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TEACHER DEVELOPMENT - Global Schools Prize

Celebrates schools that invest deeply in the professional growth, training, and wellbeing of their teachers, recognising them as central to education transformation.

Applicant's Full Name

In which language are you completing this form?

Please specify the language in which you are filling out the form.

First Name

Last Name

Email address

Job title

Name of school

School website (optional)

Please enter your school's website URL.

Country

Which town or city is your school located in?

Which state or province is your school located in?

School address

How did you find out about the Global Schools Prize? (optional)

- Social media
- News / article
- School
- Varkey Foundation
- Other

Which age or grade levels does your school serve?

- Early Years / Preschool
- Primary / Elementary
- Lower Secondary / Middle School / Junior High
- Upper Secondary / High School
- Senior Secondary (Post-16 / College Prep)
- Other

Age range of students (for example 4-10 years)

How many students attend your school?

- All prize applications will undergo a thorough check for AI-generated content, and any use of such content could lead to disqualification.
- You may include up to two web links per answer; responses with more will not be reviewed.

Your School's Story

500
words

Tell us about your school —its background, context and mission. Share the achievements you are most proud of, as well as the challenges your students or community have faced. Highlight what makes your school unique: the innovations you've introduced, the resilience you've shown, and the impact you've had on students, teachers, and the wider community. Inspire us with why your school deserves to win the Global Schools Prize.

Ongoing Professional Learning and Growth

(optional) 350
words

Q1. How does your school provide high-quality, ongoing professional learning for teachers that is responsive to changing educational needs?

Judging Focus: Frequency, quality, and relevance of training; alignment with school improvement priorities.

Ongoing Professional Learning and Growth

(optional) 350
words

Q2. How do you ensure that professional learning is applied in classroom teaching and leads to measurable improvements and student outcomes?

Judging Focus: Systems for application; examples of practice change; evidence of impact.

Professional Leadership and Empowerment

(optional) 350
words

Q3. In what ways are teachers, at all levels, trusted to shape school life and contribute to decision-making, for example, in areas like mentoring, curriculum, or policy?

Judging Focus: Authenticity of teacher influence; examples of changes or developments made due to teacher input.

Professional Leadership and Empowerment

(optional) 350
words

Q4. How does your school intentionally support teachers to grow into leadership roles, and how do you track their progression over time?

Judging Focus: Leadership pathways; mentoring and training; evidence of teacher career development.

Equity in Access to Development Opportunities

(optional) 350
words

Q5. How do you ensure all teachers have fair access to professional development, regardless of background, experience, or role?

Judging Focus: Transparency of access; equitable distribution of resources; monitoring participation.

Equity in Access to Development Opportunities

(optional) 350
words

Q6. How does your school identify and meet the specific development needs of early-career teachers, staff in under-resourced contexts, and those from underrepresented groups?

Judging Focus: Targeted support strategies; evidence of inclusion goals being met.

Staff Wellbeing and Work Environment

(optional) 350
words

Q7. How does your school actively support teacher wellbeing and link it to retention and professional satisfaction?

Judging Focus: Quality and uptake of wellbeing initiatives; evidence of improved recruitment, retention, engagement/morale.

Staff Wellbeing and Work Environment

(optional) 350
words

Q8. What support systems (e.g., peer networks, flexible working options, mental health resources,) are available, and how are they used and valued by staff?

Judging Focus: Accessibility, utilisation rates, and staff feedback on effectiveness.

Staff Wellbeing and Work Environment

(optional) 350
words

Q9. How do you foster a collaborative, respectful professional culture, and how do you measure its success?

Judging Focus: Examples of collaboration; survey data or qualitative feedback; objective measures, such as low turnover indicators.

Impact and Continuous Improvement

(optional) 350
words

Q10. How does your school evaluate and improve its teacher development programmes over time?

Judging Focus: Feedback loops; adaptation based on results; sustainability of improvement efforts.

Use of the Prize Funds

300
words

If your school were to win the Prize, how would you plan to use the funds? Please share any initiatives or projects your school is passionate about that could be strengthened by this support — for example, teaching innovations, sustainability efforts, student or community programs, or projects that would benefit from the funding and global recognition the Prize provides.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE

Please provide the following evidence to support your application

1. Reference Letter:

From your current or recent school/institution (within the past 2 years). It should include:

- The applicant's full name, job title, school name, subject(s) taught, and the length of employment.
- School/institution name and address, referee's full name, job title, and relationship to applicant.
- A statement endorsing the applicant as an educator or for the Global Teacher Prize.

1. Proof of official or public recognition (e.g., from governments, institutions, NGOs, UN, media appearances).

Optional

2. Additional documents

Optional: photos or URLs to support your application

Guidelines:

- Max 10 files total (text, image, audio, or video).
- Supporting files: should be limited to 2 pages each, no links. Formats: JPEG/PDF (other formats accepted), max 5MB each.
- Video: may be hosted on platforms like YouTube. Provide active public URLs.
- Do not upload extra answers to application questions—only responses in the application form will be reviewed.
- All supporting documents can be uploaded in the original language.

GLOBAL SCHOOLS PRIZE

Please provide the following evidence to support your application:

1. Please upload proof of any awards, certifications, accreditations, or other forms of recognition your school has received, whether national or international (e.g., IB, Cambridge, government inspections, UNESCO programs, or similar achievements).

2. Additional documents

Optional: documents, photos or videos to support your application

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Video URL 1 (optional)

Video URL 2 (optional)

By submitting your application you are giving your consent to receiving updates on the prize and the Varkey Foundation. You will be able to unsubscribe at any time.