Everything you need to know about making a nomination

2022 Yidan Prize

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Today’s agenda

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About the Yidan Prize
We believe we can build a better world by inspiring and nurturing the most exciting ideas in education.
We award two prizes annually to individuals or up to three-member teams

Yidan Prize for Education Research

The theory of learning that can help educators understand different approaches with a methodical lens.

2017 Education Research Laureate

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

2018 Education Research Laureate

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

2019 Education Research Laureate

**Professor Usha Goswami**
Professor of Cognitive Developmental Neuroscience, University of Cambridge
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Yidan Prize for Education Development

Policy and practice in learning—new methods and ways to make quality education more widespread.

2017 Education Development Laureate
Ms Vicky Colbert
Founder and Director, Fundación Escuela Nueva (FEN)

2018 Education Development Laureate
Professor Anant Agarwal
Founder, edX

2019 Education Development Laureates
Ms Lucy Lake (left)
CEO, CAMFED
Ms Angeline Murimirwa (right)
Executive Director—Africa, CAMFED
We focus on these two areas because research and development work closely together, constantly reinforcing each other, and revealing new paths to explore.
Through our prizes, we recognize and invest in education changemakers

Each laureate receives:

• A gold medal

• A cash prize of HK$15 million (around US$3.9 million) *

• A project fund of HK$15 million*

* shared equally for teams
Why nominate for the Yidan Prize?
We want to champion big ideas in education research and practice

Our laureates use the prize to:

• expand their reach into **new regions**
• begin a **new project**, or
• **further develop** their brilliant work
Professor Carl Wieman, 2020 Yidan Prize for Education Research Laureate, is using his project fund to increase the access-to and quality of science education through his research-based science and math online learning tool—the PhET Interactive Simulations.
Using our project funding, BRAC, a Bangladesh based development organization founded by Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, 2019 Yidan Prize for Education Development Laureate, is further developing their play-based early childhood development programs in Bangladesh—and bringing it to Uganda and Tanzania.
Our laureates become an integral part of our global education community
What is the Judging Committee looking for?
Meet our independent Judging Committee
To what extent is the nominees’ work future-oriented, innovative, transformative, and sustainable?
2021 Yidan Prize for Education Research Laureate
Professor Eric A. Hanushek
Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow Hoover Institution of Stanford University

Recognizing excellence

"Like no one else, Eric has been able to link the fields of economics and education. From designing better and fairer systems for evaluating teacher performance to linking better learning outcomes to long-run economic and social progress, he has made an amazing range of education policy areas amenable to rigorous economic analysis."

Citation by Mr Andreas Schleicher
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Research
Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD
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Expanding brilliant work

"Last but not least, he is deeply committed to closing the gap between the rich and poor parts of the world through transforming education...use his expertise, his networks, and his influence to build and strengthen research capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa. His Research Fellows program is going to boost the careers of talented young African economists working on education in the region by connecting them with leading researchers around the world.

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

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

Mr Andreas Schleicher
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Research
Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills, OECD
2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development Laureate
Dr Rukmini Banerji
CEO, Pratham Education Foundation

Recognizing excellence

"Dr Rukmini Banerji and the Pratham team have a clear mission: ‘Every child in school and learning well’. A reminder that we need to focus on education quality and not just school enrolments. The solutions that they have deployed towards this goal have proven to be cost-effective and scalable with a demonstrated potential to impact globally—disruptive education innovation with transformative results."

Citation by Ms Dorothy K. Gordon
Head, Judging Panel, Yidan Prize for Education Development Board Member, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development Laureate

Dr Rukmini Banerji
CEO, Pratham Education Foundation

Expanding brilliant work

“As the adoption of ASER and TaRL spreads globally, credit must go to Dr Banerji’s exceptional managerial and academic research skills. Her conviction and creativity, and that of her team demonstrate the value of constructive questioning and evidence-based decision making.”

Citation by Ms Dorothy K. Gordon
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Board Member, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
“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. 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
How do you make a nomination?
Who is involved in the nomination process?

We encourage nominations for teams of up to three. They could be:

- Leaders of the same organization
- A research group working on a project together
- Several people contributing to the same idea from separate organizations
A simple yet robust online process

All nominations must be submitted via the nomination platform—nomination.yidanprize.org/
How do you submit a nomination?

1. Register for a nominator account at nomination.yidanprize.org/
2. Share your nominee’s (or nominees’) biography & CV
3. Explain why they deserve this accolade - how your nominee(s) meet the criteria
4. Upload a 2-min video from the nominee(s)
5. For Education Research, share the nominee’s (or nominees’) relevant publications
6. For Education Development, share independent reviews/ evaluations
7. Upload the supporters’ letters
Nomination guide

Download our nomination guide (available in English, Chinese, French, and Spanish) for all you need to know about the process.

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.
Making a strong nomination
Making the most of the two-minute video

This is the nominee’s moment to speak straight to the judges.

• It’s an opportunity to show their enthusiasm.
• They should talk through their plan for the HK$15 million project fund, as concrete as possible.
• 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 that you include English subtitles, too.
• We only use this video for judging. We won’t circulate it or publish it without permission.
Be clear about future plans

Make sure the nominees’ future plan is clear with substantial details.

Details may include...

• Scope and scale
• Potential partners
• Expected impact, etc.
Illustrate the nominees’ impact

Let the judges know where the nominees’ work is having an impact, throughout your nomination form. Such as...

• Key countries/ regions
• No. of beneficiaries
• Key partners/ collaborators
• Any plan to expand to other countries/ regions? If so, where?
Final tips

• **Apply sooner rather than later—don’t forget you can save as you go**
  
  If you apply by the end of February, we’ll let you know if there are any gaps so you can update and re-submit your nomination before the deadline.

• **Submit supporting documents** that you think would be helpful for judges to know more about the nominee(s)’ work. E.g. media coverage, review reports, etc.

• Everything needs to be submitted in **English**

• **We welcome re-submissions**
  
  We’ve updated our system; from 2020 onwards, you may make updates and submit your nomination again if you wish to do so.
Dates for your diary

Nomination deadline
31 March 2022, 12 noon Hong Kong Time (GMT+8)
*Submit by 28 February 2022—we'll let you know if there are any gaps so you can update and re-submit your nomination before the deadline.

Laureates announcement
September 2022

Awards Presentation Ceremony
December 2022
If you’re still unsure about something, reach out to our Secretariat

nomination@yidanprize.org

Useful links:
Submit a nomination
nomination.yidanprize.org/
Nomination guide (English, Chinese, French, Spanish)
yidanprize.org/the-prize/nominations/
FAQ
yidanprize.org/the-prize/nominations/frequently-asked-questions/

Our judging process is impartial and independent. Please do not approach any of our independent Judging Committee members during the judging process.