جائزة محمد بن راشد آل مكتوم العالمية للمياه

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Water Award

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GENERAL QUESTIONS

What are the categories of award?   ⌃

The award categories are:

- Innovative Projects Award – Small Projects
- Innovative Projects Award – Large Projects
- Innovative Research and Development Award – National Institutions
- Innovative Research and Development Award – International Institutions
- Innovative Individual Award – Innovative Youth
- Innovative Individual Award – Distinguished Researcher
- Innovative Crisis Solutions Award

You can find the description of each category here

Who can apply?   ⌃

The award is open internationally to all students, companies, research institutions, and innovators who have developed renewable energy powered technologies that can produce clean drinking water in line with the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.

Whom were the winners of the previous cycles of the Award?   ⌃

You can read more about them here

Whom may I contact if I have any questions or need any clarification?   ⌃

For any questions and inquiries, please send us an email to award@suqia.ae

How many cycles has the award completed up to date?   ⌃

Three cycles.

How often is the award held?   ⌃

The award is held every 2 years.

CRITERIA

What are the evaluation criteria?   ⌃

Please refer to the Evaluation Criteria here for further details.

How will the applications be evaluated?   ⌃

All applications are screened and evaluated by the Application Team. The evaluated applications are then shortlisted based on cumulative score and assessment criteria. The final winners are selected by the Technical Committee and then raised to the Award's Executive Committee for final endorsement.

What does the term "Renewable Energy" cover?   ⌃

A renewable energy source includes solar, wind, biomass, ocean, gradient salinity and geothermal technologies. It excludes nuclear energy and carbon capture and storage systems.

For the Innovative Crisis Solutions Award, what is meant by a crisis?   ⌃

A crisis refers to any event or situation that is internationally declared as a state of emergency affecting a group, community or whole society, such as natural disasters, or catastrophic events.

Should my technology be patented?   ⌃

A patent is not a requirement for an application.

APPLICATIONS

When can I apply?   ⌃

For the 4th cycle, you can submit your applications starting from December 7th 2023 to April 30th, 2024 (Midnight UAE Time)

How can I apply?   ⌃

You may apply by first creating an account and then filling the application form, including the relevant attachments, to submit your application. To create an account please click here

Is there a cost associated with submitting an application?   ⌃

No, the application process is free of charge.

What are the requirements for applying?   ⌃

Please see the General Application Guidelines before submitting your application

In what languages can I submit the application?   ⌃

All applications must be submitted in English.

Do I need to upload a copy of passport/ID when applying?   ⌃

Yes, it is required to be able to submit the application through the online portal. Also it is required for Application Team for statistical purposes and to verify the applicant's age if applying for the Youth Award Sub Category under the Innovative Individual Award Category

How do I know which category I should apply to?   ⌃

You can find the description, requirements and targeted applicants for each category on the Categories page. Please apply to the category most appropriate /relevant to your application. The Award's Application Team may reassign your application to a more appropriate category if necessary.

In case I missed the deadline, can I still apply for the current cycle?   ⌃

The online form will remain available for a few days after the deadline. You may apply, but the Application Team reserves the right to deduct points or reject your application completely for tardiness

In case I have difficulties submitting my application, what can I do?   ⌃

Please ensure that you have filled in all the required fields and attached all the necessary documents. Please also ensure that the attachments are uploaded in the required file formats and do not exceed the file size limits stated in the application form.

If you are still facing difficulties, please email us at award@suqia.ae

I submitted my application. How will I know if it has been received?   ⌃

Upon submission of the complete online form and relevant/necessary attachments, you will receive an email confirming receipt of your application. If your application is incomplete or further information is needed, you will receive an email notification with a request to complete your application.

If you have submitted your application but have not received an email confirmation, please email us at award@suqia.ae

I applied to a previous cycle, but my application was not selected as a winning application, can I apply again?   ⌃

Yes, you may reapply. To increase the strength of your resubmitted application, please demonstrate improvements and developments to the technology or product being submitted for the award.

I applied to a previous cycle, and my application was selected as a winning application, can I apply again?   ⌃

Previous winners may submit new applications showcasing a different technology or product, but may not resubmit their winning application.

POST APPLICATIONS

Will I know if application is shortlisted or rejected?   ⌃

All applicants will receive an email notification of the status of their application. In the case that you are shortlisted, you will also be contacted by the Application Team.

When will the results / winners be announced? ⌃

The winners will be announced in an official ceremony to be held in Dubai. Keep checking our website and social media pages for news regarding the announcement of the winners and the ceremony.

If I am a winner, are my travel expenses and hotel accommodation covered for the ceremony? ⌃

If your application wins, Suqia will arrange travel and accommodation for two persons representing the winning entity and/or the project team for the Innovative Project Award, Innovative Research & Development Award and Innovative Crisis Solutions Award categories.

As for the Innovative Individual Award category, Suqia will arrange travel and accommodations for the winning applicant only. If the winning applicant is under the age of 18, Suqia will arrange travel and accommodations for the winning applicant and one legal guardian.

When will the cash awards be distributed? ⌃

If your application has been selected as a winning application, the Application Team will contact you with terms, conditions and the details of the cash awards distribution.

If my application was selected as a winning application, will Suqia claim an ownership of my technology? ⌃

Suqia will not claim ownership of any applicant's technology or process submitted for the award. Suqia may, however, be interested in further developing the technology. This will be initiated in a second stage, after reaching an agreement with the applicant/technology owner.

If my application was not selected as a winning application, will Suqia claim an ownership of my technology? ⌃

Suqia will not claim ownership of any applicant's technology or process submitted for the award and will not infringe on the applicant's rights in the submission.

My application was selected as a winning application and I have received my prize, What happens next? ⌃

If your application has been selected as a winning application, the Application Team will contact you to brief you on the post-award monitoring and reporting plan.

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