

A Guide to Student Educational Research Competition

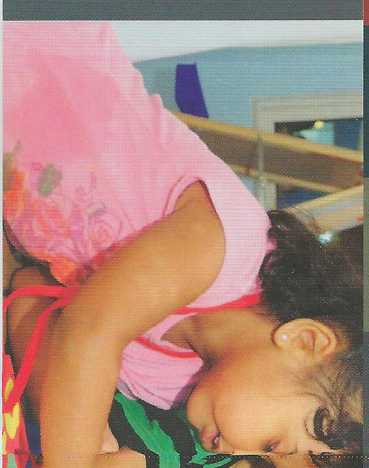


- Pouring rain starts with only one drop...
- Research is a way of life...
- Problem solving starts and ends with research...
- Research culture should be promoted among all students as a way of life..
- The outcomes of research are the catalyst of any nation's advancement...
- Objective judgment, flexible thinking, unbiased approach, and problem solving are just some of the fruits of research

Introduction

The Student Educational Research Competition is designed to encourage students to engage in research activities and acquire problem solving skills. Therefore, it will be free of most restrictions associated with the regular research process. The competition's objectives are as follows:

- Help promote research as an integral part of the personality and culture of students and community members
- Encourage students to conduct self-motivated research
- Enable all students to participate in research activities and identify, improve and develop their related skills
- Train students on researching, report writing, presentation and communication skills
- Encourage students to adopt objective thinking, respect for other viewpoints, tolerance, and persistence
- Fuel scientific competition among participating students in order to improve creativity, achieve excellence and encourage students to take initiatives
- Promote the participation of high quality research in various local, national and international competitions such as Khalifa Award for Education, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Academic Excellence, and Sharjah Award for Educational Excellence
- Emphasize the importance of education in general, and research in particular, in preparing individuals for success in life and solving problems following a structured scientific approach
- Improve research as an effective tool in preparing qualified workforce that can contribute to the socio-economic development and meet labor market needs



1- Research Competition Topics

Since the competition is being organized for the first time, it will be open to all topics and all students. In the future, participation requirements will be developed and gradual commitment with research requirements will be requested.

2- Participation Terms, Conditions and Requirements:

- 1) Applicants must be students in ADEC schools.
- 2) Research must be the work of applicant student(s) regardless of its quality.
- 3) All students have the right to participate in the competition in its first year.
- 4) Research must be of value and include recommendations for realizing academic and practical benefits in research topic area.
- 5) Applicant(s) may only submit one research at a time.
- 6) Applicant(s) must ensure that research is completely relevant to its title i.e. research title matches its content.
- 7) Applicant(s) should follow the scientific methodology of research as much as possible.



- 8) Applicants must observe grammatical rules in their research papers.
- 9) References and sources must be diversified and duly quoted and footnotes be properly used to ensure academic integrity when quoting any source.
- 10) Participating research projects, whether winning or not, will be the sole property of ADEC. Participation of high quality projects in other competitions at other levels will be considered.
- 11) Applicant(s) must abide by project delivery deadline. Projects that fail to meet requirements will be disregarded.

3- Application and Schedule

- 1- Participating research projects will be received by ADEC's Research Office by the end of March 2014
- 2- Research projects should be typed on computer in Arabic, English or any other language and sent as soft copies by email to Research-champ@adec.ac.ae. Proposals can also be saved on a flash memory and handed over to ADEC's Research Office.
- 3- The cover page of any research must carry the following information: Title of Research, Name of Researchers(s), Grade(s), Name of School, Regional

Office, Cycle and Name of Teacher(s) supervising the research.

4- Submitted research papers will be assessed by ADEC's Research Office. In general, project assessment criteria are importance & significance of research, clarity of objectives and relevance to ADEC's educational strategies & priorities.

5- Winning Projects will be announced at the end of May, 2014 and winners will be recognized & honored in a ceremony to be organized for this purpose.

4- Performance Indicators (Assessment Elements)

In general, key criteria applying to research will be disregarded in the first year of competition; however, research projects must be relevant to teaching and learning, demonstrate good effort by researchers, have clear objectives, show creativity, solve an existing problem or answer existing questions, include recommendations and outcomes and duly quote references and resources.

5- Awards and Honoring

No specific number of winners is identified for the first year. The door will be open to all students to participate and win since the competition aims to encourage as many students as possible to get engaged and enrich their research experiences.

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