



ZAYED
SUSTAINABILITY
PRIZE



GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOLS BROCHURE

OUR STORY



The Zayed Sustainability Prize, a tribute to the visionary legacy of the UAE's founding father, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, stands as a beacon of hope and progress for sustainable development. This prestigious award honours and empowers those who are driving transformative change across the categories of Health, Food, Energy, Water, Climate Action, and Global High Schools.

Each year, the Prize rewards organisations and high schools for their groundbreaking solutions, fostering innovation on global challenges. Over the past 18 years, through its 139 winners, the Prize has

positively impacted over 400 million lives worldwide. By recognising these innovators, the Zayed Sustainability Prize inspires countless others to amplify their efforts, creating a positive ripple effect.

The Zayed Sustainability Prize aims to create a better world by advancing sustainable progress, ensuring a legacy of enduring impact on humanity and the planet. This Prize is more than an award; it's a catalyst for global impact, a celebration of human ingenuity, and a commitment to shaping a sustainable future for all.

GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOLS CATEGORY

Since its introduction in 2012, this category awards six high schools, from six world regions, that can demonstrate a project plan that will deliver impact, innovation and inspiration to their school and/or local community. Schools must propose projects to be implemented within 12-24 months of receiving the Prize, with tangible outcomes in the areas of sustainable health, food, energy and water.

These projects should be designed to deliver positive impact, including access to quality education, and ensuring students are given key skills and enhanced abilities to achieve their goals.

Ideally, projects should demonstrate new and innovative approaches and be inspirational for others. Winning schools will be awarded US \$150,000 to transform their sustainability visions into reality. Finalist schools will be awarded US \$25,000.

The Global High Schools category's six world regions are:

1. The Americas
2. Sub-Saharan Africa
3. Middle East & North Africa
4. Europe & Central Asia
5. South Asia
6. East Asia & Pacific

It is important to note that funds cannot be used for general school infrastructure projects. In addition, at least 80% of the funds must be dedicated to expenses directly related to the proposed solution or technology.



MAKING AN IMPACT

Everyone has the power to make a difference. We recognise that many of the world's best ideas – those that will create a more sustainable future – begin with our youth. The Global High Schools category was created to empower students to take action and make their sustainable projects a reality.

Previous winners have demonstrated that when empowered with adequate resources and guidance, the creativity and innovation of young minds can significantly transform their communities.

Since the first Global High Schools awards, presented in 2013, Prize winners in this category have positively improved the lives of 83,000 students across the world.



Learn more about past high school winners on www.ZayedSustainabilityPrize.com

SUBMISSIONS TIMELINE



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
KEY DATES IN
OUR CURRENT
PRIZE CYCLE

26 JAN 2026	Launch of Submissions
22 JUN 2026	Close of Submissions
JULY 2026	Due Diligence Completed
AUG 2026	Selection Committee Deliberation
15 SEPT 2026	Jury Meeting
12 JAN 2027	Awards Ceremony

HOW TO APPLY

You can submit your project on our dedicated online portal.
Your school can register on our website and follow the steps below:

- 1** Set up a student-led project team, which can be made up of students, teachers, administrators as well as parents and/or members of your community
- 2** Research potential sustainability projects and talk to experts
- 3** Set up a project plan and explain what you want to do and how much it will cost
- 4** Familiarise yourself with the submission process, online portal and fill out the form
- 5** When you are satisfied with all the details on the entry form, click the submit button

If you do not wish to submit all information in one sitting, you may save the information and return to it at any time before the final submission date.

If you have questions at any time during the submission process, please contact us. We are here to help.

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