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Leading the Way in Supporting Excellence of Academic Performance and in Nurturing the Gifted and the Innovative



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About the Foundation

His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance of the U.A.E. believes in human capital and pays special attention to education as an engine for human activity, from the functions of which is to maintain balance, harmonize the high humanitarian values system and taking a free go towards knowledge, science, and human evolution. This triggered His Highness to announce his declaration in 1998 concerning the establishment of an Educational Award. Later in 2018 , His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid AL Maktoum , Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, issued a decree that states the transition of the Award into a Foundation entitled: Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for the Distinguished Academic Performance, targeting Educational excellence and the sponsorship of giftedness and innovation, to improve educational performance at all levels and sectors, honouring all groups and relevant authorities in the education sector and institutions, as well as the individuals who provide outstanding achievements and creations.

General Guidelines

Definition of the “Best Implemented Project” Category

A “Collective” academic or educational achievement that meets an academic, educational or social need, or resolves a certain issue; a project that is original and pioneer in thought and implementation.

Incentives and Rewards

- A winning project receives a financial reward of AED 40,000, a Certificate of Appreciation and an Excellence Trophy.
- A Certificate of Excellence is awarded to projects scoring a minimum of 80% of allocated points.
- A Certificate of Participation is awarded to projects scoring a minimum of 50% of allocated points.

Participation Conditions

Participation for the Award should be filed under the institution’s name: university, college, academic department or affiliated administration; public and private schools administrations; applied technology institutes administrations; Ministry of Education central administrations, per the following conditions:

- The competing project should definitely be original in idea and pioneer in the field and has not been previously presented or has received awards of academic performance inside the UAE or abroad.
- A project can only be presented by one single entity, a school, an academic department, an administration, a college, a university, an education zone or a central administration.
- A school administration, an academic department, an administration, a college, a university, an education zone or a central administration may apply for the Award with a maximum of 2 completely independent projects per the quota specified for each education zone and central administration.
- A school may participate with 1 project only.
- A project should have passed through the 3 conventional scientific phases of project preparation: planning, implementation and results and evaluation.
- A sufficient period of time, 2 academic years prior to the year of Award participation, should have passed from time of implementation to evaluate project’s outcomes.
- To ensure originality and quality, a project’s idea should not have been shared or implemented by any entity such as a university, a ministry, etc.
- Private sector multi-campus schools and universities are permitted to participate with 1 project per campus.

Applying for the prize

- All application forms and all enclosures should be filled out electronically before the set deadline on 15th October 2020 through <http://tahkeem.ha.ae>

Evidence and Attachments

- In the application form, if the answer is yes, please attach supporting evidence.
- Higher scores are given to evidence conveying stronger proof.
- In case you want to add essential details or necessary elaboration of your efforts, please enclose it as an attachment.
- All documents provided will be the property of the Foundation.
- All enclosed evidence should be of activities conducted in the past three years other than the year of Award application.
- All enclosed documents should be dated, signed and stamped.
- A maximum of 2 proofs should be displayed on 1 page; if attachment is unclear, no mark will be granted.
- All attached evidence and documents should be dated; issuing organizations' phone numbers should be included for reference, when needed.

Please print the following Avowal and declaration and attach it electronically.

Avowal and Declaration

We, attest hereby:

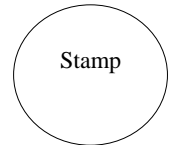
- that the project presented to Hamdan bin Rashed Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance has not won any local or international awards
- Declare herein that we have read, understood and will commit to all Award application conditions.
- Attest to the truthfulness of all information and documents enclosed with the application form, and if proven otherwise, the Foundation administration has the right to take all necessary measures,

Endorsement

Applying Organization

Name:

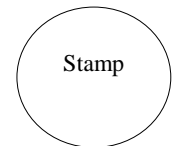
Signature:



Authorized Person In-Charge

Name:

Signature:



-Applying Organization refers to a school, college, university, institute, education zone, central administration.
-Authorized Person In-Charge refers to college dean, institute director, education zone director, central administration director, etc., i.e., the direct supervising entity of the "applying organization".

Evaluation Criteria

Main Criterion	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
		Stage 1	Stage 2
1. Project Planning	370		
2. Project Implementation	310		
3. Project Evaluation and Outcomes	320		
Total	1000		

First Criterion: Project Planning

(370 points)

No	Query	Yes	No	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
1.1	Have the project's main objectives been stated?			20		
1.2	Has the purpose of the project been identified?			10		
1.3	Have the human resources for the project been determined?			10		
1.4	Has the project's work team been formed, role and tasks been assigned to each?			20		
1.5	Has the project's execution plan been clearly and fully drawn?			150		
1.6	Have the expected benefits of the project been identified?			20		
1.7	Have the difficulties and risks of implementing the project been forecasted, and alternate plans been drawn?			20		
1.8	Have the team members' practical approaches to providing the project's financial and material needs been determined?			20		
1.9	Does the project conform with the UAE's policies toward: preserving the national identity, encouraging voluntary and vocational work, conservation of environmental and natural resources, consumption rationalization and encouraging sustainability?			20		
1.10	Is the project in line with modern educational philosophies?			20		
1.11	Does the project conform with the vision of the organization it is affiliated with (school, university, zone, ministry, etc)?			10		
1.12	Were experts and/or consultants been approached when the project been designed and implemented?			10		
1.13	Have the project team members' practical practices of researching similar and relative projects been manifested?			20		
1.14	Is there a marketing plan for the project targeting interested parties?			20		
Total				370		

Note: Project's team should enclose the full project plan including: objectives, procedures, success indicators, execution timetable, human and financial resources and assessment and supervision mechanisms.

Second Criterion: Project Implementation

(310 points)

No	Query	Yes	No	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
2.1	Have the project's work team and concerned personnel been well prepared and trained for implementation?			40		
2.2	Have the detailed procedures stated in the project's plan been carried out?			150		
2.3	Have new project management technologies been utilized at implementation?			30		
2.4	Have initial remarks about the project's implementation been instantly recorded, and subsequently been used for further improvement?			50		
2.5	Have the project's implementation difficulties and solutions been identified?			40		
Total				310		

Note: Enclose evidences of project implementation.

Third Criterion: Project Evaluation and Outcomes

(320 points)

No	Query	Yes	No	Allocated Points	Earned Points	
					Stage 1	Stage 2
3.1	Were clear project evaluation tools been applied?			30		
3.2	Has success indicator been measured for each project objective per the previously stated outcomes?			20		
3.3	Have all the project's benefits and outcomes been identified?			20		
3.4	Have these outcomes been utilized to improving the project?			30		
3.5	Have the project's outcomes and positive effects been compared against its financial cost and personnel efforts?			20		
3.6	Have the project's weaknesses been determined?			20		
3.7	Have remedial procedures been determined?			30		
3.8	Have any specialized personnel or entities contributed to project evaluation?			20		
3.9	Have these evaluators' input been incorporated?			30		
3.10	Have any organizations benefited from the project after it has been marketed?			30		
3.11	Have any additional outcomes been recently mentioned that were accomplished but not previously conceived, and ways of measuring these outcomes?			20		
3.12	Have aspects of distinction and creativity of the project been identified?			20		
3.13	Is there a future perspective for the project?			30		
Total				320		