and Community Service Award shall be approved based on a set of academic criteria, in line with clear academic standards and specific performance indicators.

### Target Category:

- **Institutions Category:** Public and Private schools or equivalent establishments, and the institutions supporting Education and Community Service in all fields.
- **Distinguished Emirati Family Category**

### Conditions for nomination in the Education and Community Service Field – Institutions Category

1. The initiative or project shall recent and have been implemented for at least a year or two to ensure there has been sufficient time to observe its results.
2. No more than one authority may participate in the submitted initiative or project, to represent only one authority.
3. The nominated initiative or project should not be of the core business of the institution but as a value added to the community service.
4. Presentation of a formal letter issued by the application authority, including the duration of the application, the effectiveness of the project and the feasibility of goals and vision for the future.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction -- Institutions Category:

- ❖ Planning: Initiatives, Programmes and Activities
- ❖ Executing Initiatives, Programmes and Activities
- ❖ Pioneering and Excellence in output and results

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE
Education and Community Service	Institutions	100,000 AED

### ❖ Distinguished Emirati Family Category

This Award will be granted to the family that demonstrably interacts with its children, instils their national identity in them with a clear educational vision and collaborates with various community institutions to promote in the children positive human, cultural and educational values. This is represented in the follow up in their children's studies and involving them in activities and extra curricula programs that helps in character building towards all aspects of life.

#### Target Category:

The Emirati family, resident of the UAE, whose children are enrolled in educational institution within the UAE.

#### Conditions for nomination for the education and community service field -- The Distinguished Emirati Family Category

1. The nominated family holds Emirati citizenship
2. The nominated family shall have made outstanding contributions and initiatives to support their children educationally
3. The nominated family shall have children who are still enrolled school at the time of submitting the nomination
4. The family's candidature shall be directly submitted to the Award online to <https://www.khaward.ae>
5. The Distinguished Family's nomination shall be submitted via the Ministry of Education, the Educational Councils, or other related educational institutions in the United Arab Emirates.
6. The nominated family should have not previously received from the Award another prize in the same field or a similar symbolic value, for the last two years, inclusive of the year of nomination.

### Differentiation and Excellence Criteria for the Category of Distinguished Family:

- ❖ Scholastic and Extra Curricula Excellence in learning attainment (students)
- ❖ Fields of continuous development and growth
- ❖ Excellence in the field of school and community activities (family and student)
- ❖ Family interaction, experiences, and communication with the educational institution
- ❖ Future planning in conformance to the higher strategic instructions of the United Arab Emirates

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence – Field and Category
- ❖ Financial prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE
Education and Community service	Distinguished Emirati Family	100,000 AED

## ❖ Higher Education Field

Awarded to university lecturers and researchers, in both public and private Higher educational institutions, recognised by the Ministry of Higher Education in the United Arab Emirates or the equivalent authority of the country from which the candidate is applying.

The Award is not open to faculty deans, departmental heads or administrators, whose role is administrative, regardless of the nature of work.

### Target Categories

- Distinguished University Lecturer

### Distinguished University Lecturer Category- Higher Education Field Conditions for nomination

1. The lecturer should have spent five (5) years or more in the field of teaching at a university and/ or in higher education position in the UAE or Arab World and is still teaching at the time of applying to the Award.
2. The Candidate must have obtained three (3) technical reports officially issued by the University administration along with an 'Excellent' grade for the previous three (3) consecutive years.
3. The Lecturer shall be distinguished in his or her work compared to peers in the same profession, whether in the UAE or any country in the Arab World, proved by the result of applying a set of academic instruments, based on clear specific criteria and key performance indicators (KPIs).

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction– University Lecturer Category

- ❖ Teaching
- ❖ Scientific Research
- ❖ University and Community Service
- ❖ Education and Sustainable Environment

### Award Components

- ❖ *Khalifa Award for Education* Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (Field/Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE	Prize – Arab World
Higher Education	Distinguished University Lecturer	100,000 AED	100,000 AED

## ❖ Educational Research Field

Educational research is considered as both a basic pillar and a substantial requirement for the development of performance in fields related to education, due to its importance and its impact on community development and growth in all vital areas. Having research that focuses on the problems faced in the field of education is vital both to finding solutions based on academic fundamentals, and to serving decision-makers. Research pertaining to educational fields may be analytical (historic and philosophical), descriptive (associated, developmental, survey studies, content analysis studies and case studies), causative or procedural, or it may relate to pilot and semi-pilot educational research or comparative studies.

### What is Educational Research?

Educational research follows the techniques and steps of organised scientific research, beginning with identifying the problem and ending with reading conclusions to answer all the questions or assumptions, resulting from the problem or such assumptions. Recommendations and suggestions are then introduced, which, in the end, help in solving problems faced by individuals and organisations alike in the broad field of education.

There are several areas intricately linked to issues of child literature that concern the local, Arab, and international social environments.

This could include studies of the effect of certain educational and treatment programmes of certain categories involving early stages of childhood. Such categories may include people with special needs, gifted children, and those with behavioural problems. This is in addition to the design of educational programmes targeting parents and teachers to prepare them for dealing with the child.

### Target Categories

**Individuals' category:** Employees of any educational institution, be it general, private, technical, or professional, such as teachers, university lecturers and educational experts.

**Institutions and Centres Category:** Institutions that imply educational, pedagogical, vocational, and research-based education.

### Conditions for nomination for the field of Educational Research in the UAE and the Arab World

1. The Candidate shall provide an electronic copy of the research in PDF format. In case of winning, the candidate will provide the original copy of the winning research in (word) format.
2. The nominee shall provide a copy of the brief of the research (Research Brief)
3. The educational research should be presented in either the Arabic language or the English language. Be it in English, the research must be translated into Arabic, whether it has either not been printed or has been written, printed, and published only in the year preceding the year of nomination to the Award.
4. The submitted research under this category must not be less than (50) pages and must not exceed (200) pages.
5. The educational research shall not have previously been submitted for purposes of acquiring a promotion, job grade or academic degree such as Bachelor's, Master's, Ph.D. or equivalent. No Master's or PhD dissertations, or equivalent, shall have been used in the research, nor must it have been prepared as part of an assignment requested for by the Candidate's employer or any other authority, nor cleared for publication or published in a journal.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction – Educational Research Category

- ❖ The research theme and motives, its goals and significance.
- ❖ Theoretical base and previous studies.
- ❖ Research Methodology.
- ❖ Research Findings.
- ❖ Discussion.
- ❖ Recommendations.
- ❖ Language integrity and modernity of references.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction - Children's Literature Study Research Category

- ❖ Researcher's criterion.
- ❖ Academic research criterion.
- ❖ Criterion for Book Introduction.
- ❖ Book's content and implications criterion.
- ❖ Presentation of academic material criterion.
- ❖ Book's End/ Closure.
- ❖ Book's Design and Format Production.

### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE	Prize – Arab World
Educational Research	Educational Research	50,000 AED	50,000 AED
	Children's Literature Study Research	50,000 AED	50,000 AED

## ❖ Educational Authorship for Children

This aims to enrich innovative educational authorship for children to spread the culture of child education and protection widely amongst teachers, educators and specialists in pedagogy, psychology, counselling, and so forth. Educational Authorship for children aims to assure that this category is a form of education, culture, and literature, and, therefore, a priority in the educational, pedagogical, and social structure.

### Target Categories

- ❖ **Individuals:** Educational Personnel
- ❖ **Institutions:** working in the educational field

### Nomination fields: Innovative Authorship in Children Literature

1. Stories and Novels
2. Educational and Musical Plays /Musical Drama
3. Books of Games and Interests
4. Collections of Poetry for Children
5. Child Innovative Educational and TV Programs as well as Literature-based innovative social media components for children

## Conditions for nomination for the field of Educational Authorship for Children – Educational Innovations Category

1. The nominated work should be composed in the Arabic language
2. The nominee shall present an electronic soft copy of the work in a PDF format and consequently a hard copy in case of winning the Award to be edited by concerned departments.
3. Be it that the submitted piece of work could make it to the final stage, the nominees shall abide to recommendations and changes to be made.
4. The creative work should not have been previously submitted for a promotion or job upgrading, academic degree (such as Bachelor's, Master's, or Ph.D. degrees or equivalent), or prepared under the instructions the author's employer or any other authority.
5. The nomination of a work manuscript is acceptable, regardless of the year it was written in, provided it has not been previously published.
6. The size of the innovative authorship should ideally conform to the kind of work presented and as per the following criteria:

### First: The field of stories and novels:

#### **-Short story: (age group 8 years and under):**

The number of short story pages should not exceed (25-35), including illustrations, and the number of paragraphs on one page should not exceed two paragraphs.

- The stories series for the age group under 8 years: stories number content should not exceed 10 and with the same specifications as the short story, provided that the number of pages of the series does not exceed 50 pages, including drawings and illustrations.

- The short story directed to the age group 8-12 years: -

- The number of pages should not exceed 50-60 pages, including illustrations, and the paragraphs on one page should not exceed three paragraphs.
- The story series in the book itself: the number of pages should not be less than 100 pages, with pictures and explanations.
- The story series that comes in the form of volumes: the number of pages for each volume must not exceed 25-35 pages, as the short story, and it is preferable that the series do not exceed 5 volumes.
- Novel for ages under 12 years old: pages not to exceed 100 pages, including illustrations.
- The novel directed to young Adults aged (12-18): its pages should be between (150-200) pages, including illustrations.

**Second: Works related to poetry and poems:**

- Topics must be closely related to childhood education and of high significance, such as patriotic love, environmental consciousness, nature appreciation, parental love, kinship, and other educational topics.

▪ **Poems directed to the age group 4-8 years:**

- The poem should have a positive and suggestive energy, and its word count do not exceed 20 words for easy memorization.
- Simplicity and smoothness of the language and enriched with elements of excitement and imagination.
- The poem should include one clear and specific idea.
- Lovely and exciting musical timbre.

▪ **Poems directed to the age group 8-12 years: -**

- Use of vocabulary that expands the children's linguistic and perceptual dictionary, with a special selection of harmonic words.
- That the pronunciation be consistent with the meaning, i.e., that the pronunciation be soft in gentle situations, and serious in harsh situations. The pronunciation fits and fulfils the meaning.
- the poetry of this stage should be characterized by rhythm and music that suggest widening imagination indicated by the words.
- Clarity of the poem idea.
- The number of poems in one collection should not exceed 30, and the words in one poem should not exceed 40.
- That the poems and their topics fit with the tendencies and needs of the age group 8-12 years, especially the emotional, psychological, and emotional aspects.

▪ **Poems directed to the age group 12-18 years: -**

- The same standards of poetry for adults are applied to poems and collections of poetry directed to this category, considering the topics and interests of children of this category.
- The number of poems in one collection does not exceed 40, and the number of words and pages should be balanced with the child's memorization abilities.

### Third: Theatrical works

Theatrical works include (shadow theatre, puppetry, sticks, educational theatre, school theatre, children's poetic, or prose theatre, etc...).

Plays in general should include:

- A complete and accurate explanation of theatrical performance techniques and elements (lighting, clothing, decoration, make-up, sound, music, and any other effects).
- The existence of a technical structure for the play that includes the external structure of the play, the elements of the internal composition of the play in an integrated manner: (the idea, the subject, the characters, the dialogue, etc...).
- Considering the selection of the stage to which the theatrical work is directed at and constructing it according to the developmental stages (the following theatrical work):
  - The stage of realism and limited imagination (3-5 years)
  - Imaginative stage (6-8 years)
  - Championship stage (9-12 years)
  - The ideal stage (13-16 years)
- Considering the length of the play and the number of its chapters in accordance with the level of the age group to which the work is directed: one act for the category less than 5 years old, two acts for the category 6-8, and so on.
- Attach a full description of the characters, the values included, a live recording, if it exists, for at least one act or clip, or a link to the play if it is previously recorded.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction – Educational Innovations Category

1. The extent to which the characteristics and needs of childhood stages are considered, whereby these characteristics contribute to the social, mental, and emotional growth of the child.
2. The extent to which the work is considerate of the inclusive as well as the sustainable growth of the child.
3. The extent to which the work is saturated to the main educational objectives that are essential for the character building of the child.
4. The extent to which the plot is coherent, unified, appealing, and exciting.
5. Applying modern technology and techniques.
6. The extent to which characters are a true reflection of the reality of our daily life and its authentic experiences.
7. The ability of the author to characterize the setting to serve the plot.
8. The ability of the writer to characterise the time or period of events to serve context and flow of the latter.
9. The extent to which the narration flow and mechanism serve the writer's objectives and reflects his ideas easily and clearly in passing the message or moral of interest.
10. The extent to which the work's illustrations, drawings and pictures are, on one hand, appropriate to the child's age, interests and benefit and on the other hand to the development of the child's imagination, behaviour, actions, aesthetic sense and artistic taste.
11. The style employed should be appropriate to the child's mental, psychological, and linguistic growth.
12. The commitment of the work to easy Classical (Formal) Arabic and to, indirectly, enriching the child's language with a selection of new vocabulary words and expressions.
13. The extent to which the work presents information, advice, morals, and experience in an indirect style.

14. The extent to which the work expresses a viewpoint that develops in the child a sense of patriotism and an awareness of our religious, human and civilised values
15. The extent to which the subject is appropriate to the child's age, environment, and surroundings, as well as the writer's ability to familiarise the child with these surroundings.
16. The extent to which the book's cover, shape, design, colours, layout, binding, size, paper, and printing are attractive.

#### Award Components

- ❖ Khalifa Award for Education Trophy
- ❖ Certificate of Excellence (field/ Category)
- ❖ Financial Prize

Field	Category	Prize – UAE	Prize – Arab World
Educational Authorship for Children	Educational Innovations	50,000 AED	50,000 AED

### ❖ Innovative Educational Projects and Programmes

**Educational projects and programmes:** These depend on the application of new and advanced ideas in the Educational Sector by an individual, group of individuals or educational institutions, the subsequent results of which, have led to a positive change and improvement in the field of education.

This field aims at honouring and showcasing innovators in the community who are distinguished for their innovations in the field of education, as well as at promoting and spreading the culture of innovation.

The Award in this field further aims to encourage those concerned with modern media, education and social media to use these tools and to consequently teach students to use them, by equipping the learners with skills to employ media skills effectively, thus, spreading a positive culture of modern media usage, innovative skills and social media, inclusive of its virtual world.

### Target Categories

- Individuals involved in the field of education in the UAE and in the Arab world
- Educational institutions and education-related organisations within the UAE and the Arab World
- Secondary School Level and University students

### Conditions for nomination: Innovative educational programmes in the UAE and the Arab World

1. The Candidate shall provide a soft copy of the full description of the project, its inputs, outputs, place, and method of application as well as the results generated from its application
2. The educational project should have not been created as part of requirements for a promotion or to obtain a bachelor's, master's, or Ph.D. degree or equivalent, or prepared by instructions of the employer or any other authority
3. As a pre-condition for candidacy in the field of innovative educational projects, the project should have been applied for a year or two and officially verified by an official letter from the applying authority, stating that the project or programme contributed, or could contribute, to adding new value and developing the educational process
4. Students may apply individually or in groups of 3 to 5 members.

### Criteria for Differentiation and Distinction: Innovative Educational Projects and Programmes

- ❖ Commitment and Innovation
- ❖ Vision, mission, and objectives
- ❖ Methodology and planning
- ❖ Content, results, and documentation
- ❖ Environmental, economic, and social sustainability
- ❖ Assessment and follow up

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	Secondary and University students	50,000 AED	-