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Subject: **Call for nominations for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby have the honour of launching the call for nominations for the 2021 edition of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, on the theme **“Inclusive distance and digital literacy learning”**.

Established in 1967, these Prizes are sponsored by the Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China, and respectively reward the three laureates of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prizes, and the three laureates of the UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy. Each year, they are awarded to individuals, governments, and non-governmental organizations in recognition of their distinguished contribution to the promotion of literacy.

Nominations must take into consideration this year's theme, as well as the thematic vision of each Prize, which is “mother language-based literacy development” for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, and “the promotion of literacy, including functional literacy, leveraging technological environments, in support of adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth” for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy.

The nomination process will take place via our online platform. Applicants can access the online application form by requesting access through the following link: www.unesco.org/ilp/account.

I would like to invite your Member State to submit nominations for this year's edition of the Prizes, in English or French by **27 June 2021 at the very latest**. All nominations should be submitted in consultation with your respective National Commission for UNESCO.

UNESCO invites you to widely disseminate this call for nominations in your country among local public education, learning and training institutions, public and private organizations and other stakeholders involved in literacy programmes.

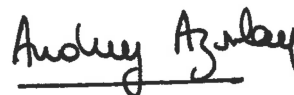
Further information on the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes and the nomination process can be found at: <http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes>.

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Any enquiries regarding the nomination process can be addressed to the Secretariat of the Prizes (Section of Youth, Literacy and Skills Development, Education Sector, tel.: +33 1 45 68 08 59; e-mail: literacyprizes@unesco.org).

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Audrey Azoulay
Director-General

Enclosures: Statutes of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize
Statutes of the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy
Leaflet on the nomination process

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO
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UNESCO International Literacy Prizes

Call for applications and nominations

Deadline: 27 June 2021

Inclusive distance and digital literacy learning

Every year, the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes reward excellence and innovation in the field of literacy around the world to promote effective and innovative practices and encourage dynamic literate societies.

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UNESCO International Literacy Prizes



UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize

Supported by the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Prize rewards activities that promote mother language-based literacy development.



UNESCO Confucius Prize For Literacy

Supported by the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Prize rewards activities that promote literacy, including functional literacy, leveraging technological environments, in support of adults in rural areas and out-of-school youth.

The process is composed of an application and a nomination:

Deadline for applications:

13 June 2021

Deadline for nominations:

27 June 2021

Who can apply?

- Individuals, institutions and organizations promoting literacy.
- Specific projects with a proven record of innovate work in the field of literacy for at least three years.
- Projects that have not been awarded the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes in the past five years.

How to apply?

- Request your user account through this [link www.unesco.org/ilp/account](http://www.unesco.org/ilp/account). You will then be able to proceed to the online application form.
- Fill in and submit the electronic application form in English or French to UNESCO's Secretariat via the concerned Member States through the National Commission for UNESCO by **13 June 2021** (midnight, Paris time). If applying through an International Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), which maintains official relations with UNESCO, please provide project information and request a nomination letter directly from the NGO, to be attached to the electronic application form by **27 June 2021**.

For Member States and NGOs: How to nominate?

National Commissions: You will receive a notification by email (associated to your UNESCO account) every time applicants wish you to nominate their applications. Please review the submissions received, and nominate up to three applications for the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy and up to three applications for the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize. Submit the nominations with written recommendations to UNESCO by **27 June 2021** (midnight, Paris time), using the link in the notification email.

NGOs: If solicited, review the candidature(s) and send a letter of nomination to the chosen applicant(s) directly, which they can attach to the electronic application form.

Contact us

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<http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes>



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UNESCO International Literacy Prizes



The 2021 call for applications and nominations (<https://en.unesco.org/news/call-applications-and-nominations-2021-edition-unesco-international-literacy-prizes>) is now open.

The theme for this year is "Inclusive distance and digital literacy learning"

Since 1967, UNESCO International Literacy Prizes have rewarded excellence and innovation in the field of literacy. Over 500 projects and programmes undertaken by governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals around the world have been recognized. Through these prestigious Prizes, UNESCO seeks to support effective literacy practices and encourages the promotion of dynamic literate societies.

Currently there are two UNESCO International Literacy Prizes:

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• The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize (3 awards)

Established in 1989, with the support of the Government of the Republic of Korea. It gives special consideration to mother language-based literacy development.

- Read the statutes (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000373186#page=6>).

Each of the three UNESCO King Sejong prizewinners receives a medal, a diploma and US\$20.000.

• The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy (3 awards)

The UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, established in 2005, with the support of the Government of the People's Republic of China. It gives special consideration functional literacy, leveraging technological environments, in support of adults in rural areas and out-of-school Youth.

- Read the statutes (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000375775>).

Each of the three UNESCO Confucius prizewinners receives a medal, a diploma and US\$30.000.

The winners of UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2020 were announced by the Director-General of UNESCO (<https://en.unesco.org/news/while-covid-crisis-increases-inequalities-unesco-recalls-reading-basis-development>) on 7 September 2020, following the recommendations of an international jury (<http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/jury>).

Previous laureates

• 2019	(https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2019)	-	2018
	(https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2018)	-	2017
	(https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2017)	-	2016
	(http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002457/245749e.pdf)	-	2015
	(http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0023/002342/234233e.pdf)	-	2014
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	(http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0015/001537/153799e.pdf)	-	2006
	(https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000146430)		

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Selection process for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes
(<https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/selection>)

2020 Laureates of UNESCO Literacy Prizes (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2020>)

2019 Laureates of UNESCO Literacy Prizes (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2019>)

2018 Laureates of UNESCO Literacy Prizes (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2018>)

2017 Laureates of UNESCO Literacy Prizes (<https://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy/prizes/2017>)

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(<https://en.unesco.org/news/call-applications-and-nominations-2021-edition-unesco-international-literacy-prizes>)

30 April 2021

Call for applications and nominations for the 2021 edition of UNESCO International Literacy Prizes
(<https://en.unesco.org/news/call-applications-and-nominations-2021-edition-unesco-international-literacy-prizes>)



(<https://en.unesco.org/news/minority-language-speakers-risk-being-left-behind-covid-19-education-response>)

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17 February 2021

Minority language speakers risk being left behind in COVID-19 education response

(<https://en.unesco.org/news/minority-language-speakers-risk-being-left-behind-covid-19-education-response>)



(<https://en.unesco.org/news/nepalese-ngo-providing-literacy-classes-senior-citizens-receives-unesco-king-sejong-literacy>)

21 January 2021

Nepalese NGO providing literacy classes to senior citizens receives the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize (<https://en.unesco.org/news/nepalese-ngo-providing-literacy-classes-senior-citizens-receives-unesco-king-sejong-literacy>)

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UNESCO international literacy prizes 2020: literacy teaching and learning, trend analysis of nominated applications (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374861>)

(<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374118>)

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2020 winners of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, Teaching and learning literacy (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374118>)

more (<https://en.unesco.org/node/277068/publications>)

LINKS:

- Statutes of the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000373186.page=6>)
- Statutes of UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy (<https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000375775>)
- Frequently asked questions (<https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/unesco-literacy-prizes-2018-faq-en.pdf>)

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