

The Educational Research at the Level of the Arab World



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Our Vision

To be pioneers in leading excellence in educational performance & nurturing the gifted.

**Thank you for your interest in participating in Hamdan Bin Rashid
Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance.
We wish you all the best**

Introduction

Based on the goals of Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance exemplified in discovering distinguished individuals and successful educational practices, presenting them to others and spreading these practices to those who are concerned in the educational field to make use of them.

As part of our ambition is to become a global award that occupies its proper place as an educational prize that adopts global standards, that discovers individuals and successful educational practices locally, regionally and internationally, we modify the award regulations to include all types of educational research encouraging educational researchers in the Arab World to enrich the educational library and practices. We spare no effort to discover those hidden practices and highlight them for others in order to provide the best learning opportunities for the people of the Arab world as a whole.

Through this competition at the Arab world level the award is seeking to excavate the potentials of educators by creating a competitive decent atmosphere that enrich the capabilities of researchers in the field of education and lead them to launch their stored energies which exemplify the best of their educational knowledge and skills through criteria set according to the international standards.

On this occasion, Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance calls for Arab citizens and residents of the Arab World who work in the field of education and interested in educational research to participate in this competition, which focuses on the following basic premises:

- Educational research is the pillar that enables us provide better learning services for our sons and daughters.
- Concentration on educational research enriches the educational field.

- The discovery of successful educational practices and circulating them amongst stakeholders helps to inspire education in its field.
- Addressing the educational problems and putting them in their proper context contributes effectively to improve and achieve learning outcomes in the Arab world.
- Discovering researchers and introducing them to the educational community perks them up and raises their determination which motivates them to produce more.

Definition of Educational Research

Educational research is a systematic process of inquiry carried out by an educator or a group of educators to study a field educational problem or phenomenon related to the teaching and learning process in order to understand the problem and the factors causing its occurrence and develop a strategy or appropriate recommendations to solve it.

Targeted research

This award targets all outstanding educational research (applied or otherwise) that are characterized by scientific originality and that could benefit those who work in the field of education through the findings and recommendations, methods and procedures provided by this research. It also targets the research documenting outstanding educational experiences in the field of education on a large scale, leading to a significant soar in the teaching and learning processes. Traditional educational Research addressing limited educational problems that did not lead to a significant soar in the educational field or that educational research applied on a limited scale are not targeted.

For example but not limited to, the award will receive excellent survey research aiming at collecting data to test hypotheses or questions related to a certain subject or issue that benefits the educational field using questionnaires or attitudes, trends and opinion polls which may be transverse or longitudinal studies. The award will Also receive relational research, whether simple or multiple research, track identifying research and others. In addition to the causal comparative research that

look at the relationships between taxonomic variables and dependent variables. This is in addition to the known experimental and quasi-experimental research.

Targeted Researchers

A researcher or a group of researchers, working in the field of education, such as a school teacher, a principal a social specialist, psychiatrist specialist or university professor.

Goals

- Encouraging researchers working in the field of education in the Arab world and presenting them to others.
- Motivating Arab educational researcher citizens and residents of the Arab World to produce distinguished works that serve the educational process.
- The discovery of successful educational practices and presenting them to others, facing and addressing the educational problems to focus on them and make recommendations for solving them.
- Enriching the educational field with successful educational practices.
- Custody of the talented and innovators in the field of educational research.

Incentives and Awards

Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Distinguished Academic Performance awards four prizes annually. Each of them is worth 20 thousand American dollars (or its equivalent) for each winner in addition to a trophy and an excellence certificate handed in an official ceremony held within the activities of the annual closing ceremony for the award. It also publishes the winning research in a specialized periodical issued by the award.

Participation Requirements

First, conditions concerning researchers

- The researcher should be a citizen of one of the Arab countries.
- A researcher can only submit one research.
- A researcher can participate yearly if he did not win last two years.
- The researcher should be one that works in the educational field or a partner to one who does so.
- The researcher should adhere to generally accepted scientific method in educational research.
- The researcher should submit a declaration to waiver of the intellectual rights of the research to the award giving it the right to publish and assess the research if it wins the prize.

Second, conditions concerning the research

- It should be of a procedural nature studying a realistic problem in the field of education in the Arab World.
- It should produce an outstanding experience that may contribute to finding solutions or recommendations that benefit the educational field.
- The research should not have won any award or degree before and should not have been published or presented at a conference or seminar or competition or for any other party.
- The research should not be part of a university dissertation that has been defended before.
- The research should include recommendations that produce scientific and practical benefits.
- The references should be properly cited and the researcher should also take into account the proper scientific use of margins.

- The research should be written in classical Arabic. In the event of a research in a language other than Arabic, it must be accompanied with an acceptable abstract in classical Arabic.
- The research should be typed as a word document.
- The research should be of 20 – 30 A4 pages. the font size should not exceed 14 (Arabic Transparent) including the appendices.
- Five hard copies of the research and a soft copy (on a CD) should be submitted.

Retracting the Award

The prize will be retracted from the winner if it turned out that the winning research was part of a thesis or it received an earlier award or is not the work of the researcher. The award has the right to prosecute the researcher to retract the financial and moral values of the prize.

Evaluation Criteria

1- The Title

- Short and specifies the goal of the research and the targeted school cycle/cycles.
- Focuses on a specific educational subject and not a general one.

2- The Abstract

- Not more than 250 words.
- Begins with setting the purpose of the research.
- Describes the research sample population.
- Explains what the sample population had done.
- Includes extensive summary of the most significant results.

3- Originality of Research

- The idea of the research is a new one not a duplicate that is used in the Arab and foreign research.
- The problem is real dealing with an issue that is worth consideration.

4- Previous Studies

- New (in the last ten years).
- Published in a scientific periodical.
- Directly related to the subject of the research.
- Linking research topic to previous research.
- Provokes a discussion leads to the problem of the research.

5- Theoretical Framework

- Describes the theoretical background of the research clearly.
- Provide clear justification for the research problem.
- Written in a clear intellectual approach.
- Related to the subject of the research.
- Reflects the researcher's vision and personality.

6- Research Objectives, Questions and the Problem

- Clear presentation of the research objectives and linking them directly to the subject matter.
- Clearly define the research problem and provide a convincing justification to the reader to do the research. It should be relevant to the subject of research and possible.
- The study is realistic and derives from previous studies.

- Research questions will be formulated in line with the problem and are relevant to the research topic.
- Hypotheses , if any, are accurately formulated.
- Consistency of the hypotheses with the research problem, questions and theoretical framework.

7- Significance of the Research

- The research is a scientific addition to the educational field.
- It has a scientific value for the targeted.
- The research leads to an important leap or a clear contributing in the educational field outcomes.
- Paves the way for further research.
- Provide an useful research experiment

8- The Method and Procedures

- Consistent with the objectives of the research, questions and hypothesis.
- Consistent with the approach used (descriptive, experimental/ quasi-experimental historical relational).
- Agreement of statistical method with the approach used.
- Recording study procedures clearly.
- The sample population is described and the method of choosing it is clearly defined.
- The sample size is appropriate for the study population and it takes into account the sampling methods.
- Information/data-gathering instruments are described and how they were sure of the validity and reliability of research tools is specified.
- Statistical analyzes are sound (if any) and.

9- Results

- All necessary tables, shapes and pictures should be shown to convince the reader of the results.
- Leads to the achievement of the study goals, answers the questions and experiments hypotheses.
- Statistical processing should be sufficient and appropriate statistical tools for the study method were used.

10- Discussion and Explanation

- Leads to the acceptance or rejection of hypotheses.
- Dealing with the problem of the research questions and hypotheses. Therefore, answering the research questions.
- Discusses the importance of the study for the subject of the research.
- The explanation is based on a scientific evidence and the researcher's experience in the educational field.
- Provide objective conclusions based on the research results.

11- Recommendations

- Must be derived from the results.
- Must avoid generalizations.
- Must define precise mechanisms to implement the recommendations.

12- References and appendices

- Follow the APA style for citation.
- Include all the studies that appeared in the body.
- Modern references that cover the recent topics related to the research.

Applying for the Award

The application form should be submitted with the following:

- Five copies of the submitted research.
- An autobiography of the researcher.
- An avowal that the research has not been published or won a prize and that it is not part of a university dissertation (MA or PhD.)
- Three coloured photos for the candidate (optional) size 4X6.
- The candidates address, phone number and email.

Applications should be sent to:

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Stages of the Competition

Stage One

Research papers should be sent to Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance after attesting them from the specialized department in the ministry of Education in the same country. The deadline is 15 November each year.

Stage Two

The deadline for sending the research papers for evaluation is 15th December each year. Research papers should not be sent for evaluation to the researcher's own country.

Stage Three

The deadline for receiving research papers by the arbitrator is 15th January each year.

Stage Four

The deadline for submitting the report to the board of trustees is 15th February.

Stage Five

The deadline for announcing the results by Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for distinguished Academic Performance is 15th March in the closing ceremony .

Arbitration Mechanism

Each research paper is sent to three arbitrators at the Arab World level in condition that any of the three arbitrators is not a citizen of the applicant's country. Each arbitrator is asked to respond in a month's time from the day he/she receives the file on.