

# UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture

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**Deadline for the submissions of candidatures: 30 July 2021 at midnight (GMT +2).**

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## ABOUT THE PRIZE

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Established in 1998, the **UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab Culture** rewards, each year, two laureates – individuals, groups or institutions – who, through their work and outstanding achievements, endeavour to disseminate greater knowledge of Arab art and culture.

Applicants to the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab culture must have contributed significantly towards the development, dissemination and the promotion of Arab culture in the world. The winners are chosen by the Director-General of UNESCO, on the recommendation of an international Jury of experts in the field of Arab Culture and having distinguished themselves, over several years, by meritorious actions. Thus, the winners contribute to the promotion of cultural dialogue and the revitalization of Arab culture.

Laureates are awarded the Prize (with an amount of US\$60 000, divided equally between two laureates), in recognition of their contribution – in their respective disciplines – to Arab art and culture, or for participating in the dissemination of the latter outside the Arab world. Together, the prize winners have come to represent a new generation of researchers, artists, philosophers, authors and translators with a profound desire to achieve a genuine dialogue between Arab culture and other cultures.

In an era of globalization and profound political and social changes facing the world, this Prize fully meets the values of mutual understanding that is cited in the Constitution of the Organization. By rewarding careers, lives, whose efforts have been to promote a culture to which they own so much, the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize for Arab culture strives to foster a better understanding of other civilizations, thus promoting, or encouraging international exchange. Arab arts and culture have left traces all over the world, not only has the mosaic of cultures in the Arab region benefitted mutually but also cultures far beyond. One cannot find a better tread for cultivating peace.

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The Prize fulfils the organization's fundamental mission of promoting intercultural dialogue by rewarding significant contributions made by two personalities, groups or institutions to the developing, raising awareness and spreading of Arab culture through artistic, intellectual, or promotional work that enhances mutual understanding. Proposed candidates should have earned an international reputation through meritorious and long-term action.

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UNESCO and the government of Sharjah encourage you to propose qualified candidates who deserve recognition for their literary, scientific or artistic achievements, as well as for their global dissemination of Arab culture.

The Prize is endowed with \$60,000 (USD), divided equally between the two winners selected on the recommendation of an international jury, which will be created for this purpose.

We encourage you to nominate women or young people for this award, so that the list of candidates reflects UNESCO's commitment to youth and gender issues.

### *[How to submit your nomination](#)*

- Candidatures can be submitted online only.
- **Send an e-mail to the Secretariat of the Prize, [prix.sharjah@unesco.org](mailto:prix.sharjah@unesco.org)(link sends e-mail)**, Tel.: +33 1 45 68 09 66, with the name and e-mail address of the person you would like to be nominated.
- The Prize Secretariat will then send all necessary information to this person, including how to submit an application that can only be done online.

The Secretariat is available to respond to any queries.

Nominations for the Prize should be submitted **no later than 30 July 2021**.

- [More information on the UNESCO-Sharjah Prize](#)

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