

## HOW TO APPLY – GUIDELINES AND CHECKLIST

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

- ✚ Launched in 2005 sponsored by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- ✚ Consists of a sum of US\$50,000 (a cheque and a diploma) to be equally divided between two prize winners.

### **WHO CAN ENTER?**

The Prize is awarded to individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations for excellent models, best practice, and creative use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to enhance learning, teaching and overall educational performance.

### **Presentation of candidatures and submission of nominations**

Candidatures must be presented by the government of a Member State of UNESCO or an international non-governmental organization, maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO and active in the relevant fields covered by the Prize. Each government or international non-governmental organization is entitled to nominate only two candidates per year. A self-nomination cannot be considered.

### **Eligibility criteria**

The Prize shall be awarded in conformity with the following criteria: individuals, institutions, other entities or non-governmental organizations must have carried out an educational activity at any level and in any form (formal, non-formal or informal), by

- ✚ implementing national, regional, local projects and activities aimed at reaching the widest possible audiences and at enhancing the quality of learning and teaching using an appropriate mix of technologies;
- ✚ developing innovative teaching and learning materials making use of effective pedagogical approaches and learner-support systems;
- ✚ developing successful applications in mainstreaming the use of technologies in education; promoting the development, adaptation and reuse of open educational resources;
- ✚ increasing equity in the use of technologies in education;
- ✚ promoting research and development to facilitate accessibility of technologies for all, including marginalized, disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

In addition, the criteria below shall be taken into consideration:

- ✚ duration of projects and activities must be of at least a year to permit an assessment of results and proof of success;
- ✚ contribution to local, national or regional educational priorities;
- ✚ evidence of impact and reach on learners' achievements; scale and replicability of the project/application for use elsewhere;
- ✚ evidence of sustainability for mid- to long-term application;
- ✚ success/impact of the respective technology on transforming a particular aspect of education on a small or large scale;
- ✚ commitment to participate in dissemination to and support of peer institutions;
- ✚ the project or activity should be a first time nomination for a Prize of this kind.

### **Selection process**

The two prize winners shall be selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of the assessments and recommendations made to him by an international jury. The jury, appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO for a period of six years, shall consist of five independent members, of different nationalities and gender.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

Applications are made by national governments or international non-governmental organizations, maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO, which are requested to consider the following steps:

- ✚ widely inform all stakeholders involved in ICT-enhanced educational activities about the Prize (public/private educational institutions; local newspapers, radio and TV companies; private companies);
- ✚ set up a selection committee or panel to screen the candidates;
- ✚ select the most deserving candidates and work with them to prepare their files for submission to UNESCO.

Each nomination shall be accompanied by a written recommendation, which shall include, in English or French, *inter alia*:

- (a) a description of the candidate's background and achievements (no more than 200 words);
- (b) a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance submitted for consideration (no more than 1,000 words);

- (c) a description of the candidate's contribution to the Prize's objectives (no more than 150 words);
- (d) (*optional*) a sample/demonstration, when possible in printable format, digital, interactive, delivered through CDs or through a website (demonstration material can also be audio/video, broadcast-based or a combination).

**Deadline for submission:** 30 June 2006

### **Checklist for governments and international non-governmental organizations**

Before sending your submission to UNESCO, please check that the following are included:

- ✚ the written recommendation;
- ✚ a letter of endorsement from the government or international non-governmental organization;
- ✚ supplementary materials.

### **Where to send the submissions:**

Candidates' submissions should be sent to the address below, which can be contacted for any further information:

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