



Education
Excellence
Day
Supports
the High
Standards
Required
of
Advanced
Nations

High-quality, excellent education that keeps pace with an ever-changing global marketplace is the only way to ensure the development of a talented, highly-qualified workforce that enables modern nations to remain competitive with the most advanced countries in the knowledge economy.

Qatar is ensuring its human capital and knowledge base will be globally competitive by developing a world-class education system. It is fostering an environment that incubates creativity, excellence and a healthy spirit of competition that will inspire Qataris at all education levels to be the best they can be, fueling meaningful economic and social change. In that spirit, the Supreme Education Council honors top students, teachers and institutions on Education Excellence Day every year, encouraging students to pursue academic success and teachers and institutions to improve educational outcomes to meet global standards.

The award honors high school graduates, university graduates, PhD holders, teachers, schools and research projects. The award features two categories: platinum and gold. Winners also receive certificates as well as financial awards.

A distinguished committee that includes education experts determines the winners in what is typically a very rigorous competition. Every year, the judges examine the work of each competitor closely to ensure authenticity and credibility. The committee operates under the guidance of the SEC chairperson, His Highness the Heir Apparent Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad and makes its judgments and assessments in a neutral and transparent fashion. The SEC Secretary General Her Excellency Mrs. Sheikha Al Mahmoud leads a board of trustees that provides additional oversight of the award's administration. The trustees establish general policies for the award, its guiding principles, and directives, and oversee several subcommittees that handle matters such as finances, and award development.

Criteria and Conditions for High School Graduates:

The student must be Qatari and attending a secondary school in Qatar. The student must have obtained his or her secondary certificate in the current academic year, and must have an overall minimum of 95 percent score in each of the last three academic years. The student must obtain 90 percent of the total score of the evaluation criteria to receive a platinum medal, and 85 percent of the total score of the evaluation criteria for a gold medal. The selection criteria include a number of personal characteristics, including: behavioral commitment, leadership, fluency in speaking and expression, and a capacity for dialogue and discussion. The student must also demonstrate a commitment to self-development by participating in training courses, symposiums, conferences, and lectures, visiting the library, and participating in scientific visits. Students who meet the selection criteria but do not win medals, will receive certificates.

Criteria and conditions for Schools

The school must not have received an excellence award in previous three years. The student population must be at least 60 percent Qatari. The school must meet 80 percent of the total score of selection criteria in areas such as, leadership and school administration, resource management, professional development, educational performance, learning environment, school activities, and parental and community participation.

Criteria and Conditions for Teachers

To be considered for the award, a teacher must be Qatari with a minimum of five years experience and possess the title "teacher." He or she must have a Bachelor's degree in education, and has received a score of at least 90 percent on his or her performance evaluation in each of the last three years. The teacher may not have received the EED award within the last three years. Teachers must also demonstrate a commitment to their profession and a strong moral character. Teachers are evaluated on the basis of planning, teaching and learning, excellence in the preparation of students, participation

in professional development activities, and assistance in the development of partnership with parents and schools.

Criteria and Conditions for University Students

The university student must be Qatari who has graduated from one of the SEC's recognized universities within the last year. The student must achieve a 3.6 Grade Point average or higher and a score of at least 90 percent on the personal assessment, which evaluates students' self-developmental skills, activities and competitions, community contributions and scientific research.

Criteria and Conditions for PhD recipients

The nominee must be Qatari who has obtained a PhD within the current academic year. The applicant must have obtained the degree with honors from one of the SEC's recognized universities.

Criteria and Conditions for Educational Research

The nominee must be Qatari from a secondary school whose research has not received an award in the previous three years in Qatar or abroad. The nominee must score at least an 80 percent on the evaluation, which evaluates the research based on: creativity and originality, justification of the importance of the research, and demonstration of scientific reasoning. The research must be accurate, well-organized and demonstrate clear thinking.

In addition to the awards' financial value, each winner receives a high level of spiritual and prestigious recognition. The SEC has discovered that winners who have been deemed "excellent" have further enriched their intellectual potential and scientific capabilities, proving that investments in human beings are highly valuable.

Qatar will continue to foster excellence and creativity, preparing the community to be a more enriching environment that facilitates the learning process. By encouraging the development of future generations to achieve excellence in education and beyond, Qatar will continue to grow and flourish in the modern world.



The 2007 – 2008 Education Excellence Award Recipients

Outstanding PhD holders

- Dr. Dana Ali Al Abdulmalik
- Department of Physics,
- University of Bath, UK
- Positron Physics

Outstanding Secondary School Graduates

Platinum Medal:

- Asmaa Saleh Mubarak Al Mohannadi
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls
- Najla Ghaith Mohammed Al Kuwari
- Al Shaymaa Secondary School for Girls
- Fatima Khalil I. H. Ali - Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls
- Noof Abdulrahman H. Abdulrahman
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls
- Kaltham Sultan Ibrahim Al Kuwari
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls
- Ghalya Sultan Joha Al-Abdulla
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls
- Alanoud Ali M. Al Arji
- Al Gwairya Secondary School for Girls
- Ahmed Ali Ahmed Al Fahad Al Kuwari
- Al Forqan Secondary School for Boys
- Mohammed Ibrahim M. Al Mulla
- Omar Bin Al Khattab Educational Complex for Boys

Gold Medal:

- Fatima Ahmad Khalifa Al Kuwari
- Al Shaymaa Secondary School for Girls
- Rashid Mohammed Rashid Al Marri
- Al Andalus Secondary School for Boys



- Shahd Jamal Alawami Al Hajri
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls

- Fatima Essa M. Al Thawadi
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls

- Amna Ahmad Fakhri Al Fakhri
- Amna Bint Wahab Independent Secondary School for Girls

- Alanoud Hamad Abdulla Al Thani
- Qatar Academy

- Buthaina Mohammed A. Al Emadi
- Al Bayan Educational Complex for Girls

- Maytha Rashid Nasse Al Nuaimi
- Al Shaymaa Secondary School for Girls

- Moza Mohammed S. A. Al Maadeed
- Umm Ayman Secondary School

Outstanding Scientific Research

- Haya Salem Mohammed Al Fuhaidi Al Marri
- Al Ieman Independent Secondary School for Girls
- Research: "Causes of Weakness in English Language Among Secondary Students in Qatar"

Outstanding School

- Abu Baker Asedeeq Independent School for Boys

Outstanding Teacher

Primary level:

- Haya Nasser misfer Al Shahwani
- Brooq Independent Primary School for Girls

Preparatory level:

No candidate met the criteria

Secondary level:

- Shaikha Mohammed Saad Al Rumaihi
- Al Shaymaa Secondary School for Girls

Outstanding University Graduates

Platinum Medal:

- Jehan A. Ghafour Shahab Al Rayahi
- Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar
- Khalid Abdulrahman Yousef Al Khulaifi
- Weill Cornell Medical Collage in Qatar

- Sara Mohsin Jumaan Al Saadi
- Texas A & M at Qatar
- Ali A. R. Dashti
- Texas A & M at Qatar

Gold Medal:

- Hessa Ibrahim Mohammed Al Missned
- Texas A & M University at Qatar

- Noora Hamad Abdulrahman Al Saad
- Carnegie Melon

- Sara Abdulhameed Mohammed Mustafawi
- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar

- Amna Khalil Ibrahim Al Hail
- Qatar University

- Ahmed Y. Janahi
- University of Leeds, UK

- Shaikha Ali Hassan Al Mansouri
- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar

- Esraa Ahmed Al Ibrahim
- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar

- Malka Salem D. A. Al Kuwari
- Qatar University

- Haya Mohammed Mubarak Al Khayarin
- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar

- Ghalia Abdulrahman Nasser Al Thani
- Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar