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ELT 2027 EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Eligibility & entry submission

ENTRY AT A GLANCE

- 1. Visit eltexcellenceawards.gr and create an account if you are a new user.
- 2. Complete your organisation details. If you are submitting an entry on behalf of a public school, select the corresponding option under Personal Details.
- 3. Select the number of categories in which you intend to submit entries.
- 4. Complete your invoicing details. If you are submitting on behalf of a school or educational organisation, enter the relevant institution's invoicing information.
- 5. Go to the My Account page and select Submit a New Entry to begin completing your entry.
- 6. To review, update or complete an existing entry, select View/Edit All Your Entries from your account.
- 7. Pay the corresponding fee and send the deposit slip to athina.k@eltnews.gr

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Any ELT educational organisation or institution is eligible to enter the ELT Excellence Awards. All activities cited in support of an entry must have been implemented within the 12 months preceding the submission date. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of experts, who will select the winners across 24 categories. The judges' decisions are final, and the judging panel reserves the right to move an entry to a more appropriate category where applicable or to reject any entry that does not meet the requirements of the ELT Excellence Awards.

The organisers reserve the right to amend submission deadlines or categories where necessary. All information and data submitted as part of an entry will be treated as confidential unless otherwise stated. Entrants should clearly identify any information or material within their entry that should not be made public. By entering the ELT Excellence Awards, institutions grant the organisers permission to use the information, data and visual materials submitted for purposes related to the presentation and promotion of the ELT Excellence Awards.

SUBMISSION & USE OF MATERIAL

All entries must be submitted online. The organisers may change deadlines and categories as appropriate. Submitted data is treated as confidential unless otherwise stated. If any element should not be made public, entrants should identify it clearly. By entering, institutions authorise the organisers to use submitted data and visuals for Awards-related presentation and promotion.

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Build a stronger entry

FOUR PARTS. ONE CLEAR STORY.

Project-based categories follow a four-part structure aligned with the evaluation criteria.

THE WHY

Vision & Purpose

What are you trying to change, improve or achieve?

THE HOW

Implementation

What did you do, and how was the initiative delivered?

THE METHOD

Approach & Tools

Which educational choices, methods and tools shaped the work?

THE IMPACT

Benefits to Learners

What changed for learners, and what evidence demonstrates the result?

ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Answer every criterion directly.
- Choose the most relevant category.
- Keep within the 500-word limit.
- Proofread before submission.
- Use concise evidence: photos, videos, charts or graphs.

From submission to ceremony

SUBMISSION FEES

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SINGLE ENTRY

225 € + 24% VAT

2-5 entries

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

€195/entry + 24% VAT

5+

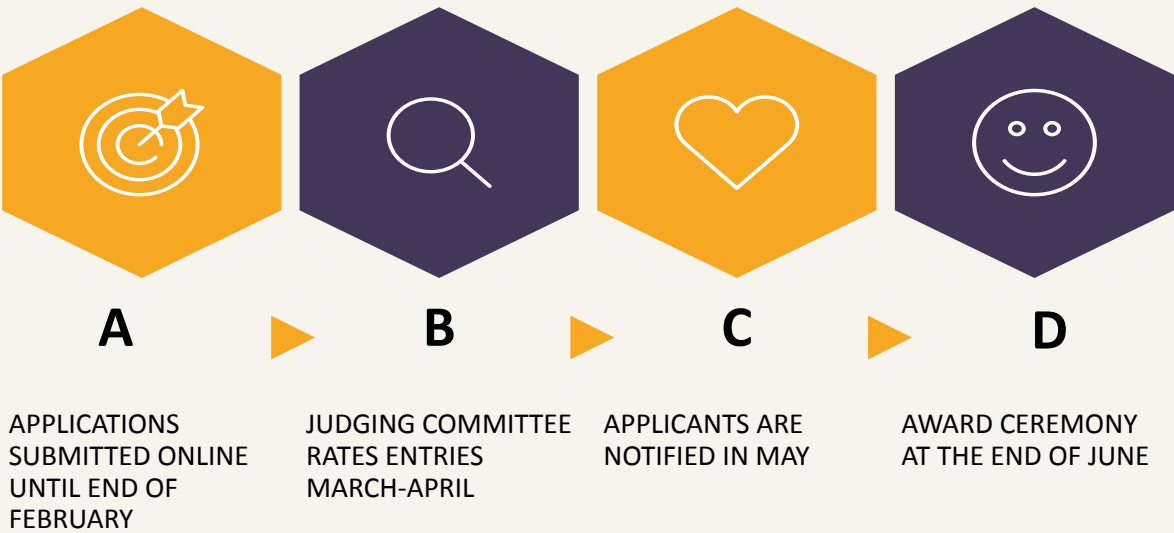
VOLUME ENTRIES

€176 / entry + 24% VAT

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

One free entry for public schools of primary, secondary or tertiary education.

JUDGING PROCESS



SCORING

The final score will be based on four equally weighted criteria:

- The Why** – Vision & Purpose - 25%
- The How** – Implementation - 25%
- The Method** – Educational Approach & Tools - 25%
- The Impact** – Benefits to Learners - 25%

Technology and AI

AI in Language Teaching

Artificial intelligence is changing the way we teach, prepare lessons and support learners. This Award celebrates the practical use of AI to improve language teaching and learning. Whether it helps create lesson materials, provide feedback, assess writing, personalise learning, support speaking practice or reduce everyday workload, it recognises ideas that make a real difference to teachers and students.

Enter this category if... you use artificial intelligence to make language teaching more effective, save time, improve feedback, personalise learning or help your students achieve better learning outcome.

Digital Innovation in Language Learning

Digital technology is opening up new ways for students to learn, communicate and collaborate. This Award celebrates creative uses of digital tools that make language learning more engaging, interactive and meaningful. Whether through learning platforms, educational apps, blended learning, podcasts, digital storytelling, virtual exchanges, gamification or other digital resources, it recognises ideas that enrich the learning experience and help students use language with confidence.

This category focuses on digital technologies other than artificial intelligence. AI-based projects should be entered in the “AI in Language Teaching” category.

Enter this category if... you use digital tools, platforms or online technologies other than AI to make language learning more engaging, interactive and effective.

Projects & Initiatives

Community and Collaboration

This Award celebrates projects that bring students, teachers, schools, parents and the wider community together through shared learning experiences. Whether through teamwork, partnerships, cultural exchanges, community projects or international collaboration, it recognises initiatives that build connections, encourage participation and make language learning more meaningful.

Enter this category if... your project brought students, teachers, schools, parents or the wider community together to learn, share ideas or work towards a common goal.

Excellence in School Events

School events create memories that last long after the lesson has ended. This Award celebrates schools that organise events which inspire, engage and bring people together through language learning. Whether through performances, competitions, festivals, exhibitions, cultural celebrations or community events, it recognises activities that encourage participation, strengthen school spirit and create meaningful experiences for students.

Enter this category if... your school has organised an event that brought language learning to life and created a memorable experience for students.

Learners

Supporting Diverse Learners

This Award celebrates educators who recognise and respond to the diverse needs of their students, creating learning experiences where everyone can participate, make progress and succeed. It recognises thoughtful teaching, flexible approaches and meaningful support that help every learner reach their full potential.

Enter this category if... you adapt your teaching to help learners with different abilities, backgrounds or learning needs participate, make progress and succeed.

Teaching Adults

Adult learners come to the classroom with different goals, experiences and motivations. This Award celebrates teachers who understand their needs and create practical, engaging lessons that help adults communicate with confidence and achieve their personal, professional or academic goals.

Enter this category if... you teach adult learners and your lessons help them achieve their personal, professional or academic goals through practical and engaging language learning.

Teaching Primary School Students

This Award celebrates teachers who create enjoyable learning experiences that help children build confidence, develop their language skills and discover a love of learning. It recognises teaching that makes young learners feel curious, motivated and eager to take part in every lesson.

Enter this category if... you teach primary school students and create enjoyable learning experiences that help children build confidence, develop their language skills and enjoy learning English.

Teaching Teenagers

Teaching teenagers is one of the most rewarding and demanding areas of language education. This Award celebrates teachers who want to inspire and engage teenage learners through meaningful teaching and learning experiences. It recognises those who help young people build confidence, strengthen their communication skills and develop a lasting connection with language learning.

Enter this category if... you teach teenagers and your lessons help them stay motivated, build confidence and develop the language skills they need for school, exams and life beyond the classroom.

Teaching Approaches

Creativity in Language Teaching

Every memorable lesson starts with a creative idea. This Award celebrates teachers who bring language learning to life through imaginative lessons, engaging activities and fresh approaches that spark curiosity and encourage students to take part. Whether through games, storytelling, projects, music, art or original classroom ideas, it recognises teaching that makes learning enjoyable, meaningful and memorable.

Enter this category if... your lessons regularly encourage students to explore, create, communicate and enjoy learning through imaginative classroom activities.

Excellence in Teaching Foreign Languages

Successful language teaching is built on consistency. This Award celebrates teachers whose everyday classroom practice helps students make steady progress through clear planning, effective teaching and a deep understanding of their learners' needs. It recognises teaching systems and classroom routines that deliver positive learning outcomes year after year.

Enter this category if... your teaching consistently helps students make progress year after year through effective classroom practice, even if you haven't introduced a new methodology or innovative project.

Innovation in language learning

Innovation is about finding better ways to help students learn. This Award celebrates teachers, schools and organisations that introduce new ideas, approaches or ways of working that improve language learning. Whether large or small, every innovation should have one goal: helping students learn more effectively, participate more actively and achieve better outcomes.

Enter this category if... you have introduced a new idea, approach or way of working that has made a real difference to language learning.

Storytelling and Drama in Language Learning

This Award celebrates teachers who use storytelling, role-play, drama and performance to make learning more engaging and meaningful. It recognises activities that encourage students to communicate with confidence, use their imagination and develop their language skills through active participation.

Enter this category if... you use storytelling, role-play, drama or performance to help students communicate more confidently and make language learning more enjoyable.

Teaching for Raising Awareness for Social Issues

This Award celebrates teachers who use real-life social, cultural and global issues to make language learning more meaningful. It recognises projects and activities that encourage students to think, discuss, collaborate and become active, responsible members of their communities.

Enter this category if... you use real-world social, cultural or global issues to help students develop their language skills while encouraging discussion, critical thinking and active participation.

Teaching through Arts & Crafts

This Award celebrates teachers who use creative, hands-on activities to make language learning more enjoyable and memorable. Whether through drawing, painting, making, designing or other creative projects, it recognises ideas that encourage communication, creativity and active participation in the classroom.

Enter this category if... you use arts, crafts and hands-on activities to help students communicate, explore ideas and enjoy learning English.

Leadership & Growth

Educational Business Award

Running a successful school or educational business takes more than great teaching. It also requires vision and smart business decisions. This Award celebrates schools and educational organisations that embrace new ideas, grow sustainably and build strong, successful businesses while continuing to provide high-quality education.

Enter this category if... your school or educational business has grown through innovation and smart business decisions while continuing to provide high-quality education.

Inspiring Learning Spaces

This Award celebrates schools that have created learning environments where students feel motivated, engaged and ready to explore. Whether through flexible classrooms, innovative learning areas, technology, reading corners or outdoor spaces, it recognises environments that enrich the language learning experience and support every learner's success.

Enter this category if... you have created learning spaces that inspire students, encourage participation and make language learning more enjoyable.

Investing in Teachers

This Award celebrates schools that invest in the professional growth and success of their teaching staff. It recognises initiatives that provide meaningful opportunities for learning, mentoring, collaboration and continuous development, helping teachers build their skills, confidence and expertise throughout their careers.

Enter this category if... your school believes that investing in teachers is the best way to improve learning and has created opportunities for teachers to learn and grow.

Online Engagement

This Award celebrates schools, teachers and organisations that use social media, websites, newsletters, podcasts, videos or other digital platforms to share knowledge, inspire others and support the wider language teaching community. It recognises those who create valuable content, encourage meaningful conversations and make a positive contribution beyond their own classroom or school.

Enter this category if... you regularly share ideas, resources or experiences through social media, websites, newsletters, podcasts, videos or other digital platforms that support and inspire the educational community.

Wellbeing in Education

This Award celebrates educators, schools and organisations that place wellbeing at the heart of education. It recognises initiatives that promote positive relationships, emotional wellbeing, belonging and a healthy learning culture, helping students and educators thrive both personally and academically.

Enter this category if... you have created initiatives that support the wellbeing of students or teachers and help make your school a happier, healthier and more supportive place to learn and work.

Top Honors – Single Winner Awards

Educational Leader of the Year

Behind every successful school or educational organisation is a leader who inspires people, supports their team and creates opportunities for others to succeed. The Educational Leader of the Year Award celebrates an individual whose leadership, vision and commitment have helped their organisation grow, strengthen its reputation and make a lasting contribution to language education.

Enter this category if... your leadership has created a positive culture, supported your team and helped your organisation achieve long-term success.

Educator of the Year Award

The Educator of the Year Award recognises a teacher whose commitment to teaching, professional growth and the wider language teaching community has made a lasting difference to students, colleagues and the profession. It celebrates a teacher who inspires others through their classroom practice, shares knowledge and contributes to the future of language education.

Enter this category if... your work has made a lasting difference not only to your students, but also to your colleagues and the wider language teaching community through your teaching, professional development and contribution to the profession.

School of the Year Award

A great school is more than a place where students learn. It is a place where teachers, students and parents work together to create a positive learning community. The School of the Year Award celebrates a school that combines high-quality teaching, strong leadership, continuous improvement and a genuine commitment to its students, staff and the wider community.

Enter this category if... your school has created a positive learning environment where students and teachers thrive, while demonstrating strong leadership, continuous improvement and a commitment to the wider community.

Why Enter?

The ELT Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate the people, projects and organisations that are making a real difference in English language education.

By entering, you showcase your work, gain visibility and become part of a vibrant community that values innovation, quality and impact.



THE BEST MARKETING TOOL

OK, word of mouth is the best advertising for your school. The second one is showcasing your work to the entire ELT community in Greece. Pass rates are no longer something to brag about. An award, however, gives you a cost effective way to promote your school in your community.



EXCELLENT PUBLICITY

Entering for the ELT Excellence Awards is always excellent news and brings a lot of positive attention and publicity. Even making it on the list of finalists in a category will generate buzz about what you do... and how well you do it. You don't want to ignore such opportunities because every little bit helps. And because your competition isn't sitting idly either.



RECEIVE RECOGNITION

An award is always given in recognition of some exceptional achievement. Whether you win or not, the more people that are familiar with your outstanding work the better.



CREDIBILITY

Educate and attract. An award makes your school stand out from the competition and has the potential to draw new customers and new employees to your business.



CONFIDENCE

Participating in the ELT Excellence Awards is a statement. It shows that you're confident in your work and that you take enough pride in it to enter a competition knowing you can win.

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