



THE AI
FOR EDUCATION
AWARDS 2026

SUBMISSION GUIDE

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The **AI for Education Awards 2026** (AI4EDU26) recognise impactful and responsible uses of Artificial Intelligence in **K12 education**.

This guide helps you quickly understand how to submit your initiative and what is expected:

- an **overview of the award categories**
- a **submission checklist**
- a short section explaining **why to participate**.

Whether you are a teacher, organisation or working with student-led projects, your experience can contribute to shaping responsible AI in education.

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REAL IMPACT OVER PERFECT IDEAS.
IMPLEMENTED IN K12? SHARE YOUR WORK.

AWARD OVERVIEW

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THREE AWARD CATEGORIES:

**TEACHER
INNOVATION
AWARD**

**classroom
practice**

for teachers

**TEACHER
TRAINING
AWARD**

**professional
development**

for organisations

**STUDENT
INNOVATION
AWARD**

**student-led
projects**

*for students
with teacher guidance*

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RECOGNISING **TEACHERS** WHO BRING AI INTO THE CLASSROOM IN PEDAGOGICALLY MEANINGFUL WAYS

- Designed and implemented by teachers
- Integrated in real K12 learning contexts
- Demonstrates clear educational impact
- Grounded in responsible and ethical AI use

INNOVATION STARTS WITH **TEACHING**, NOT TECHNOLOGY

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SHOWCASING INITIATIVES THAT EMPOWER EDUCATORS

- Focused on professional development in K12 education
- Strengthens AI literacy and pedagogical practice
- Addresses ethical and societal dimensions of AI
- Demonstrates impact on teaching and school development

EMPOWERING TEACHERS IS KEY TO
SUSTAINABLE AI INTEGRATION

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CELEBRATING **STUDENT-LED** AI INITIATIVES WITHIN REAL K12 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- Students take a leading role in design and development
- Guided by teachers as mentors and supervisors
- Combines creativity, critical thinking and AI literacy
- Demonstrates responsible and ethical AI use

STUDENTS ARE NOT JUST USERS OF AI,
BUT **CREATORS OF ITS FUTURE**

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KEEP IT SIMPLE!
USE WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE.
300 WORDS. 3-MINUTE PITCH. DONE.

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

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WHAT YOU WILL NEED

1. Contact details
2. Competition track & Award category
3. Project info (300 words max.)
4. Video pitch (3' max.)
5. Supporting materials
6. Final confirmations

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STEP **1**

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

FOR PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN K12 EDUCATION

THE ENTRANT IS:

a K12 teacher

a K12 teacher submitting a student-led project

a representative of a (training) initiative for K12 teachers

PROVIDE YOUR ORGANISATION NAME

OPTIONAL: ADD TEAM MEMBERS

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STEP **2**

CHOOSE YOUR TRACK & CATEGORY

COMPETITION TRACK

EUROPEAN COMPETITION

Europe-based project

deadline for submissions
24 April 2026
award ceremony
7 May 2026, Brussels

GLOBAL COMPETITION

Open to projects worldwide

deadline for submissions
10 May 2026
award ceremony
8 July 2026, Geneva

EXTENDED DEADLINE!

AWARD CATEGORY

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STEP **3**

YOUR PROJECT INFO

WRITE A 300-WORD DESCRIPTION

Focus on pedagogy & didactics

Explain your AI approach

LIST YOUR AI TECHNOLOGIES

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STEP **4**

YOUR 3-MINUTE VIDEO PITCH

CONTENT

What to include?

Who are you?
Your educational context
Your challenge
Your AI solution & impact

TECH

Requirements

Provide a public hyperlink
Accessible without login
Available until 31 August 2026

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SUPPORTING MATERIALS

SHARE VIA ACCESSIBLE **HYPERLINKS**

PROVIDE CLEAR **EVIDENCE**

HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR PROJECT

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STEP **6**

FINAL CONFIRMATIONS

ACCEPT **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

CONFIRM PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

ENSURE **PARENTAL CONSENT**, if applicable

YOU ARE NOW READY TO SUBMIT

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WHY PARTICIPATE

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GAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION IN
BRUSSELS & GENEVA

HAVE YOUR WORK VALIDATED BY AN
INTERNATIONAL EXPERT JURY

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EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME

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READY TO **SUBMIT YOUR INITIATIVE?**

EXTENDED DEADLINE!

European deadline: **24** April 2026

Global deadline: 10 May 2026

Submit via: www.aiawards.education

Your initiative can help define how AI is used responsibly in education.

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