Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris has invited **nominations for the for the UNESCO- International Literacy Prizes 2016.** Relevant details are on the next page.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) latest by 22nd June, 2016 (and should not be sent directly to UNESCO) at the following address for further consideration and onward transmission to UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France.

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The Assistant Director-General for External Relations and Public Information

To Non-Governmental Organizations in official partnership with UNESCO

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Subject: 2016 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have the honour hereby to launch the call to nominate candidates for the 2016 edition of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes on the theme, 'Innovation in Literacy'. Initially established in 1967, these Prizes are currently sponsored by the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China, and they are composed of the two UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prizes and the three UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy. They are awarded each year to individuals, governments and non-governmental organizations in recognition of their distinguished contribution to the promotion of literacy.

I am pleased to invite Non-Governmental Organizations maintaining official partnerships with UNESCO in the relevant fields covered by the prize to submit nominations for this year's edition of the Prizes. The deadline for submission of all nomination files is Monday 4 July 2016.

The prizewinners shall be designated by UNESCO on the basis of the recommendations of an International Jury, which is composed of five independent, eminent professionals. Each prizewinner will receive a monetary award, a silver medal and a diploma, all of which will be presented at an international ceremony that will take place on Thursday, 8 September 2016, in commemoration of International Literacy Day.

It is strongly recommended that nomination files take this year's theme into consideration, as well as the specific thematic focus of each Prize, which is "Literacy in Multilingual Contexts" for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, and "Adults in Rural Areas and Out-of-School Youth, especially Women and Girls" for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy. The 2016 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes Guide sets forth the rules and procedures to be followed for the submission of entries. A copy of it is enclosed herewith for your perusal.

We would appreciate if you could inform any individuals and organizations who may be interested in submitting applications, asking them to complete the enclosed submission form (online version: http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes) in English or French.

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The applications that you would subsequently receive from them and nominate can then be transmitted, preferably electronically, to the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes Secretariat located in the Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development of the Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems within the Education Sector. The contact details for the Secretariat can be found hereunder. Publications, videos or other supporting materials of major importance may be submitted by post, also to the Prize Secretariat.

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Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Attachments:

2016 UNESCO International Literacy Prize Guide for applications

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UNESCO International Literacy Prizes submission form



UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2016

Thematic Focus: Innovation in Literacy

Submission Form

Background

Since 1967, UNESCO has awarded International Literacy Prizes to more than 470 outstanding and innovative projects and initiatives of governments, NGOs and individuals across the world to promote literacy and dynamic literate societies.

Currently, the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes are:

- The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize (1989 present) supported by the Government of the Republic of Korea to gives special consideration to the development and the use of mother-tongue in learning, education and training.
- The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy (2005 present) supported by the government of the People's Republic of China to gives special consideration to literacy for people in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women.

Thematic focus

In 2016, **Innovation in Literacy** is the overall thematic focus of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes. This focus reflects the importance of innovation in literacy in rapidly changing societies, economies and environments. Literacy involves a continuum of learning and proficiency levels. It is an integral part of lifelong learning and a wider set of competencies for life, work and sustainable development. The Prizes awarded in 2016 will recognize programmes or projects that demonstrate innovation in literacy in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 4–Education 2030¹ and the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development as a whole².

Innovation often results when ideas are applied to satisfy the needs and expectation of individuals, societies and economies, however it is difficult to measure innovation given its constantly changing nature and environment³. While there is no universal definition of innovation in education and literacy, several areas of innovation will be considered with reference to the strategic directions for translating the "2030 vision of literacy" into action adopted by UNESCO in 2015⁴: (i) equitable access to quality literacy learning opportunities; (ii) approaches to the teaching and learning of literacy; (iii) monitoring and assessment; (iv) partnership including coordination of joint programmes, and sustained inter-sectoral efforts of multiple stakeholders at global, regional, national and sub-national levels; (v) mobilization,

http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002432/243278e.pdf

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld

³ See: http://www.uis.unesco.org/ScienceTechnology/Pages/innovation-statistics.aspx

⁴ http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002344/234483E.pdf

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diversification and sustainability of funding; and (vi) use of technology in design, delivery and scale-up of literacy programmes.

Application process

Any interested and eligible individuals or organizations are invited to make applications. The process includes two specific stages. In the first stage, an applicant is encouraged to contact the Government of the Member State, via the National Commission for UNESCO, or an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) maintaining official relations with UNESCO to submit a completed submission form in English or French.

In the second stage, a Government, through its National Commission, and/or an International NGO which receives one or more submission forms, will send up to three nominations for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, and up to two nominations for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize to the Director-General of UNESCO through the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes.

Selection Criteria

The Prizewinners are selected by the Director-General of UNESCO on the basis of recommendations made by an International Jury, composed of distinguished experts appointed by UNESCO's Director-General, which meets in Paris once a year.

The Prizes are awarded, each year, at an official ceremony held for the purpose on the International Literacy Day (8 September).

The programme or project will be assessed by the Jury on the basis of the following criteria:

- · Relevance and robustness
- Quality of teaching and learning
- Impact
- Innovative features
- Sustainability

In addition to these criteria, the programme or project should contribute to the thematic focus of the Prize for which the candidate is applying.

Eligibility

Institutions, organizations and individuals promoting literacy through effective and innovative projects or programmes.

Eligible programmes or projects should have a proven record of innovative work in the field of literacy for at least three years.

As all applications require a formal nomination letter self-nomination is not accepted.

The programmes/projects which have been awarded the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes in the past five years are not eligible.

Note to applicants

Please complete the form as fully and accurately as possible while respecting the word limits indicated. Answers to all of the questions are not required as some questions may not be relevant for every programme or project. However, all applicants should complete sections marked 'essential'. The Secretariat of the International Literacy Prizes can be contacted by email: literacyprizes@unesco.org

Part 1. Genera	al information of the applicant (essential)
1.1 Literacy Priz	re(s) applied for and the focus area(s) (please tick either one or ne focus areas covered by the programme)
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☐ UNESCO Conf	ucius Prize for Literacy
Literacy for gende	f-school children and youth
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1.3 Information	on the applicant
Name of implementing Organization	
Type of organization/ individual	Please tick one: Government International Organization Civil society organization Business Media Academia/research institution Education institution Individual Other [Please specify]
Postal Address	
Country	
Contact person	[Name, Title, Department]
Email address	

Telephone	
Website	
Description of the nominated organization/ individual	[Please provide a summary description in maximum 150 words.]
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• V	Vhat kind of teaching methodology is applied? (Maximum 50 words)
3.2 Pro	gramme or project content, materials and language
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	What are curriculum/content components of the programme/project? (Maximum 50 words)
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3.3 Lea	rners
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	t 4. Impact	
4.1 0	Outcomes of learning	
•	Does the programme/project recognize prior learning? If yes, how? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
•	Does the programme/project measure learners' literacy skills levels? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
•	If yes, when are skills levels measured? Before starting the programme/project During the programme/project At the end of the programme/project After the programme/project	
•	What are the assessment tool and methodologies used? Developed by the programme/project Adapted existing tools (Please specify:)	
•	What are the major learning outcomes achieved by learners? (maximu	ım 50 words)
•	What is the major impact of the programme/project on the learners and environment (e.g. families, communities) (maximum 50 words)	d their
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•	What kind of monitoring and evaluation tools is the programme/project [Please describe in 50 words]	using?
•	What are the assessment tools and methodologies used in the program [Please describe in 50 words]	mme/project?
•	Has the programme/project already been evaluated? ☐ Yes ☐ No [Please describe in 50 words]	
•	Is the programme/project having an impact at: ☐ local level ☐ national level ☐ international level?	
•	Is the programme/project visible at: ☐ local level ☐ national level ☐ international level?	
Part	t 5. Innovative features	
51 P	Responsiveness to emerging issues	

Is the programme/project responsive to emerging needs and issues? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)
5.2 Innovative features of the programme or project (essential)
Does the programme/project have any innovative features, for instance, for better outreach, pedagogy, materials, management and financing modality? Yes No
If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)
5.3 Use of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies)
Does the programme/project use ICTs in an innovative manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)
Part 6. Sustainability
6.1 Vision and sustainability
Is the programme/project based on a long-term vision? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)
Does the programme/project include components to ensure sustainability of its results and impacts? Yes No If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)
Is a follow-up with learners after completion integrated into the programme/project design? Yes No If yes, please describe in 50 words
6.2 Programme or project expansion
Has the programme/project already been replicated in a different places/country/region? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)
6.3 Future plans
Please describe the future plans of the programme/project, if any? (e.g. vision, scaling up, targets, resources, partners, timeframe) (maximum 50 words)
6.4 Literate environments
Does this programme have any component to contribute to building a literate environment in which people can acquire, use, maintain and advance literacy skills? (e.g. library, free journals, space for learning in a community) Yes No
If yes, please explain (maximum 50 words)

The state of the Prizes, and the focus areas of the Prizes, why does this programme or project merit a UNESCO Literacy Prize? (maximum 150 words) Part 8. Other information 8.1 List of supporting documents and materials attached to the application Please indicate supporting documents and materials attached to the application Programme/project report(s) Evaluation report(s) Assessment tool Evidence of recognition of the programme/project Guides for teachers/facilitators Materials for teaching and learning Videos / photos Innovative features Use of ICTs Sustainability Any other information

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 Supporting literacy serving rural adults and out-of-school y particularly women and ords

2016 will mark the soth anniversary of International Literacy Day (8 September), during which the UNESCO International Literacy Prix will be awarded. Every year, the Prizes are organized around a specitheme. This year's focus is on: 'Innovation in Literacy'.

Candidatures should take into account this year's theme, 'Innovation in Literacy', while also considering the specificit of each Prize.

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

and individuals are invited to apply for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes through UNESCO Organisations maintaining official relations with UNESCO which solicit and submit nominations to Every year, interested institutions, organizations Member States or International Non-Governmental

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- promoting literacy through effective and innovative and individuals Institutions, organizations projects or programmes.
- Eligible programmes or projects should have a proven record of innovative work in the field of literacy for at least three years.
- The programmes/projects which have been awarded the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes in the past five years are not eligible.

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS - TWO STAGES

In the first stage, an applicant is encouraged to via the National Commission for UNESCO*, or contact the Government of the Member State, an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) maintaining official relations with UNESCO** and working on the themes covered by the Prizes, to submit a completed submission form in English or French. In the second stage, a Government, through its National Commission, and/or an International

NGO which receives one or more submission forms, will send up to three nominations for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, and up to two nominations for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize to the Director-General of UNESCO through the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes. The Government and/or the International NGO which received the submission form(s) will also inform the successful applicants of their endorsement.

SELECTION PROCESS

All eligible files submitted to UNESCO will be distinguished experts appointed by UNESCO's examined by an International Jury, composed of Director-General, which meets in Paris once a year. On the basis of its recommendations, the about Prizewinners. The Prizes are awarded each Director-General of UNESCO makes a final decision year at an official ceremony held for the purpose, on the occasion of the International Literacy Day (8 September).

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NFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

- materials (e.g. reports, publications) of less than 100 pages in total. The form can be download Kindly complete the submission form in English or French. The applicant can attach relevant UNESCO website (http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes). Alternatively, candidates can refermission form enclosed with this guide.
- Please submit the completed form and supporting materials, if any, to an appropriate Goven Member State via the National Commission for UNESCO* or to an International NGO maintail relations with UNESCO** no later than 27 June 2016.
- The applicants will be contacted about the result by the entity to which the form was submitted if (e.g. learning and teaching materials, photos, videos) directly to the Secretariat of the UNESCO Ir a successful nomination, the applicant is invited to send any additional materials related to the Literacy Prizes.
- In case the applicants have any difficulties reaching an appropriate entity to submit the form to or if hear back from the entity to which the form was submitted, they should contact the Secretariat of the international Literacy Prizes for further guidance.

NFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENTS (NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO) AND NTERNATIONAL NGOS:

- Kindly receive the submission forms from applicants and nominate up to three submissions for th Confucius Prize for Literacy, and up to two submissions for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize.
- include, in English or French, inter alia: 1) a description of the nominee's background and achiev a summary of the work or the results of the work, publications and other supporting document importance, submitted for consideration; and 3) a succinct evaluation of the nominee's contribut Please issue written recommendations for each of the files nominated. The written recommend Prize's objectives.
- Kindly inform the applicants of the results and send each of the successful applicants a copy of the n dation letters.
- Please submit either electronically (literacyprizes@unesco.org) or via regular mail the final no along with their written recommendations, including supporting materials, to the Secretariat of the international Literacy Prizes for its transmission to the Director-General of UNESCO by 4 July 2016.

self-nomination will not be taken into consideration, and that any submission form missing a writti mendation issued by a Government of a Member State, through the National Commission for UNES International NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO, will not be accepted by the Secretar All nominations should be sent to the Secretariat of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes. Please JNESCO International Literacy Prizes.