

Call for applications and nominations

Deadline: 12 July 2020

Teaching and learning literacy:The role of educators and changing pedagogies

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.



UNESCO International Literacy Prizes



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 literacy 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 amongst adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth, particularly girls and women.

The process is composed of an application and a nomination process.

Deadline for application:

28 June 2020

Deadline for nomination:

12 July 2020

Who can apply?

- → Individuals, institutions and organizations promoting literacy.
- → Specific programmes/projects with a proven record of innovative 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.

For applicants: how to apply?

- Please request your user account through this link: www.unesco.org/ilp/account which will provide access to the online application.
- Please fill in the application in English or in French and submit it to UNESCO's Secretariat via the relevant Member States through the National Commission for UNESCO. Deadline: 28 June 2020 (midnight, Paris time).
- → If you are applying through an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), that maintains official relations with UNESCO, please submit your project information and request a nomination letter directly from the NGO, to be attached to the electronic application. Deadline: 12 July 2020.

For Member States and NGOs: How to nominate?

National Commissions: You will receive a notification by email (associated to your UNESCO account) if an applicant submits its application for your nomination. Please review the applications 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. Please submit the nomination(s) with a written recommendation to UNESCO through the link in the notification email. Deadline: 12 July 2020 (midnight, Paris time)

NGOs: If solicited, please review the candidature(s) and send a letter of nomination to the chosen applicant(s) directly, for them to attach it to their online application.

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