Making a nomination for the 2022 Yidan Prize

The Yidan Prize is the most significant accolade in education. Tell us about the individuals and teams with the greatest potential, and we could help them on their way.
“The Yidan Prize is future-oriented. While the Judging Committee evaluates applications on their past achievement, what’s more important is what the nominees would do with the Prize project funding, if successful.”

Dr Koichiro Matsuura
Chairman, Judging Committee, Yidan Prize
Former Director-General, UNESCO

“The Yidan Prize is really for transformative and innovative ideas, and even for divergent thinking in a way. There is so much innovation and research happening in education, in schools, in classrooms, and in different environments, not only through universities. We encourage nominations for young researchers.”

Mr Andreas Schleicher
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Research
Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD

“For Education Development, the range of issues is very broad. So if you have an innovative idea that is transforming lives that touches on any area of education and making impact, we are very happy to receive your application.”

Ms Dorothy K. Gordon
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Development
Board Member, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
In this guide

Thank you for your interest in the Yidan Prize. This guide is for anyone who’d like to understand our nomination process better, whether you’re a nominee, a nominator or a supporter—someone supporting a nomination.

• **What dates should you know about?**
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If you’d prefer this guide in another language, check our website

This guide is also available in French, Simplified Chinese, and Spanish—visit our website at yidanprize.org/the-prize/nominations/ for all versions. Let us know if there’s another language you think we should add in future. If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the English version and the translated versions, the English version shall prevail.
Dates for your diary

OUR NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON

31 March 2022
at 12 noon HKT (GMT+8)

WE’LL ANNOUNCE THE LAUREATES IN

September 2022

AND PRESENT THE AWARDS TO THE LAUREATES IN

December 2022
Getting to know the Yidan Prize

We launched the Yidan Prize Foundation in 2016 for one reason: to create a better world through education. Where learning flourishes, so does society, and we’re here to champion the people making that possible.

An all-encompassing education accolade

Each year, we award the Yidan Prize to individuals and teams in two areas:

**Education Research**

The theory of learning—science, psychology, statistics—that can help educators understand different approaches with a methodical lens.

**Education Development**

Policy and practice in learning; new methods and ways to make education more widespread—so we can champion techniques that work.

A prize that goes beyond project funding

We award each year’s laureates a gold medal and a total sum of HK$30 million—half is a cash prize to recognize their contribution to the sector; the other half is a project fund distributed over three years to support the laureate’s work. They could use this latter half to expand their reach into a new region, begin a new project, or keep doing more of the same brilliant work. We’ll be by their side throughout, helping them evaluate how they’re progressing and mapping their impact.

We consider becoming a laureate as the start of a long term relationship; all our laureates also become members of our Council of Luminaries.

We’ve deliberately chosen these awards to inspire change and conversation

We see these prizes—and the events and networks surrounding them—as a way to bring bright minds together to exchange ideas. That’s why the two prizes work in harmony: to build a network of educational experts who’re as strong in research as they are in practical application, in classrooms across the world.

For example: we awarded our first Education Research Prize to Professor Carol Dweck: her pioneering work in growth mindset underpins and inspires practice. And as our 2020 Education Development laureates at CAMFED (the Campaign for Female Education) work with marginalized girls in sub-Saharan Africa, they partner with research institutes to track what’s most effective, who’s benefiting and the costs.

Where any individual or team’s work covers both research and development, we welcome two submissions: one for research and one for development.

Remember, we award these prizes to teams

Our prizes are open to teams of up to three. That could be a research group working on a project together, or even several people contributing to the same idea from separate organizations—they don’t have to work together. If you want to nominate a larger team, choose up to three representatives.

If a team does win either award, they’ll each get their own individual medal and certificate, and split the cash prize and project fund.
Dr Chen has cherished education since his school days

Today, he recognizes the doors that have opened for him have done so because of his lifelong love for learning. “My grandma was illiterate,” Charles once wrote. “She lived through war, famine, and poverty; she raised my father alone—the first college graduate in the village.”

“She always encouraged me to study, too: boiling red eggs for luck on my first day of school, sitting with me as I did my homework. I call her an illiterate educator: ordinary as she was, she taught me the value of education—and showed me it should be open to everyone.”

The Yidan Prize exists for this reason: to open education for everyone

The best way to do that is through connections and conversation. By recognizing and bringing together the brightest minds in educational research and practice—and building a global community around them—we’ll be able to exchange ideas faster, and improve access and quality of learning across the world.

We also follow this spirit of openness in our nomination process. We take a meticulous approach to choosing laureates fairly: appointing an impartial, independent judging committee of experts, working to set criteria and welcoming nominations from many different nations and sectors.
Who can make nominations for the Yidan Prize?

We welcome all nominations; our process is open to everyone. You don’t need to be invited to nominate a team or individual for either the Education Research or Education Development prize.

That said, we do have the following guidelines to make sure nominations stay fair.

**Can you speak to what impact the team or person has had?**

Officially, you need to be a ‘credible witness’ to their impact: you need to have a thorough understanding of the work. In terms of your role, most of our nominators tend to be members of government bodies, non-governmental organizations or professional associations. Otherwise, they’re professional educators, respected figures in the sector, or work in the same organization or sphere as the nominee(s). But you don’t have to tick one of those boxes: we welcome nominations from all.

**Can you source two other supporters?**

On top of your nomination, we need at least two recommendation letters from supporters—most of our strongest nominations send five, which is the maximum number you can include. These people should also understand the work of the team or person you’re nominating; they might even have a unique perspective that you don’t.

You are allowed to nominate yourself—you’ll just need at least three supporters instead of two. We consider self-nominations in exactly the same fair, unbiased way, so there’s no advantage or disadvantage to nominating yourself.

**Can the same nominee appear in more than one nomination?**

Yes—they can be nominated more than once in the same category, or they can be nominated in both categories if their work spans both research and development.

Having more than one nomination in one category doesn’t increase the nominee’s chances. If you know others who are also interested in nominating the same person or team, consider choosing one nominator between you, and asking everyone else to be a supporter. It’ll probably make a stronger application overall.

**There’s a handful of exceptions**

You can’t make a nomination if:

- you’d like to recognize your immediate family member(s)
- you’d like to recognize—or you are—one of our current board directors, or on our current Judging or Advisory Committees
- you’d like to recognize someone posthumously*.

* In the sad event that an individual nominee dies during the judging process, we’ll withdraw their nomination. If they were part of a team, we’ll still consider the rest of the team’s nomination.
How do I make a nomination?

Here’s the process to follow: we just ask for all your documents and descriptions to be in English.

To get you started, we’ve included sample forms for Education Research and Education Development.

1. Register for a nominator account at nomination.yidanprize.org/
   We’ll need to take your full name, email address, postal address, phone number, organization, and your role at this point.

2. Share your nominee’s (or nominees’) biography
   Or your biography, if you’re self-nominating. This should be 200 words or fewer; we’ll use it in our announcements if they win.

3. Explain why they deserve this accolade
   Write up to 500 words to explain the work of the person or people you’re nominating and the achievements or outcomes their projects have created. You can include both the impact their work is having now and what you think they could achieve with the help of the prize funding.

4. Tell the judges how your nominee(s) meet the criteria
   When our Judging Committee assess applications, they’re particularly looking for nominations that meet our four criteria. Please write a maximum of 1,000 words under each.

5. Upload a two-minute video from the nominee(s)
   The nominee(s) (or you, if you’re self-nominating) should say in their own words how they’d use the HK$15 million project fund.
   For our judges, this is one of the most helpful parts of the application. And don’t worry: they’re not swayed by expensive edits or any particular appearance. They’re watching for authentic passion, commitment, and great ideas for getting the most impact out of the prize funds.
   The video must be an MP4, MOV, AVI, or M4V format under 200MB, ideally with 1920 x 1080 (1080p) dimensions. If you’ll struggle to upload your video, you can link to it instead. And if for any reason your nominee(s) would find it difficult to give a verbal presentation, let us know at nomination@yidanprize.org.

6. For Education Research, share the nominee’s (or nominees’) relevant publications
   Please share at least one published work (or up to five). Research should be peer-reviewed, but we’ll also accept books, book chapters, articles, teaching materials, presentations, and digital media (such as videos). Most people upload them as PDFs but we can also accept links.

7. For Education Development, you can share independent reviews
   You don’t have to, but we strongly encourage you to upload any external evaluation that will show our judges the impact and potential of the nominee’s (or nominees’) work.

8. Upload the supporters’ letters
   Each letter should be less than 5,000 words, and we need at least two (or three if you’re self-nominating) and at most five. You can either scan in these letters (on official letterheads, please), or paste the text into the text box. Either way, we’ll need contact details for each supporter.
Using the nomination platform

We only accept nominations submitted online, using our platform. If you’ve never used it before, here’s what to expect:

1. Once you’ve created an account, we’ll send you a confirmation email. Please open this when it arrives—you’ll need to click the link to activate your account.

2. Once that’s done, you can start your nomination straight away. You can complete the form in any order, and come back to edit as often as you like before submitting. Save as you go, so you don’t risk losing any work.

3. When you’re ready, press ‘Preview & Submit’. Check it through and make any edits you need. Once you’re happy, hit ‘Submit’. You can download a PDF of your nomination, and we’ll email you to say we’ve got it.

4. After submission, you can still make changes if you need to—our judges don’t look at anything until after the deadline.

That’s everything. If you have a question for us later on, get in touch with our Secretariat by email, quoting your ‘form ID’ (it’s on your nomination form). But please don’t send any extra information in by post or email—we can’t review it.

Re-submissions

We welcome re-submissions, and since 2020, we’ve kept all nominations on our system so you can resubmit for any future years. We’ll prompt you when the next round opens so you can log back in, make updates, and apply again. Or you can let us know you’re not planning to submit again this year.

You don’t have to edit the form if it’s all up to date. But of course you can add new evidence or supporter letters. You can use the same letters as before, as long as the supporter is happy with that—we’ll send them a confirmation and might get in touch for more information, so you should always check with them.

Don’t forget to have everything to hand before you get started. It’s a lot easier and quicker that way. There’s a checklist at the end of this guide to help you.
Tips for your nomination

Making the most of the video upload
This is the nominee’s moment to speak straight to the judges—it’s especially important because we don’t have an interview stage. So it’s not only a good chance to talk through their plan for the HK$15 million project fund; it’s also an opportunity to show their enthusiasm.

Don’t worry about the production quality. The judges are interested in the video’s content, not style. The nominee is welcome to record in their native language—in fact, sometimes that can make it easier to show passion—we just ask you to add English subtitles, too.

We only use this video for judging. We won’t circulate it or publish it without permission.

Writing a letter of support
If you’re writing a letter of support (or asking someone else to), it’s up to you how you’d like to explain the impact of the nominee’s (or nominees’) work—you might have felt that impact personally, or observed it in action. We already ask for details on their idea and project, so think of this as a time to add a human touch. How has this nominee changed lives (or how could they change lives) with their work?

If you’re supporting a team, don’t forget to describe how their work together—not only their individual achievements—makes them a good candidate for a prize.

Uploading supporting documents
The online nomination form lets you upload any extra documents that you think would be handy to see, so do make the most of this—for example, is there any external press coverage you’d like to share? Or you can add any additional recommendation letters.

If any of these aren’t available in English, please include translations.

When you’re ready, have everything to hand
It’s much quicker to upload your nomination if you’ve already got all the materials and details you need. Our checklist at the end of this guide will help.

Don’t forget you can save as you go
You can fill in your nomination form in any order, and save as you go without submitting. We recommend you save every time you finish a section, just in case.
Submit sooner rather than later

When you submit early, it doesn’t make any difference to the outcome of the judging. But it means we have time to tell you if you’ve missed anything. If you apply by the end of February 2022, we’ll let you know if there are any gaps so you can update and re-submit your nomination before the deadline.

You can keep editing right up to the closing date. Our judges won’t look at anything before then.

Sometimes, we won’t consider a nomination

It’s rare, but we occasionally withdraw a submission from the judging process. That happens if:

• **it includes false information**: such as a fake supporter letter, inaccurate bio, or any results or claims that aren’t backed up by evidence

• **we can’t be sure the nominee led the work**: for example, if the work is for an organization, the organization’s leader would usually be one of the nominees; if not, they must show they endorse the submission by being the nominator or a supporter

• **you’ve nominated someone who’s on our Board of Directors, Advisory Committee or Judging Committee**: to make sure we maintain our rigorous, independent judging process, direct members of our organization aren’t eligible for our prizes

• **the nominee has sadly died since submitting**: we don’t award posthumous prizes because our prizes include a project fund towards the next three years of a laureate’s work. But if they were part of a team, we’ll continue considering the rest of the nominees.

We also strongly discourage you from contacting any of the judges about your nomination during the process.
Meet our Judging Committee

The Judging Committee is made up of a diverse group of independent experts, appointed by invitation from our Board of Directors. It’s their role to review nominations and decide on each year’s laureates, and as they do, they hold themselves (and are held) to the highest standards of fairness, openness, and non-bias. The Committee is led by the Chairman and consist two panels—one for research and one for development—they make final decisions on both awards collectively.

**CHAIRMAN, JUDGING COMMITTEE, YIDAN PRIZE**

**Dr Koichiro Matsuura**
Former Director-General, UNESCO

**JUDGING PANEL, YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH**

**Mr Andreas Schleicher**
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Research
Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD

**Professor Ju-Ho Lee**
Chairperson and CEO, Education Commission Asia

**Professor Bruce M. Alberts**
Chancellor’s Leadership Chair in Biochemistry and Biophysics for Science and Education, the University of California, San Francisco

**Dr Felice J. Levine**
Executive Director, American Educational Research Association (AERA)

**Dr Elizabeth M. King**
Non-resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

**Professor Zhang Min-xuan**
Head, Teacher Education Centre under the auspices of UNESCO
It’s a meticulous process, designed to recognize the most worthy recipients. For that reason, we ask that you don’t contact any of our judges directly about your nomination.

You can see the full judging committee below, or visit our website to find out more about them.
What are the judges looking for?

To make the process impartial, the judges assess nominations against a set of four criteria: to what extent is the nominees' work future-oriented, innovative, transformative, and sustainable—either in terms of solving a problem or achieving a potential goal?

Although those headlines are broadly similar for both the Education Research and Education Development prizes, their specific criteria are different.

We don't look for particular themes, regions, or types of project—our judges review every submission on its own merits.

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Across the board, impact matters most

Our judges want to know what difference the nominee’s (or nominees’) work makes, or could make, to education systems around the world. Your nominee’s project doesn’t have to have global reach yet—just tell us how it has potential to be expanded or replicated in other regions.

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| **Sustainable**        |                           |
| Has the research already stimulated change in educational practices in some settings? Is there potential for the research to spread change to many settings? | To what extent has this idea or project grown and scaled so far—in its own country and across borders? And to what extent could it be scaled and replicated further? |
| Does the research and nominee/s have the potential to create a long-lasting change that enlightens humanity? | Does the idea or project have a governance model to make sure there’s transparency and accountability? |
|                        | Is there a business model? Has that model ensured financial stability so far? |
|                        | Are there any legal or regulatory threats to the organization or project? |

| **Final considerations** |                           |
| **What is the potential impact?** | **What problem could this solve?** |
| What does the nominee hope to achieve in three years? | What is the severity and scale of the problem being addressed—now and in the future? |
| What are the key areas of focus? | How many people are impacted by it? |
Yidan Prize laureates

2021
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH

Professor Eric A. Hanushek
Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution of Stanford University

Eric is a globally recognized leader in the economics of education. His work has given us the international standard for measuring how teachers and schools perform. And it’s shaped the UN’s Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) by including learning outcomes as a target. That’s because he’s demonstrated that it’s how much students learn—and not how many years they spend in school—that boosts economies.

With his prize funding, Eric is planning a research fellow program in Africa, supporting local research talents to inform and influence policy, transforming education systems.
Rukmini has a treasured ambition: “every child in school and learning well”. The ASER assessment approach pioneered by her and her team revealed literacy and numeracy gaps among children who had already been attending school for a number of years. Many of India’s state governments have since adopted and adapted Pratham’s Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) approach, reaching 5 million children annually.

With the prize funding, Rukmini now has her sights set on expanding Pratham’s early years program and collaborative approach to millions more.
2019
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH
Professor Usha Goswami
Professor of Cognitive Developmental Neuroscience, University of Cambridge

One of the world’s leading researchers in the fields of literacy, neuroscience, and education, Usha’s research on linguistic rhythm patterns for reading acquisition and the neural process of rhythm perception are enabling transformative education interventions.

2019
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT
Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG
Founder and Chair Emeritus, BRAC

BRAC is one of the world’s largest NGOs. Sir Fazle (April 1936 – December 2019) viewed education as a crucial catalyst for change. His work has impacted close to 40,000 children and is continuing to empower marginalized communities across 11 countries.

2020
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH
Professor Carl Wieman
Professor of Physics & Graduate School of Education, Stanford University

Carl has pioneered the use of new teaching methods in STEM education on college-level science teaching. His PhET Interactive Simulations model has had a significant influence in transforming undergraduate education. So far, the PhET project has delivered more than 800 million simulations in 93 languages to STEM learners.

2020
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT
Ms Lucy Lake
Chief Executive Officer, CAMFED

Ms Angeline Murimirwa
Executive Director—Africa, CAMFED

The first team to take the prize, Lucy and Angeline make up the executive team of CAMFED. Together, they are amplifying the voices of marginalized females, helping every girl reach her potential and creating social change in the community.
2018
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH

Professor Larry Hedges
Chairman of the Department of Statistics, Northwestern University

Larry’s work in educational policy allows policymakers, educators, and the general public to see the evidence for ‘what works’ in education, paving the way to improve education through scientific approaches.

2018
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Professor Anant Agarwal
Founder and CEO, edX

Anant founded edX, an online learning platform which aims to provide access to high quality education at scale to learners around the world, regardless of their backgrounds.

2017
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH

Professor Carol S. Dweck
Lewis and Virginia Eaton Professor of Psychology, Stanford University

One of the world’s leading researchers in the field of motivation, Carol is recognized for her seminal work on the importance of mindsets for students’ motivation, resilience, and achievement.

2017
YIDAN PRIZE FOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Ms Vicky Colbert
Founder and Director, Fundación Escuela Nueva (FEN)

The education model Vicky developed through FEN has benefited students in more than 20,000 rural Colombian schools, and has been adopted in 19 countries.
Unsure about something?

We understand that there’s a great deal of detail to take in when you’re nominating someone or being nominated. Here’s where to find more information.

To learn more about the Prize’s philosophy and processes, take a [look at our website](#)

You’ll find a wealth of information about our founder, our various committees, and structures for keeping our nominations fair. You can also find links there to our social media pages where we share videos and articles that might help you understand the prize better, like speeches from previous awards presentation ceremonies and project work from our current laureates.

We’re often updating our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page

So we’d recommend treating that as your first port of call if you have issues with your nomination, or need to check any of the requirements. We cover both the broader responsibilities of the Foundation as well as the specifics—like documents and dates—of nominating someone.

And we run virtual information sessions

You can [watch last year’s](#), or sign up to our [newsletter](#) to find out about our upcoming webinars. They’re packed with tips and advice on how to make your submission stand out.

If you’re still unsure about something, reach out to our Secretariat

We have a team dedicated to keeping the nomination process ticking along, so if you have questions or concerns about your application, email [nomination@yidanprize.org](mailto:nomination@yidanprize.org).

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Start your nomination

Begin by registering for a nominator account at [nomination.yidanprize.org/](#)

Don’t forget there’s a checklist at the end of this guide to help you get started.
“Sometimes we see strong nominations, without sufficient supporting information. Please be as comprehensive as possible in your application, including relevant links and resources aligned to the key prize criteria.”

Ms Dorothy K. Gordon
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Development
Board Member, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
Checklist – what to have ready when you submit a nomination

2022 Yidan Prize

You’ll find it quicker and easier to nominate if you have everything to hand before getting started, including a list of items to collect from your nominee(s) and supporters.

Don’t forget to check that:

Everything, including the two-minute video, is in English. If it isn’t, please include an English translation or subtitles.

All together, the files you upload to support your nomination are less than 40MB in file size. That doesn’t include the two-minute video, which can be up to 200MB on its own.

The sooner you submit, the better

If you submit your nomination by 28 February 2022, we’ll look through it and let you know if you’ve missed anything. Remember: you don’t have to fill in the form in any particular order. Just save as you go and submit at the end.

If you realize you need to make a change afterwards, just log in and edit at any time up to 31 March 2022. Our judges won’t look before then.

Note: if you’re nominating a person or team for their work with an organization, the organization’s leader should be among the nominees, the nominator or a supporter (to show they endorse the nomination).
FROM THE NOMINEE(S), WE NEED:

☐ Their personal details: full name, date of birth, position, and organization; home address; cell phone number; and email.

☐ Their CV(s).

☐ A biography for each nominee (up to 200 words).

☐ A two-minute video where they explain how they would use the project funding (file size under 200MB, in one of these file formats: .MP4, .MOV, .AVI, or .M4V).

☐ A list of up to ten key countries/regions where they are conducting their work.

☐ A list of up to ten of their areas of expertise (each in ten words or fewer).

☐ For the Education Research prize, we also need:

At least one and up to five most relevant publications. These can be articles, chapters, presentations, links to videos, or more. Ideally, they are in PDF format (though we also accept links).

☐ For the Education Development prize we also need:

External independent evaluation reports on their projects. These are optional, but we encourage them to include any if available.

FROM SUPPORTERS, WE NEED:

☐ Separate recommendation letters from up to five supporters (up to 5,000 words for each). Most people include the maximum number, but you need to include at least two. If you’re nominating yourself or your team, you’ll need at least three.

☐ All supporters’ personal details: full name, position and organization; postal address; cell phone number; and email.

FROM THE NOMINATOR, WE NEED:

☐ A personal statement on why the nominee(s) should be a Yidan Prize laureate (up to 500 words).

☐ Up to 1,000 words on each of the judging criteria, explaining how the nominee(s) and their achievements are future-oriented, innovative, transformative, and sustainable.

☐ For the Education Research prize, we also need:

An explanation of the nominee(s)’ future plans.

☐ For the Education Development prize we also need:

An explanation of how the nominee(s)’ project resolves needs—how serious and widespread the problem they’re tackling is, and who it impacts.

☐ A description of the education themes of the nominee(s)’ work. You can choose one or more from: delivery systems; education and society; inclusion; policy and research; teachers, teaching and learning; technology; management and leadership; and monitoring and evaluation, assessment.

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