



# The Introductory Guide and Application Form for the Outstanding Master’s Degree Holders Category



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the Merciful, the Compassionate*



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All praise is to Allah, peace and blessing be upon His Messenger Mohammed, his holy household, and his companions.

The State of Qatar has recently witnessed comprehensive developments and achievements at all levels and in all fields thanks to its wise leadership represented by His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar - May Allah Protect him.

In his recent address to the citizens and residents, His Highness the Amir stressed the need to focus on the development of educational and research institutions, on the impact of creativity, independent thinking and outstanding initiatives, and on scientific achievement for the renaissance of the State, as well as the need to raising young people on noble religious values and virtues. Besides, His Highness the Amir reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the values of hard work, determination and perseverance, and the importance of investing in achieving excellence, especially as the State is moving confidently towards the implementation of the National Development Strategy 2018-2022. Promoting the education sector has become a common subject of interest among all countries as an indispensable element and right for all citizens and a true capital for these states to invest in the human being who is, at the end, the basis of comprehensive and sustainable development.

Accordingly, the State of Qatar sought to develop its own educational system and made all means and resources available to serve this end, in a staunch belief that progress must be both quantitative and specific, which -in return- will promote quality, perfection, and excellence.

Having considered that showing appreciation to the individual gives further impetus towards excellence, the Education Excellence Award is designed to recognize key categories in the educational system and to annually celebrate their outstanding achievements that are examples for more to come. Reaching the summit requires hard work, endeavor and strong will.

For this end we will focus in the coming stage - with the assistance of Allah and the engagement of all educational institutions- on making excellence an objective for all, by reassessing our educational policies, projects and programs to take advantage of all that has been achieved so far, and to overcome any challenge by introducing the appropriate solution.

To conclude, excellence is a journey open to all but only accomplished by men and women of perfection, dedication, and determination.

Allah is the Arbiter of success,

**Dr. Mohammed Abdul Wahed Al Hammadi**  
**Minister of Education and Higher Education**



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The foundation and renaissance of any nation have always been attached to a supreme educational environment. The more a nation cares about this sector the better the outcomes are seen in its succeeding generations that proudly enjoy the spirit of leadership, productivity and innovation that enable them to achieve the nation’s progress and renaissance.

Having such a vision, the Education Excellence Day (EED) award aims at consolidating and promoting the culture of excellence in the field of education. By celebrating outstanding winners, the award is designed to create an atmosphere of competition among all educational practitioners to show the best practices with due perfection and dedication as it has been always called for by our holy religion. Allah the Almighty Says: “Be ye foremost (in seeking) Forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden [partial aya 21 of Surat Al-Hadid (the Iron)].” This is a clear call for competition and seeking excellence in all that would bring good to the Muslim and his/her nation alike.

Being subjects of true state of excellence, as reflected in its outstandingly governing policies and regime, we always witness the State of Qatar adopting and supporting excellence; starting from His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani - May Allah Protect him - who laid the foundation of a universally acclaimed state as “unique and outstanding”. Enjoying deep wisdom and insightful vision, the Father Amir made of the State of Qatar a remarkably ongoing site of construction and production, which remained so under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani -May Allah Protect him- whose inaugural speech to the nation gave further impetus towards quality and excellence. His Highness the Amir stated: *“Development and high living standards are not possible without economic growth. This is self-evident argument. But when it comes to human development, then the issue wouldn’t be limited to the concept of growth as an increase in the rate of per capita income, but it becomes the improvement of his performance, the nobility of his values, his seriousness, work productivity and devotion to the homeland. Without all these what is the worth of wealth? ... Hence, the measure of our success in education and development is not confined to what we invest in these domains, but also in the outputs that we can achieve.”*

We hereby invite all men and women of the educational field - be they students, teachers, academics or educational institutions - who are aware how big their mission in the making of this homeland of generosity is, and accordingly work with due dedication and perfection and creativity ... we invite them to take part in the Education Excellence Award that is part and parcel of the National Vision 2030 to achieve sustainable development based on the human factor.

**Allah is the Arbiter of Success**  
**Education Excellence Award Development Committee**



### Definition of the Master’s Degree:

It refers to a postgraduate degree that usually follows a bachelor’s degree and is also called a second cycle degree. A master’s degree is considered to be the final degree in some disciplines such as fine arts and can be considered a second cycle leading to doctoral studies. Usually, Masters Studies take one or two years.

There are many types of Masters, the most common ones are Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S., M.Sc.), Master of Philosophy (M. Phil.), Master of Business Administration (MBA), and many others.



## The Outstanding Researcher (Master’s Degree)

It refers to any researcher who was awarded a Master’s Degree (M.A./ M. Sc./ M. Phil./ MBA / M. Res.) in the last two academic years from one of the universities on the approved list of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and achieves a minimum score of 80% from the total score of the evaluation criteria.

### General Guidelines:

1. The candidate must complete the application form and undertake in writing the correctness of the documents attached to the application.
2. Submit an electronic version (soft copy) of all required documents.
3. Unofficial documents that do NOT contain stamp, date and signature shall be disregarded.
4. A copy of the candidate’s Curriculum Vitae (CV) should be attached to the application.
5. The candidate should submit an abstract of the master's thesis or research project in Arabic and in English if the thesis is written in English, provided that it does not exceed five pages printed in font type (Arabic Transparent) with a size of 16 for the title and 14 for the body text. English abstracts should appear in font type (Time New Roman) with a size of 16 for the title and 14 for the body text. The abstract should include the following:
  - a. Research objective and research problem.
  - b. Theoretical/Conceptual framework on which the research is based.
  - c. Research methodology and procedure.
  - d. Conclusions and recommendations.
  - e. Scientific and applied value of the research results in the field of the applicant.
  - f. Creative aspects of the research.
  - g. The addendum in the area of specialization.
  - h. Specialist skills acquired by the researcher.
6. Each application should include a letter of recommendation from the main supervisor of the thesis or research project or from the program supervisor.
- 7- Submit an electronic version (soft copy) of the master's thesis or research with the application.
- 8- The application form must be filled out through the following link to apply for the Education Excellence Award ([https://educompetitions.edu.gov.qa/scientific\\_achievement/](https://educompetitions.edu.gov.qa/scientific_achievement/)).



### Conditions for participation:

1. The candidate must be a Qatari citizen (copy of the ID card).
2. The candidate must have been awarded the master's degree in the last two academic years from one of the internationally recognized universities featuring on the approved list of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
3. The candidate should have published one of their scientific researches or has received acceptance to publish in one of the prestigious scientific journals in the area of specialization.
4. The candidate should have obtained the master’s degree in the period specified by the institution from which they graduated without studying additional years.
5. The candidate holding a master’s degree should apply for the award once and should not apply again if they win it.
6. The candidate must have accumulated at least 3.6 GPA or 90% or above in the program curricula.
7. This criterion aims to indicate the duration of obtaining the degree, and whether it is considerably less than the period specified for obtaining the degree in accordance with the awarding institution’s regulations. It should also indicate the real commitment of the researcher in adhering to the steps for conducting the scientific research.

### Conditions for competition:

- The candidate must achieve the minimum score of 80% in the evaluation criteria to compete for the award.
- The candidate must successfully pass the interview.

## Award Value

The winning outstanding researcher holding a master’s degree shall receive a gold medal, a certificate of excellence, and a cash prize of QR 50.000.



## Evaluation Criteria

### 1. Research Objective and Research Problem:

1/1 The researcher should present the objective of the research and study in a way that shows their familiarity with the material presented.

1/2 They should demonstrate how they benefited from previous studies related to the subject matter.

1/3 They should highlight the results of the area of specialization and how they were developed.

### 2. Scientific Value of the Research Topic:

This criterion aims to demonstrate the researcher's ability to write an original scientific research by adhering to the following sub-criteria:

2/1 The research should be highly authentic and represents a qualitative addition to the area of specialization.

2/2 The research should keep pace with contemporary global research trends in the area of specialization.

2/3 The research should be of high degree of importance in the State of Qatar.

### 3. Scientific Value of the Research Results:

This criterion aims to demonstrate the researcher’s ability to reach sound scientific results of scientific and procedural values that follow global changes, by achieving the following sub-criteria:

3/1 The research results should provide a scientific and qualitative addition to the area of specialization.

3/2 The results should contribute to solving the research problem in a clear procedural manner.

3/3 The results must achieve a high degree of integrity and credibility and can be used in sectors within and outside the area of specialization.

### 4. Practical Value of the Research Recommendations:

This criterion aims at demonstrating the researcher's ability to prepare a research that achieves sustainability, credibility, and realism by meeting the following sub-criteria:

4/1 The research opens the opportunity to conduct future researches of different natures.

4/2 The recommendations must achieve a high degree of integrity and credibility and can be used in sectors within and outside the area of specialization.

4/3 All recommendations must be achievable.

4/4 The research results are applicable in the State of Qatar.



### **5. Richness of Theoretical/Conceptual Framework of the Research:**

This criterion aims at demonstrating the researcher's ability to enrich the theoretical and conceptual framework of the research by adhering to the following sub-criteria:

5/1 The research should be based on reliable scientific sources, directly related to the area of specialization and other relevant areas.

5/2 The research should indicate the researcher’s awareness of scientific developments in the area of specialization and other relevant areas.

### **6. Appropriateness of the Research Methodology and Procedure:**

This criterion aims at demonstrating the researcher's ability to select the appropriate methodology and procedures by meeting the following sub-criteria:

6/1 The researcher should choose a method that is appropriate and well suited to the nature and area of the research.

6/2 All the research procedures should be identified and appropriate to the research objective and questions.

6/3 The research should have a clear plan with scientific tools and sequential ideas that highlight the sections of the study and its objectives.

### **7. Innovative Aspects of the Research:**

This criterion aims at demonstrating the researcher's ability to achieve innovation in using research tools by adhering to the following sub criteria:

7/1 The research should use multiple appropriate tools in data collection.

7/2 The research must use several statistical methods for data analysis.

7/3 The research should use a variety of methods in presenting the results.

7/4 The research should develop innovative results by analyzing and linking between the research issues and results.

### **8. Adopting Interdisciplinary Inputs:**

This criterion aims to demonstrate the relation between the area of specialization and other relevant areas in multiple instances, such as: The research idea, the research problem, the theoretical framework, the results, the recommendations, by ensuring that the research meets the following criteria:

8/1 The analysis approaches and procedures in the research should reflect the vision of interdisciplinary interconnection.

8/2 The research should invest in research mechanisms that serve the analysis linking between other relevant areas.



## 9. Scientific Works Derived from the Research:

This criterion aims to demonstrate the existence of more than one scientific work derived from the research, to provide an opportunity for various parties to benefit from the research, such as: published research or research accepted for publication in well-known scientific journals, or papers presented in conferences or chapters in books, or in specialized reports.

## 10. Quality of Organizing the Application:

This criterion aims to demonstrate the candidate's ability to organize the requirements of the application for the Education Excellence Award by meeting the following sub-criteria:

10/1 Clear indexing of the required evidences and documents.

10/2 Using one methodology in organizing and arranging the evidence for main and sub-standard.

10/3 Considering correlation and progress in the documentation of the evidence for each standard.

10/4 Clarity of the evidence and documents in terms of writing and readability.

10/5 Adhering to the important terms and guidelines in the documenting the evidences.

## 11. The Interview:

11/1 The candidate must be present at the interview on time.

11/2 The candidate must demonstrate a sequence of coherent ideas that reflect a good knowledge of the subject.

11/3 Ability to express oneself and present clear and valid ideas.

11/4 The candidate’s answer must show a deep understanding of the subject.

11/5 The candidate should demonstrate a high level of enthusiasm and self-confidence.



**Application Form**  
**Personal Information of the Researcher**

A recent  
colored  
photograph

**ID Card Number:**

**Name / family name:**  
(as per ID card)

**Sex:**

**Academic Qualification:**

**BA/BSc:**

**University:**

**Year of graduation:**

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**MA/ MBA/ MSc career:**

**University:**

**Year of graduation:**

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**Current job:**

**Address:**

**e-mail:**

**Fax:**

**Mobile:**

**Telephone:**

**P. O. Box:**



**Acknowledgement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, acknowledge the validity of the information and documents attached to the application.

Signature:

Date:    /    /

I Agree

To have my photograph featuring on the publications issued by the Ministry.

I Do Not Agree

**Important Note:**

\*Two winners will receive the Education Excellence Award for outstanding MA holders, one in the scientific field and the other in the literary field.