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world innovation summit for education مؤتمر القمة العالمي للابتكار في التعليم

2011 Regulations

The WISE Awards: Innovative Education Practice Awards
recognising projects for their transformative impact
upon education and societies

ARTICLE 1: OBJECT

QATAR FOUNDATION invites applications for the "World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) Awards 2011". These Awards will recognise, showcase and promote education projects and activities that have, over a period of time, demonstrated real and positive impact within the theme of **Transforming Education: Investment, Innovation and Inclusion**.

This theme is intended to encourage the submission of proposals that have had a significant impact on transforming education through sustainable investment strategy, innovative processes and technologies and effective policies and practices promoting inclusion and diversity.

QATAR FOUNDATION intends to award six concrete achievements under this single theme of **Transforming Education: Investment, Innovation and Inclusion**.

The six Awards, each worth \$20,000 (US), will reward concrete action-oriented educational initiatives that have had a transformative impact upon societies.

ARTICLE 2: ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS

2.1 Eligible applicants are individuals (applying either individually, or representing a project and a team associated with it) working in any sector of education, any type of organisation and from any part of the world, whose achievements can be considered as outstanding.

2.2 For the present article, we understand by:

(i) "Any sector of education": individuals (applying either individually, or representing a project and a team associated with it) working in any sector of education, including, pre-primary, primary, secondary, tertiary, vocational training, further and higher education, special needs education, education for people with disabilities, informal learning, distance-based, non-formal and lifelong learning.

(ii) "Any type of organisation": individuals (applying either individually, or representing a project and a team associated with it) working in a wide range of organisations operating in any education sector, including colleges, universities, academic networks, schools consortia, civil society and community organisations, governments, international agencies and private-sector companies working in the field of education.

(iii) "Any part of the world": people in all regions of the world.

2.3 Previous recipients of the WISE Awards are not eligible to apply for the WISE Awards 2011. Likewise, other people involved in the projects and/or activities that have been recognised by previous editions of the WISE Awards are not eligible to apply for the same project or activity.

Anyone else who submitted an application to previous editions of the WISE Awards can submit a new application for the same project, providing that it conforms with the criteria of the WISE Awards 2011.

All applicants must guarantee that their organisation, or they themselves, originated the project, and should not hold QATAR FOUNDATION liable for any action or claim from a third party with respect to the project submitted.

All applications must be endorsed by the head (or nominated deputy) of the relevant organisation. If individuals from several organisations are involved in an initiative, only the head (or nominated deputy) of the lead organisation need endorse the application form. If the executive head of the organisation is also the applicant, the endorsement letter should be signed by the Chairman of the Board (in the case of a company) or the Chairman of Council or Trustees (for civil society organisations or academic establishments).

Only one application can be submitted for a single education activity or project. If more than one application is received for the same activity or project, all applications for that project will be deemed to be ineligible. This condition also applies in instances where different organisations submit similar applications for the same educational activity or project.

Individuals may only submit a single application. Other individuals working for the same organisation are allowed to submit different applications for different educational activities.

The initial applicant will be the recipient of the Award celebrated on stage during the Awards Ceremony held in Doha during the WISE Summit, 1 - 3 November 2011. Teams of individuals should select a project representative to apply and be the recipient of the Award.

2.4. People belonging to the WISE initiative are not eligible to apply.

ARTICLE 3: SUBMISSION PROCESS – TIME SCHEDULE

3.1 SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted online to <http://www.wise-qatar.org/en/submissions> on the official application form also available at <http://www.wise-qatar.org>. All applications should be uploaded using the filename “firstname-surname.doc”.

A letter of endorsement from the head of the applicant’s organisation or institution must be included in all applications.

The language of applications for the “World Innovation Summit for Education Awards 2011” is English. Whilst the quality of written English is not a criterion for assessing applications, it is strongly recommended that applicants whose first language is not English pay particular attention to ensuring that their applications can be properly understood in English.

In the event of failure of online applications due to exceptional circumstances, applicants should request a special dispensation from QATAR FOUNDATION on awards@wise-intiative.org allowing them to post hard copies of their applications to the postal address that will be provided.

Applications not submitted on the official application form, incomplete applications, applications with inaccurate information, applications not submitted in English, or applications received after the deadline below will be deemed to be ineligible and will not be considered. The WISE Awards are not intended to be a source of

funding for new and untried ideas, and any such applications will not be considered. All applications must include evidence of the existing educational achievements of the project.

Twenty finalists will be invited to complete a longer and more detailed application form for review by a Jury (see below).

3.2 TIME SCHEDULE

The deadline to submit preliminary stage applications is 31 May 2011, 23.59 GMT.

All eligible applications will be reviewed by a distinguished Pre-Jury. Twenty finalists will be invited to submit a more detailed application on a separate application form that will be sent to them.

The pre-selection of the 20 finalists will be announced during July 2011.

A Jury will review all the 20 full proposals of the finalists.

The Awards ceremony will take place during the WISE Summit 2011 held in Doha, Qatar, 1 - 3 November 2011.

ARTICLE 4: SELECTION CRITERIA

4.1 FORMAL REQUIREMENTS

The applications submitted on the application form will provide clear evidence of the ways in which the initiatives of the applicants have already delivered results in accordance with all of the specified criteria and will provide detailed quantitative and qualitative evidence in support of their applications.

General enquiries for funding support and submission of curricula vitae will not be considered.

4.2 SUBSTANTIVE REQUIREMENTS

4.2.1 ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Six Awards concerning concrete existing educational achievements that have had a transformative impact on societies will be granted.

Applications will only concern original works and original projects. All applicants should therefore guarantee that their organisation, or they themselves, originated the project, and should not hold QATAR FOUNDATION liable for any action or claim from a third party with respect to the project submitted.

If the information given by an applicant is later revealed to be false or inaccurate, the application can be deemed invalid and if the Award has already been attributed, it can be recalled.

4.2.2 SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants have to show how their educational activities have delivered on the following 10 criteria:

- (i) Educational Transformation: the overall extent to which the educational activity has transformed an aspect of education that has also had societal impact;
- (ii) Sustainable Investment: the extent to which the educational activity is funded in a sustainable way and achieves value for money to ensure its continuing viability;

- (iii) Innovation: the extent to which the educational activity is innovative in design and/or practice, thereby transforming traditional means of educational delivery;
- (iv) Inclusion and Diversity: the extent to which the activity includes a diversity of beneficiaries *and* has enhanced equality of access to education;
- (v) Quality of Learning: the extent to which the transformation has generated evidence that it has improved the quality of learning;
- (vi) Scalability: the extent to which there is evidence that the educational activity has the potential to be scaled up effectively, or has already been replicated at a larger scale than originally piloted;
- (vii) Partnership and Participation: the extent to which the educational activity has established effective partnerships *and* includes participation from beneficiaries and stakeholders;
- (viii) Monitoring and Evaluation: the extent to which there is evidence of effective ongoing enhancement of the programme through regular monitoring *and also* evidence of formal internal or external evaluation procedures;
- (ix) Dissemination: the extent to which the organisations involved have already effectively disseminated and shared their educational practices with other practitioners in a diversity of ways;
- (x) Clarity of Proposal: the extent to which the proposal is clearly intelligible *and* conforms to the requirements of the application process.

ARTICLE 5: JURIES

QATAR FOUNDATION chooses the Pre-Jury and the Jury independently. The choice cannot be disputed.

5.1. PRE-JURY

A Pre-Jury, constituted of a team of educational experts, will be in charge of a pre-selection of the applications and will select the 20 finalists based on their judgement of the information provided on the application forms.

The 20 finalists will be invited to submit more detailed applications on a separate form that will be sent to them.

5.2. JURY

The short-listed applications of the 20 finalists will be reviewed by a Jury, composed of prominent educational figures, drawn from governments, civil society, the private sector, international organisations, universities and social entrepreneurs. The Jury will select the six Award winners.

Prior to any decision by the Pre-Jury and the Jury, and during the entire selection process, QATAR FOUNDATION and/or the Pre-Jury or the Jury reserve the right to ask for clarification or complementary information or documentation from the applicants. In addition, members of the juries can review any information provided by applicants and, as mentioned above, in the case of any false or inaccurate information, the application can be deemed invalid.

ARTICLE 6: AWARDS

Six Awards will be granted, each worth \$20,000 (US).

The winning projects and their representatives will receive their Award at a Gala Dinner held during the WISE Summit 2011 in Doha, Qatar, 1 - 3 November 2011 and will also have the opportunity to showcase their projects during the Summit.

ARTICLE 7: COMMUNICATION - ADVERTISING

QATAR FOUNDATION reserves the right to publicise the finalists and the winners by means of any kind of communication (internal and/or commercial advertising), through any promotional media (press, magazines, catalogues, websites, etc) and all over the world.

This communication may be in the form of pictures, recordings (audio and video) and texts supplied by each of the finalists and the winners.

By applying for the Awards, contestants agree to provide photos and descriptions of their projects at the time of the Awards and for a period of at least two years following the Awards. They also acknowledge the right of the WISE initiative to use this material.

Finalists and winning projects agree to provide the WISE initiative with information on any developments of their projects that may be a result of, or linked to, the WISE initiative and the Awards.

ARTICLE 8: DATA PROTECTION

By taking part in this competition, applicants agree that their personal details may be included in a database owned by the WISE initiative, which will be the exclusive custodian of the said details for the purpose of managing the specified competition. The WISE initiative will not sell or distribute to third parties applicants' personal data.

The applicant has the right to access and modify any personal data concerning him/herself. The applicant also has the right to refuse to be included in a database and may exercise these rights at any time by making the appropriate request in writing to awards@wise-initiative.org.

ARTICLE 9: ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES OF THE "WISE AWARDS 2011" BY THE APPLICANTS

Applying for the "WISE Awards 2011" implies full acceptance and respect of these rules by the applicants.

Interpretation of these rules falls within the exclusive competence of QATAR FOUNDATION.

ARTICLE 10: LIABILITY – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

10-1 QATAR FOUNDATION reserves the right to modify the conditions of the call for projects and/or the Awards at any time.

QATAR FOUNDATION shall not be liable if the call for projects is extended, shortened, modified or cancelled, or if problems arise with the website or due to loss of materials in e-mail and/or postal services.

10-2 Applicants cannot dispute the choice of the winners nor can they dispute the allocation of the Awards.

10-3 QATAR FOUNDATION owns the intellectual property rights for texts, photos, films, documentaries etc. made for the WISE Initiative and also for the trademarks and logos appearing in various supporting media. Consequently, the applicants cannot use them, in whole or in part.

ARTICLE 11: INFORMATION AND QUERIES

For application forms and further information about the WISE Awards 2011 please visit the official website <http://www.wise-qatar.org>. For any queries, please contact the WISE Team through the website or by email: awards@wise-initiative.org.

ARTICLE 12: GOVERNING LAW – JURISDICTION

These rules for the WISE Awards are governed by Qatari law and in the event of a dispute regarding their interpretation or performance, such dispute shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts in Doha, Qatar.