How to apply and nominate

Theme for 2017: The use of ICTs to increase access to quality education

Deadline for submission: 20 October 2017

Eligibility criteria:

Individuals or institutions that have made outstanding innovation and significant contributions through projects to support and/or promote the creative use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to increase access to quality education.

The criteria below will be taken into consideration:

- Duration of projects/activities must be of at least one year to permit an assessment of results;
- Innovation and openness of content and tool;
- Evidence of sustainability for mid- to long-term application;
- The project/activity should be a first time nomination for a Prize of this kind.

For eligible candidates:

1. **Create your account:** Fill in the registration form in order to request the creation of a user account to our online submission platform via the following link:
   
   www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize/register

2. **Fill in the online application form:** Once your registration request is accepted, fill the online submission form via the following link:
   
   www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize

   Participants are encouraged to include relevant supporting materials.

3. **Obtain the nomination letter:** Your application must be accompanied by a written nomination letter from your National Commission to UNESCO or an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO. Self-nominations will not be considered.
4. **Submit your application:** Once you obtain the nomination letter, attach it to the online application and click “submit to UNESCO”. The Secretariat will contact you in order to inform you about the status of your application.

**Who can nominate?**

Governments of the Member States of UNESCO or an international non-governmental organization (NGO), maintaining formal consultative relations with UNESCO and active in the relevant fields covered by the Prize. Each government or international NGO is entitled to nominate three candidates per year.

**For National Commissions to UNESCO and NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO**

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 2017 edition theme. Work with them to prepare their online application form.

3. **Issue a nomination letter:** Prepare a written nomination letter for each of the nominated candidates to be attached to the online application form. The nomination letter should include (in English or French) the following elements:
   - a description of the nominee’s background and achievements;
   - a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting documents of major importance, submitted for consideration;
   - a succinct evaluation of the nominee’s contribution to the Prize’s objectives.

4. **Fill in the online application form:** Fill in the online submission form with your generic UNESTEAM user account via the following link:
   
   [www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize](http://www.unesco.org/ict-ed-prize)

5. **Submit online applications:** Click “submit to UNESCO”. The Secretariat will contact you in order to inform you about the status of the application.