

Dubai Foresight Awards
Official Terms and Conditions

The Dubai Future Foundation ("DFF") has designed the Dubai Foresight Awards (the "Awards") to unite the global futures and foresight community by showcasing beacons of impact. Set out below are the official terms and conditions of the Awards, which together with the Awards Guidelines apply to and govern these Awards (collectively the "Awards Rules").

1. Eligibility: The Awards are open to individuals, teams within organisations, institutions, collaborative groups. Nominations are welcomed from any country and territory.

Participation in these Awards is restricted to individuals who are 18 years of age or older. Participants must provide valid proof of age and identity upon request to verify eligibility and reserve the right to request any additional consent forms at our sole and absolute discretion.

We reserve the right to ask for such documentation at any time during the Awards process. Failure to provide satisfactory proof of age or identity may result in disqualification from the Awards.

The following are not eligible to participate in the Awards:

- a. Employees, officers, directors, and representatives of DFF;
 - b. Judges and organisers of these Awards; and
 - c. Immediate relatives of the foregoing excluded persons.
2. Participation: Nominees do not need to be primarily identified as futurists or foresight practitioners, but their submitted work must demonstrate clear application of futures and foresight approaches. To be eligible for consideration, a Nominee's submitted work must:
 - a) have clear application of foresight and futures methodology, frameworks, approaches and/or tools;
 - b) have been implemented, published, or made publicly accessible over the past 10 years;
 - c) demonstrate evidence of impact in the category for which it is competing;
 - d) be supported by appropriate documentation, testimonials, or other credible evidence;
 - e) not have previously received a Dubai Foresight Award;
 - f) comply with all submission guidelines and requirements; and
 - g) be submitted in English.

Types of eligible submissions include but are not limited to:

- a. Methodological frameworks and tools
 - b. Research projects and publications
 - c. Policy initiatives and programmes
 - d. Educational curricula and programmes
 - e. Organisational transformation initiatives
 - f. Community engagement projects
 - g. Digital platforms and technologies
 - h. Artistic and creative works
 - i. Games and simulations
 - j. Events and experiences
 - k. Multimedia presentations
 - l. Long-term planning and strategy processes
3. Winners: The Awards will recognise submissions/projects based on their performance, as determined by the judging criteria specified below.

There are three distinct categories in the Awards:

- a. Foresight Changemakers Award: The judging criteria will be:
 - i) Innovation: Novelty and impact of the approach, framework, or methodology



- ii) Advancement: Contribution to the evolution of futures and foresight practice
- iii) Influence: Evidence of adoption or adaptation by others in the field
- b. Foresight for People Award: The judging criteria will be:
 - i) Relevance: Clear connection to human needs and/or challenges
 - ii) Effectiveness: Demonstrated positive outcomes for people or communities
 - iii) Inclusivity: Consideration of diverse perspectives and needs
- c. Foresight for the Planet Award: The judging criteria will be:
 - i) Measurable Impact: Evidence of positive outcome
 - ii) Long-term / Forward-Looking: Utilisation of extended time horizon
 - iii) Transformative Approach: Reframing / shifting awareness and understanding

(collectively referred to as “Winners”).

4. Submission Rights: By entering these Awards, You agree and expressly consent that the following information and submission components ("Your Information") may be displayed and/or announced publicly including (without limitation) in any medium, events, and platforms such as social media and the official website of DFF in perpetuity:
- Your first name
 - Your last name
 - Your nationality
 - Details of your Nomination
 - Images/photographs/video footage of You taken at the Forum

You represent and warrant that the Awards Organisers are free to use Your Information in the manner described above, as provided or as modified by us, without obtaining permission, notification, or license from any third party and without any compensation to You.

By entering into these Awards, You hereby:

- 1- Authorise all verifications required by DFF concerning your identity agree and acknowledge that You shall be disqualified from the Awards in the event of the existence of any indication of falsified, fraudulent, false, untruthful, incorrect or inexact identity or address; and
- 2- Warrant and ensure that the details of the Nomination are true and correct in all respects, and their use or possession by DFF will not cause DFF, its affiliates and/or the Awards Organisers to infringe any third-party rights or enable third parties to interfere with the rights and licenses granted to DFF, its affiliates and the Awards Organisers.

In addition to submitting your Nomination, You will be required to submit the following information as part of your enrolment in the Awards:

- First name
- Last name
- Email address
- Nationality and country of residence
- Phone number with country code
- Confirmation as to whether you will be able to travel to Dubai and attend the Forum
- Statement confirming that the details of the Nomination is true and correct in all respects.

5. Intellectual Property Rights

- a) Participants of the Awards: Each Nominee, and each Winner agrees and hereby grants to DFF and the Awards Organisers, a fully paid up, non-exclusive, assignable, sublicensable, worldwide and perpetual license to display publicly, distribute and promote your Nomination and Your winning status in the Awards, if applicable. This license includes, but is not limited to, posting or linking to your Nomination on DFF and/or other third-party websites, applications and platforms and display and promotion of your Nomination in any other media, worldwide.



- b) All intellectual property related to these Awards, including but not limited to copyrighted material, trademarks, tradenames, logos, designs, promotional materials, web pages, source codes, drawings, illustrations, slogans and representations are owned or used under license by DFF and its affiliates. All rights are reserved and nothing in these Awards Rules grants any participants any right to use any of our intellectual property in any manner whatsoever. Unauthorised copying or use of any copyrighted material or intellectual property without the express written consent of its owners is strictly prohibited.
- c) You acknowledge that any breach of these Awards Rules may result in irreparable harm and significant injury to DFF and/or the Awards Organisers. DFF is entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies it may have, to seek damage for that loss (including indirect and damage to its reputation) as well as enforce its rights by seeking and obtaining specific performance and/or injunctive relief.
- d) The provisions set out in Clause 5 regarding intellectual property rights, shall survive the termination or expiration of these Awards. This includes, but is not limited to, any licenses granted, restrictions on publication and commercialisation, and the rights to promote, publish, and distribute details of the Nominations. These rights shall continue to apply and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the termination or expiration of the Awards.

6. Awards Timeline:

- a) The Awards open for submissions in May 2026.
- b) The Awards close submissions on 15 June, 2026 (23:59 GST).
- c) The judging period for the Awards will be between July and August 2026.
- d) The three finalists for each Award category will be announced in August 2026.
- e) The Winners of the Awards will be announced in November 2026 in Dubai.

7. Submission Guidelines

Complete submissions must include:

- a) Basic Information
 - i) Name of the organisation/team/individual or their representative (i.e. point-of-contact for the Award submission)
 - ii) Relevant contact details (physical mailing address: street, apt/house number, zip code, city, province, country; website, email address, institutional email address, mobile number, alternative phone number), institutional affiliation
- b) Category Selection
 - i) Select one of the three award categories:
 - Foresight for People
 - Foresight for the Planet
 - Foresight Changemakers
- c) Work Description
 - i) Title of project/activity/initiative
 - ii) What makes this activity/initiative unique and relevant for this award? (200 words)
 - iii) Extended description of work submitted for evaluation: provide a concise overview of the project/activity, focusing on the implementation and use of foresight. Include the names and qualifications of your team members and specify the locations where the work took place. Aim for a personalised description that is clear and easy to understand, even for a reviewer from a different field. Avoid using too much specialised jargon unless it is clearly explained (2,000 words maximum)
 - iv) Why the work is worthy of an award (200 words)
- d) Evidence of Impact
 - i) Provide measures/data/other information demonstrating impact achieved
 - ii) Duration of the program/work's active implementation (dates: start date, end date)
 - iii) Specific outcomes and results attributable to the work
 - iv) Scope, scale and location of impact (local, regional, global)

- e) Supporting Materials
 - i) At least two references or testimonials (names, affiliation, email, 500 words total)
 - ii) Tick-box: agreement to contact referees
 - iii) Supporting documentation (PDFs, images, links)
 - iv) Optional: A two-minute video
 - f) Ethical Standards Declaration
 - i) Signed acceptance of terms and conditions
 - ii) Declaration of ethical standards and practices
 - iii) Confirmation of authenticity and originality
8. Prize: The Winners of the Awards will receive the following non-financial prizes ("Prizes"):
- a) Prestigious Award Presentation in Dubai - Travel assistance will be provided for the successful finalists. In the event that a group of individuals is nominated, only one representative per group will be eligible for travel assistance.
 - b) Publicity & Recognition - Inclusion in Dubai Future Foundation media and promotional materials, including on social media.
 - c) Curated Connections - The Dubai Future Foundation team will facilitate meetings designed to spark meaningful dialogue and strategic collaboration with the Global Futures Society and its broader ecosystem.
 - d) Speaking Engagements - Winners will be provided with the opportunity to showcase their work and speak about its impact in dedicated sessions.
9. Waiver of liability: DFF (including affiliates) shall, except where caused by its gross negligence, have no liability and shall be held harmless by You for any claims, demands, liability, suits, actions, proceedings, judgments, fines, losses, damages, penalties (including, without limitation, attorney's fees) in relation to personal injury or death or damage to person or property, arising from or related to these Awards, or due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, to (i) the acceptance, possession or use of the Prize; or (ii) any physical activity, travel or travel-related activity in relation to the Awards or participation in these Awards.
10. Judges: the nominees of these Awards will first be shortlisted by the Dubai Foresight Awards Committee (the "Judging Committee") set out in www.dubaifuture.ae/awards. The shortlist of 3 nominees will be provided to the DFF Executive Management Team by the Judging Committee who will make the final decision on the winner of each category. Should any Participant, or Winner be found to be approaching or trying to influence any judge or member of DFF's Executive Management Committee, directly or indirectly, this will result in immediate disqualification from the Awards.
- We reserve the right to change the judges in the Judging Committee at our sole discretion. All decisions made by the judges are final and binding. No correspondence or appeal will be taken into consideration, and no changes to the decisions will be made under any circumstance.
11. Third Party Collaborators: By participating in these Awards, you consent to us passing Your Information to third parties we collaborate with ("Third Party Collaborators") for the purpose of promoting and running the Awards and securing the Prizes.