

WISE LEARNERS' VOICE 2012 LEARNER RECRUITMENT

Description of the Program

In 2009, the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development launched The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) upon the initiative of Qatar Foundation Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

WISE is building the future of education by highlighting its leading role in global development and by fostering creative thinking and purposeful action. The annual WISE Summit is an international, multi-sectoral platform which brings together over 1,000 education stakeholders and practitioners, including top decision-makers and thought-leaders from a variety of sectors in over 100 countries, to seek innovative solutions to today's educational challenges and to share best practices. The next WISE Summit is to be held in Doha, Qatar, November 13 – 15, 2012.

The Learners' Voice Program engages the skills of learners aged 18 to 25 from around the world and supports their emergence as change-makers in education.

Forty-nine WISE Learners from 31 countries participated in the 2010 and 2011 Summits as full delegates.

The students selected in 2011 have had opportunities to take part in a year-round advocacy process, working in a multinational team on the theme ***Increasing Access to Education through Innovation***. Their research, insights and solutions will be presented at the 2012 WISE Summit and possibly at other international events during 2013 and beyond.

WISE is now inviting a further 30 outstanding young learners to join this growing global community. They will be invited to attend the WISE Summit in Doha from November 13 to 15, and may be involved in activities during 2013.

Qatar Foundation will cover all fares and accommodation costs for the selected learners.

An Online Nomination and Application Process

Nominate a learner to take part in the Program

WISE invites representatives of institutions, organizations, programs and networks around the world to nominate highly motivated learners with outstanding or original academic/learning experiences to participate in the WISE Learners' Voice program. WISE is seeking to form a group of individuals from diverse educational paths and cultural backgrounds.

As a learner, apply personally to take part in the Program

For the first time, WISE is also inviting highly motivated learners to apply for the Learners' Voice program by submitting an application form which needs to be endorsed by a recommender. Please note that only the first 300 applications received will be evaluated.

The official nomination/application form can be downloaded from the WISE website: www.wise-qatar.org. Completed forms should be submitted online at www.wise-qatar.org by **June 30, 2012**.

Learner Selection Criteria:

1. Age and status: Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 on November 13, 2012. All students must be considered legal adults in their home country.
2. Availability: Participants must be available to travel to Doha, Qatar, and be able and willing to participate in the full WISE Learners' Voice event beginning at 9:00 on November 11, 2012 and ending at 16:00 on November 15, 2012.
3. Participants should be willing to contribute to online discussions prior to the event and to work with the WISE Team to prepare for a successful WISE conference.
4. Continuing interest: Participants should be willing to continue their involvement with the WISE initiative following the WISE Summit and possibly participate in other events and activities throughout 2013 and 2014.
5. All participants must hold a passport which is valid for at least six months following the WISE Summit to be held November 13-15, 2012.
6. College/university or training program attendance: All participants should be currently enrolled in (or recently graduated from) a course of study at a recognized college, university or training program.
7. Social engagement: All participants should be able to demonstrate their engagement in wider social networks or communities of practice broadly associated with their studies and their professional interests.
8. Professional and wider interests: Participants should be able to demonstrate interest in education and other wider global development issues.
9. Personality: Participants should be personable and able to work well in multicultural, multinational teams.
10. Communication skills: Participants should be comfortable with presenting and speaking in public.
11. Language skills: All participants should be proficient in spoken and written English. (Exceptions may be made).
12. All nominators and applicants must agree to respect all final participant selection decisions made by the WISE Coordination Team. No appeal or claim will be accepted.

For further information about the WISE Learners' Voice Program please visit the WISE website (www.wise-qatar.org), the Learners' Voice blog (<http://learnersvoice.tumblr.com/>) or contact the WISE Team at learnersvoice@wise-initiative.org.