



全球智慧教育大会

Global Smart Education Conference

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Global Smart Education Innovation Prize 2026

 Research Innovation Prize  Practice Innovation Prize  Technology Innovation Prize

In an era where digital and intelligent technologies are reshaping education systems worldwide, innovation is essential to expanding opportunity, advancing inclusion, and delivering lasting social impact. Developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), adaptive learning systems, immersive technologies, and data-driven insights are no longer merely tools; they are powerful enablers of more equitable, resilient, and future-ready education.

Building on the success of the past two editions, the Global Smart Education Innovation Prize 2026 invites **nominations, including self-nominations** that demonstrate excellence in harnessing technology to address critical challenges in education and training. The Prize recognises visionary innovations that advance smart education whilst promoting fairness, sustainability, and meaningful learning opportunities for all.



March 2026

Call opens



18 July 2026

Submission deadline



18-20 August 2026

Award Ceremony at GSE2026

Who Should Apply

The Prize welcomes both third-party nominations and self-nominations from across the global education ecosystem, including individuals, multidisciplinary teams, research institutions, schools, universities, non-governmental organisations, startups, and multinational organisations.

Eligible innovations may focus on, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Enhancing pedagogical practice through innovative applications of technology;
- Improving access, participation, and learning outcomes for marginalised populations and persons with disabilities;
- Developing scalable models to strengthen TVET systems and workforce development;
- Supporting pathways for employment, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning;
- Advancing research and evidence-informed practice in smart education.

Prize Categories



Research Innovation Prize

This prize recognises influential and empirically grounded innovations in smart education. Submissions may include, but are not limited to, theoretical and empirical research, as well as innovative books, academic papers, and research reports that expand the frontiers of knowledge in smart education and intelligent technologies.



Practice Innovation Prize

This prize recognises practical innovations in smart education. Submissions may include, but are not limited to, initiatives supporting the digital transformation of education at local, national, or regional levels, innovations in governance or educational practice, improvements in classroom teaching, and the development of novel pedagogical models that leverage technology to enhance quality and reach underserved learners.



Technology Innovation Prize

This prize recognises technological innovations that address key challenges in education and training through ethical, scalable, and effective solutions. Submissions may include, but are not limited to, educational equipment or tools, software systems, algorithms, and integrated technology solutions that responsibly apply technology to deliver tangible educational impact.

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated holistically against criteria including but not limited to:

- **Innovation and originality:** novelty and effective use of AI or emerging technologies;
- **Impact and Practical Value:** demonstrated educational benefits and real-world applicability;
- **Equity and Inclusion:** contribution to fair access and support for underserved learners;
- **Scalability and Sustainability:** potential for replication and long-term implementation;
- **Ethics and Responsibility:** attention to privacy, fairness, transparency, safety, and the responsible use of AI.

Submission Guidelines

The Prize accepts both third-party nominations and self-nominations. Applicants are invited to submit the following documents:

1. Submission Form of Global Smart Education Innovation Prize;
2. Supporting materials, as appropriate (e.g., reports or data showing impact, evaluation outcomes, usage or adoption figures, user feedback, certificates, patents, multimedia materials, or external validation).



Submission deadline

18 July 2026



Submission method

Email all documents to
gseprize@bnu.edu.cn



Language

All materials must be
submitted in English

Recognition & Opportunities

Awardees will be honoured at the Global Smart Education Conference (GSE) 2026. Winners will receive an official trophy and certificate, together with a monetary award. Selected innovations will also be showcased through GSE channels and partner networks, offering opportunities to share practice, strengthen partnerships, and amplify real-world impact.



Global Smart Education Innovation Prize 2025

- 3 Research Innovation Prizes
- 4 Practice Innovation Prizes
- 3 Technology Innovation Prizes

Global Smart Education Innovation Prize 2024

- 2 Research Innovation Prizes
- 4 Practice Innovation Prizes
- 2 Technology Innovation Prizes



Attachment: [Submission Form of Global Smart Education Innovation Prize](#)



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