



# Award Application Form

2025-2026 Cycle



**The Zairi International Awards for Excellence in Higher Education 2026 are open for entries and will close on the 27th of December, 2025 at 20:00 UAE Time.**

- Institutions of higher education from across the globe may nominate themselves. The application should be filled by one of the senior administrators of the institution and endorsed by the head of the institution.
- All applications should be submitted in English Language using this particular form and listing all annexes accompanying the application as evidence. Whilst the quality of written English is not a criterion for assessing applications, it is strongly recommended that applicants pay particular attention to ensuring that their applications can be properly understood in English.
- The application itself should not exceed five pages in length excluding annexes. It shall be submitted in MS-Word format in a single-spaced, 12-point Arial style. All headers should be bold and all in capital letters and use 14-point Arial style.
- HEIs may not apply for two awards in the same cycle.
- Applications that do not adhere to the submission guidelines and timelines or which are incomplete will not be considered. Notification of ineligible applications will be given by the secretariat of the Award.
- Applications are evaluated through a two-stage process based on the selection criteria of each award. Shortlisted candidates will be involved in a short presentation with the jury not exceeding 20 minutes. The shortlisted finalists for each award will be announced on the 30th of January, 2025. Institutions who fail to attend the virtual interview will be automatically eliminated.

The institution \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Award:

Award of Excellence for Digital Transformation

Award of Excellence for Research Impact

Award of Excellence for Outstanding Non- Profit Contribution to the Community

Award of Excellence for Disruptive Education

Award of Excellence for Internationalization

Award of Excellence in Equity and Inclusion

## Section I: Institutional Information

<b>Country</b>	
<b>Institution Name:</b>	
<b>Legal registration/license number:</b>	
<b>Institution's URL:</b>	
<b>Head of Institution:</b>	Full Name: Designation:
<b>Type of Institution:</b>	Public      Private non-for Profit      Private for Profit Other _____
<b>Year of Establishment:</b>	
<b>Institutional Accreditation:</b>	
<b>No of Students:</b>	_____ Undergraduate      _____ Postgraduate      _____ Others
<b>No. of Programs:</b>	_____ Undergraduate      _____ Postgraduate      _____ Others
<b>Size of the Institution</b>	No of Teaching Staff _____ No. of Academic Administrative Staff _____ No. of Administrative Staff _____

## Section II: The Application

- **Description** – Include details of the institution, its context and initiative(s) or project undertaken along its aims. The write-up must explicitly describe and in short who were the beneficiary and what were the objectives and results achieved.

- **Justification** – Provide an overview of why should the HEI project(s)/ initiative(s) be considered for this particular award based on the stipulated criteria. How does it stand out ?

- **Innovation** – What innovative strategies were put in place? How did the HEI take into account various perspectives, resources, or partnerships- innovation is judged based on the context of the award

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- **Impact and Achievements** – What tangible examples of the impact, effectiveness and sustainability of the project(s) / initiative(s) undertaken by the HEI are there. Clearly explain how the project has transformed an aspect of education and the effect this is having on beneficiaries and beneficiaries. Additional details may be included as part of the annexes provided.

- **Adaptability** – Explain how the project(s) / initiative(s) can be adopted, transferred and replicated in different contexts.

### Section III: Applicant Information

Full Name:	
Position:	
eMail:	
Office Number:	+ ( )
Mobile Number:	+ ( )
Mailing Address:	

### Section IV: Contact Person for Shortlisted Institution

*This is the person that will be contacted by the jury for application which were shortlisted and who should attend the virtual meeting scheduled with the jury. If the person is the same as the applicant include only the full name*

Full Name:	
Position:	
eMail:	
Office Number:	+ ( )
Mobile Number:	+ ( )

**List the Annexes accompanying the submission**

*All annexes should be submitted in English Language and no more than 8 annexes are to be included.*

	Document Name	Brief Description of the Document & Link as Applicable
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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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### **APPLICANT**

Winning higher education institutions will be asked to select one senior representative to represent the institution. The name of the person should be communicated five days from the announcement of the award winners. Representative will be invited to join in person the award ceremony. In the instance of travelling restrictions alternative arrangements will be made and communicated in the due course to winning institutions.

### **PROMOTION & COMMUNICATION**

CLICKS reserves the right to publicize the finalists as well as winners by means of any kind of communication and through any promotional media both regionally and globally. This communication may be in the form of pictures, recordings and texts supplied by each of the shortlisted/winning institutions. It also includes description of specific projects and initiatives carried out by the institution.

### **DATA PROTECTION**

By taking part in this award, applicants agree that their personal details will be included in a database owned by CLICKS, which will be the exclusive custodian of the said details for the purpose of managing the specified award. CLICKS will not provide applicants' personal data to third parties. Applicants also have the right to refuse to be included in a database and may exercise these rights at any time by making the appropriate request in writing to [inquiries@cli-cks.com](mailto:inquiries@cli-cks.com).

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

CLICKS owns the intellectual property rights for texts, photos, films, documentaries, etc. made for the awards and also for the trademarks and logos appearing in various supporting media. Consequently, the applicants cannot use them, in whole or in part, unless they have received written specific authorization.

### **LIABILITY**

CLICKS shall not be liable if the call for application is extended, shortened, modified or cancelled, or if problems arise due to loss of materials in e-mail and/or postal services. Applicants cannot dispute the choice of Finalists or winners of the award.

### **GOVERNING LAW**

These rules for the Zairi Awards for Excellence in Higher Education are governed by the UAE law and, in the event of any dispute; such a dispute shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts in Dubai, UAE.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES**

**Applying for the Zairi Awards for Excellence in Higher Education- 2023 cycle implies full acceptance of and respect for these rules by the applicants.**

I Accept