

## SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR WISE AWARDS 2019

QF initiative aims to recognize projects that address global educational challenges

The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), an initiative of Qatar Foundation, has opened submissions for the WISE Awards 2019.

Each year, the WISE Awards recognize innovative and impactful initiatives that address today's most urgent education challenges. Past projects have addressed a number of diverse topic areas related to global education, including access and inclusion, design and ecosystems, digital and multimedia, society and workforce, and youth employment.

Submissions are judged according to strict criteria. They must show innovation, have a clear development plan, and be financially stable, scalable, and replicable. They must also demonstrate a transformative impact on individuals, communities, and society.

During 2019, a panel of independent judges will select 12 projects as WISE Awards finalists, who will then be evaluated, before the six winning projects are selected by a panel of judges.

The finalists and winners gain global visibility and opportunities to collaborate via various platforms, including WISE's biennial summit and its events across the world, and through WISE communications and publications. They also receive a \$20,000 prize.

Applications and nominations can be submitted at [www.wise-qatar.org/wise-awards](http://www.wise-qatar.org/wise-awards) from today until 1pm GMT on January 15, 2019.

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### **About the WISE Awards:**

Every year the WISE Awards recognize and promote six successful innovative projects that are addressing global education challenges. Since 2009, WISE has received over 3,000 applications from more than 150 countries. To date, 60 projects from a wide variety of sectors and locations have won the WISE Awards for their innovation, positive contribution and potential for scalability and adaptability. These projects represent a growing resource of expertise and sound education practice. WISE is building a community of education innovators which offers a fertile environment for ground-breaking collaboration. Today the WISE Awards network is comprised of pioneering projects that are helping bring real change to societies and communities.

The six winning projects for 2018 WISE Awards, along with the runners-up, will be invited to attend future WISE events around the world.

### **About the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE):**

The World Innovation Summit for Education was established by Qatar Foundation in 2009 under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative, evidence-based thinking, debate, and purposeful action in education. Through the biennial summit, collaborative research and a range of on-going programs, WISE is a global reference in new approaches to education. The next global Summit will take place in Doha from October 28-30, 2019.

For further information about WISE, visit [www.wise-qatar.org](http://www.wise-qatar.org)