

UNESCO International Literacy Prizes

Call for applications and nominations

Deadline: 23 June 2019

Theme: Literacy and Multilingualism

Every year, the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes reward excellence and innovation in the field of literacy around the world to promote effective and innovative practices and encourage dynamic literate societies.



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UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize

Supported by the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Prize rewards activities that

promote the development and use of mother tongue in learning, education and training.



UNESCO Confucius Prize For Literacy

Supported by the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Prize rewards

activities that promote literacy for adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women.

The process is composed of an application and a nomination:

Deadline for applications:

16 June 2019

Deadline for nominations:

23 June 2019

Who can apply?

- → Individuals, institutions and organizations promoting literacy.
- → Specific programmes/projects with a proven record of innovate work in the field of literacy for at least three years.
- Programmes/projects that have not been awarded the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes in the past five years.

How to apply?

- Request your user account through this link www.unesco.org/ilp/account. You will then be able to proceed to the online application
- Fill in and submit the electronic application form in English or French to UNESCO's Secretariat via the concerned Member States through the National Commission for UNESCO by 16 June 2019 (midnight, Paris time). If applying through an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), which maintains official relations with UNESCO, please provide project information and request a nomination letter directly from the NGO, to be attached to the electronic application form by 23 June 2019.

For Member States and NGOs: How to nominate?

National Commissions: You will receive a notification by email (associated to your UNESCO account) every time applicants wish you to nominate their programmes. Please review the submissions received, and nominate up to three applications for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy and up to two applications for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize. Submit the nominations with written recommendations to UNESCO by 23 June 2019 (midnight, Paris time), using the link in the notification email.

NGOs: If solicited, review the candidature(s) and send a letter of nomination to the chosen applicant(s) directly, which they can attach to the electronic application form.

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