



GLOBAL BEST AWARDS @ IPN2018
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
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ABOUT THE IPN

The International education business Partnership Network (IPN) is a global network of education, business, government and community organizations working in partnership to achieve valuable economic and social outcomes.

The IPN delivers a biennial international conference that brings together experts and practitioners in education-business partnerships from around the world. The conference enables opportunities for collaborative learning and global networking.

GLOBAL BEST AWARDS 2018

The International education business Partnership Network (IPN), is pleased to announce the opening of our *call for submissions* for the 2018 Global Best Awards.

The 2018 Global Best Awards celebrate partnerships between educational institutions, private businesses and other stakeholders that enhance youth employability through collaboration. These partnerships enhance job-relevant experiential learning leading to increased educational attainment and advanced skills development.

Award winners will be honoured and showcased at the 14th International education business Partnership Conference having a special theme on *Youth Employability-Partnership Solutions*. Global Best Award Awardees (From each of the award categories) will be selected from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia, Australia & Oceania; Europe; Global / Multi-Regional, Middle East, North-America; South America. An overall global winner will then be selected, from successful Awardees in each category (6 Awards), and finally an overall Global Best Award will be announced (1 award).



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To enter the 2018 Global Best Awards, submissions must:

- involve a partnership between educational and business organizations. Educational institutions can include public or private schools (at any level), training providers, private businesses working in the education sector, community service providers delivering an educational service, or any government department or agency responsible for education and training. Business organizations can include any small, medium, or large enterprise;
- have at least one representative of the partnership registered as a paying delegate at the 14th International education business Partnership Conference and be able to present the partnership at the Conference; and
- be relevant to the themes of the 2018 IPN Conference and the categories identified below

CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. Youth Employability Skills

Submissions in this category involve partnerships that:

- promote the development of employability skills among youth
- provide youth with tools, experience, and avenues for showcasing their employability skills to potential employers

2. Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Skills

Submissions in this category involve partnerships that:

- support youth in learning about entrepreneurship through both schooling and exposure to entrepreneurial mentors and networks
- guide youth in taking decisions about when, with whom, and how to create viable businesses

3. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Submissions in this category involve partnerships that:

- inspire youth to pursue careers in STEM fields;
- enhance youth employability in STEM-related jobs

4. Partnerships Crossing Boundaries

Submissions in this category involve partnerships that:

- create linkages across geographic jurisdictions;
- create bridges between different socio-economic, cultural, or demographic groups

5. Innovative and Creative Partnerships

Submissions in this category involve partnerships that:

- build new, and unique shared initiatives;
- test bold ideas designed to explore new possibilities

6. Partnerships Which Build Learning Communities

Submissions in this category involve partnerships that:

- construct, manage or maintain on-going networks of learners;
- involve an actual or virtual space for gathering learning communities

Applicants can apply in any one of the six categories, however, if applicants are applying in the categories which reflect the themes of IPN2014 (categories 1-3) we would encourage them, where possible to also identify which of the overarching categories (categories 3-6) is relevant for their project

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Global Best Award submissions are evaluated against the following criteria:

- Enhanced employability
- Extent of experiential learning
- Knowledge transfer of employability skills
- Youth involvement in design and operation of the partnership
- Replicability of the partnership
- Recognition of excellence

Submissions will be assessed by expert judges who can award between 0 and 5 points for each criteria.

Assessments are made on the following scale:

0 = does not meet the criteria at all

1 = the submission is unclear on this criteria making it hard to judge

2 = the submission makes a weak case

3 = no evidence, but the submission makes a very credible case

4 = some evidence of the submission meeting this criteria (demonstrable measures)

5 = exceptionally strong evidence of the submission meeting this criteria (demonstrable measures and evidence of results)

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

Organizations entering an eligible submission for a Global Best Award can expect:

- Enhanced awareness of their partnership among key leaders and experts globally recognized for their experience and networks
- Recognition in a gallery of excellence on the IPN web site and elsewhere.
- An invitation to the International education-business Partnership conference and discounted registration for any additional members of the partnership beyond the first registrant.

Awardees of Global Best Awards can expect:

- Recognition as a Global Best Award recipient, including the presentation of a distinctive trophy, at a special awards ceremony at the 14th International education business Partnership Conference 2018: *Youth Employability-Partnership Solutions Conference, October 2018, Houston, Texas, USA.*
- Recognition as a Global Best Awardee, including an Award Certificate from the IPN.
- Recognition as a Global Best Awardee, on the IPN website and throughout our Global Network.
- International publicity through the network of members, affiliates, and organizations connected through the IPN.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit following documents by 28th February, 2018.

1. A completed Entry Form;
2. A two page summary (500 words) of your partnership. This summary should include:
 - A concise overview of the partnership, its objectives and key activities
 - A description of achievements (include qualitative and quantitative measures)
3. A two-page document that presents evidence of the partnership's capacities and/or results regarding the evaluation criteria listed above.
4. The documented consent of all partners to be recognized as a winner of a Global Best Award.

Additional materials are welcome to be submitted in support of your partnership. However, please note that the judges will be evaluating the merit of your submission based only on the basis of the 2-page summary of the partnership and the 2-page presentation of evidence. If you are submitting video evidence it must be 3 minutes or less and be accessible via YouTube.

Winners will be informed by late April 2018.

Submissions should be emailed to alex@iebpn.net

The requirement to attend the Conference stems from the fundamental objective of the IPN to develop and nurture an international network of experts and practitioners involved in business-education partnerships. The Global Best Awards are reserved for those organizations committed to participating in the network, including active engagement in the 2018 Conference.

The IPN reserves the right to re-categorize submissions based on sound judgement. This will only occur in instances where the partnership submission fits into multiple categories.