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# THE CHANCELLOR'S INNOVATION AWARD

11<sup>th</sup> Cycle 2025/2026

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## 1. About the Award

The Chancellor's Innovation Award Competition offers UAEU community an opportunity to really make a difference, to contribute to the success and sustainability of the United Arab Emirates economy, and to enhance the welfare of the people at the United Arab Emirates. This competition engages students, faculty, and employees at UAEU in a platform that supports innovative thinking, scaling, and research that deepens both existing and new innovations to provide creative and cutting- edge solutions to counter challenges in UAE.

The competition aims at raising awareness of innovation and its potential to foster growth, entrepreneurship and provide solutions for challenges in the United Arab Emirates in the following competition areas: Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability, Renewable Energy, Water and Food Security, Health and Medical Science, Education and Lifelong Learning, Space Science, Mobility and Urban Development, Technology and Cyber Security; and Social, Administrative and Economic Growth.

## 2. Competition Areas

Providing innovative solutions to mitigate the environmental impact of global climate change and environmental pollution.

**Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability**



Providing innovative solutions to renewable energy industry and providing innovative contributions into the applied research in clean Technology.

**Renewable Energy**



Providing innovative solutions, which address the problem of water scarcity and food in the United Arab Emirates.

**Water and Food Security**



Providing innovative solutions to health care industry in treatments and drugs, in hospital and care systems, in primary and acute care pathways and in chronic disease management.

**Health and Medical Science**



Providing innovative solutions to educational institutions and universities with the goal of equipping students with innovation skills such as critical thinking, analytical thinking, problem-solving skills, and creativity.

**Education and Lifelong Learning**



Providing innovative solutions for the space industry and providing innovative contributions into the applied research in space technology

**Space Science**



Providing innovative solutions for ground, air, and sea travel as well as logistics with the goal of providing new products and services while making procedures more effective and save time

**Mobility and Urban Development**



Providing innovative solutions to the IT industry to advance the development and use of technology to improve products and enhance services.

**Technology and Cyber Security**



Providing innovative solutions to social authorities addressing issues related to community development, living conditions, organizational processes, employment and economic investment.

**Social, Administrative and Economic Growth**



### 3. Competition Categories



#### Faculty

This category includes Faculty (Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors & Instructors) working full-time at the United Arab Emirates University.



#### Employees

This category includes Employees or Staff (including Academic Assistant, Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, Laboratory Specialist, Postdoctoral fellow and Administrator) working full-time at the United Arab Emirates University or one-year extended contract from the registration date.



#### Students

This category includes all enrolled Students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) at the United Arab Emirates University.

#### 4. Number of Awards

Competition Areas	Number of Awards			
	Faculty	Employees	Students	
1. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability	1	1	1	3
2. Renewable Energy	1	1	1	3
3. Water and Food Security	1	1	1	3
4. Health and Medical Science	1	1	1	3
5. Education and Lifelong Learning	1	1	1	3
6. Space Science	1	1	1	3
7. Mobility and Urban Development	1	1	1	3
8. Technology and Cyber Security	1	1	1	3
9. Social, Administrative and Economic Growth	1	1	1	3

- 1) The winners will receive recognition from His Excellency the Chancellor of United Arab Emirates University during the award ceremony.
- 2) The winners will receive a monetary prize (AED 10,000-30,000) that is equally distributed among the members from the same category of the winning team.
- 3) The winners could receive support from UAEU or from UAEU's partners to implement their innovative solution.
- 4) The winners will receive support from UAEU to protect their winning ideas in accordance with the policy and requirements of the University Intellectual Property Unit.

## 5. Timelines

### **5.1 First Phase**

- 1) Launching of the Chancellor's Innovation Award.
- 2) Introductory workshops will be held, and award guides will be distributed to the UAEU community via UAEU official channels.
- 3) The registration period for participating in the competition will start in accordance with the award's schedule.
- 4) Applicants must register to participate in the competition during the registration period. The application should contain the following:
  - Application Form ([Click here](#))
  - Initial Application (see appendix B). Applicants must follow the writing guideline in appendix D.
  - Signed agreement by applicants (see appendix F)
- 5) Late applications will not be accepted.
- 6) Applications will be assessed. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet general terms and conditions of the Award Competition Categories or Competition Area will be dismissed.
- 7) Applicants will be notified about the results of the first phase.

## 5. Timelines

### **5.2 Second Phase**

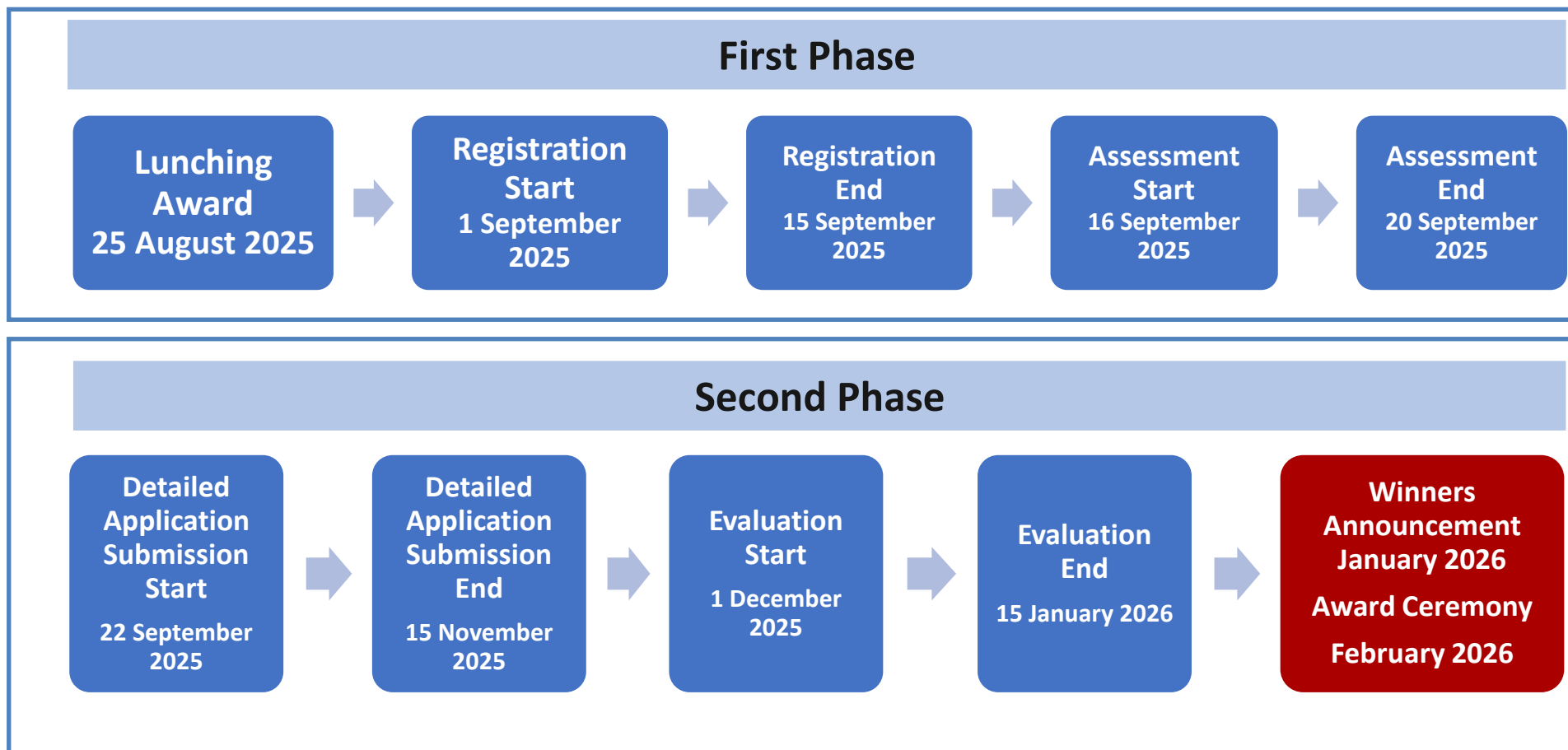
- 1) The detailed application submission period will start in accordance with the award's schedule.
- 2) Applications that did not registered in the first phase will be dismissed.
- 3) Registered applicants should make a detailed application, as per see appendix C, electronically in accordance with the award's schedule. Applicants must follow the writing guideline in appendix D.
- 4) Late applications will not be accepted.
- 5) Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet general terms and conditions will be dismissed.
- 6) Applications will be evaluated according to the judging criteria set out in Judging Criteria Section in accordance with the award's schedule.
- 7) The judging committee will provide its evaluations, recommendations, and nominations for winners of Chancellor's Innovation Award to the award committee.
- 8) The award committee will review judging committee's evaluations, recommendations, and nominations. Then, the judging committee will submit these nominations for endorsement and approval by the Vice Chancellor.
- 9) Announcing the winners.
- 10) Conducting the awarding ceremony.
- 11) The award committee will follow up the disbursement process of



financial incentives for the judging committee and the winners.

- 12) The award committee will forward the winning ideas to the Intellectual Property Unit of the University to start the process of evaluating the intellectual property eligibility and inform the winners with the initial evaluation comments to follow up accordingly.

## Timeline for the Chancellor's Innovation Award 11<sup>th</sup> Cycle 2025- 2026



**\*Registration and Submission end at 11.00 pm**

Email: [Innovation\\_award@uaeu.ac.ae](mailto:Innovation_award@uaeu.ac.ae)

Website: <https://www.uaeu.ac.ae/en/about/chancellor/innovation-award/>

## 6. General Terms and Conditions

1. All UAEU community, i.e., students, faculty and employees are eligible to participate in the competition.
2. Winners of the last award are **not eligible to apply** for the award in the same competition areas for **at least one year** after being awarded.
3. Applicants to submit application in accordance with the requirements outlined in the award guide. These requirements include:
  - o Filling-in online registration form - Appendix A.
  - o Initial application in accordance with the requirements outlined in Appendix B.
  - o Detailed application in accordance with the requirements outlined in Appendix C.
  - o Signing the award acknowledgment – Appendix (F).
4. Applications must be submitted electronically in English.
5. Late applications will not be accepted.
6. Individuals or teams are eligible to participate in competitions.
7. Team's membership can comprise a multidisciplinary mix of a **maximum five** from any combination of any disciplines. However, for teams to be as competitive as possible we strongly encourage a multidisciplinary approach with teams comprising members from different areas of expertise where possible.
8. Students teams may have a coach/advisor from UAEU community who is considered a member of the team.
9. An individual or team may submit up to three (3) separate applications, i.e. **three different innovative ideas**.

10. Eligible participants may enter one or more of the competition areas.
11. Each individual or team should develop an original idea, design, invention, process, or the like—anything generally acceptable by the UAEU Patent Office to be patented.
12. Applications must not infringe upon any individual's personal or proprietary rights.
13. The application shall not have won another award inside or outside the UAE.
14. Application that received a granted patent or published an article **before 31 December 2025** will be dismissed.
15. An application will be annulled if it includes incorrect information or data upon discovering that, even in the case of winning the Award, or after the official announcement of the winners, and no matter how long after granting the Award. All award components will be reclaimed in case the award was granted.
16. An application will be annulled if it violates the general term and conditions outlined in the award guide upon discovering that, even in the case of winning the Award, or after the official announcement of the winners, and no matter how long after granting the Award. All award components will be reclaimed in case the award was granted.
17. Applicants from students must abide by UAEU policies and procedures that govern Student Code of Conduct and standards or expected behavior for students and student organizations at the University.

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18. Applicants from faculty member, instructors, and staff in UAEU must abide by UAEU policies and procedures that govern the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct that outlines the values and the ethical, professional, and legal standards that apply to administrative work, teaching, scholarship, and service of UAEU and UAE community.

19. An application will be annulled if it violates UAEU policies and procedures that govern the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct that outlines the values and the ethical, professional, and legal standards that apply to administrative work, teaching, scholarship, and service of UAEU and UAE community.

20. An application will be annulled if it violates UAEU policies and procedures that govern the Student Code of Conduct and standards or expected behavior for students and student organizations at the University.

21. Award does not provide certificates of participation to applicants.

22. Chancellor's Innovation Award Logo should not be used in the means of media, commercial promotion, and social media by the applicants until a written approval is obtained from the concern department at UAEU.

23. The Award Committee has the right to block the award for any of the categories, if deemed appropriate by the Committee.

24. The decisions of the evaluation Committee and the award committee shall be final.

## 7. Judging Criteria

The following weights will apply to the judging criteria:

- **Degree of Innovation**

Show originality, novelty, and creativity.

Technical innovation and patentability.

- **Usefulness and value of the idea**

Have technical feasibility.

Describe a need and describe how the proposed solution will meet that need.

Effective.

Economic.

- **Potential for Sustainability and Scale**

Assessed as the likeliness that innovative solution can be sustained and have significant, long- lasting and increasing impact on the areas of interest in the UAE.

Demonstrate high growth potential (i.e., scalable).

Be implementable on a scale within the next 12 months.

Completeness, quality, and organization of the application materials.

**Appendix A:** Chancellor's Innovation Award Registration Form

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Registration Form Requirements 2025/2026

Competition Areas	Select Only One		
	Faculty	Employees	Students
1. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Renewable Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Water and Food Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Health and Medical Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Education and Lifelong Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Space Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Mobility and Urban Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Technology and Cyber Security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Social, Administrative and Economic Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Proposal Title**

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Individual/Team Names	UAEU ID#	College /Unit	Job at UAEU	UAE Mobile	Email @ uaeu.ac.ae
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\*Enclosure: One Photo copy of UAEU card

**Appendix B:** Chancellor's Innovation Award Competition- Initial Application  
Requirements

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Initial Application Requirements 2025/2026

All applications are due electronically in accordance with the announced schedule.

- All teams/individuals must submit the following:
  1. Cover page that includes title of proposed innovation idea, the competition category and area of competition.



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### 2. Abstract (maximum 500 words)

- A short description of the idea.
- Keywords: (3-5 words)

### 3. Claims (max 2 pages)

- A list of novel aspects of innovative ideas in the proposed application.

## **Appendix C:** Chancellor's Innovation Award Competition- Detailed Application Requirements

### **Chancellor's Innovation Award 11<sup>th</sup> Competition**

#### Detailed Application Requirements 2025/2026

All proposals are due electronically in accordance with the announced schedule.

• All teams/individuals must submit the following:

1. Cover page that includes title of proposed innovative idea, application ID given by award committee and year.

### 2. Abstract

- A short description of the idea.

### 3. Introduction:

- The detailed application starts on a general level with some type of introductory remarks before going into the details of the innovative idea/solution you are proposing. This can be accomplished by providing a

frame of reference, a definition, or a discussion of the significance of the idea/solution in the area of interest (i.e., competition areas).

- Provide a statement of the question, issue, challenge, or general problem that you are proposing the innovative idea/solution to address.
- Discuss what other efforts and solutions have been done so far and how your proposed innovative idea/solution relates and differs from that of others idea/solution proposed to tackle same problem/challenge.

#### 4. Survey of Existing Solutions and their limitations

- The survey is written to place your innovative idea/solution within the context of existing knowledge and available solutions for considered problem/challenge. It gives recognition to other scholars, and it also allows you to point out what is original, novel and creative about your proposed solution/idea.
- When you mention other solutions/studies they are usually cited by the author's last name and the date of publication.

#### 5. Methodology and Framework

- Provide a full description of your innovative idea design, as well as the specific methods and procedures used in your innovative solution. The methodology should be sufficiently detailed so that it can be replicated.
- Provide diagrams, charts, and illustrations that you deem appropriate.
- Describe your theoretical approach or type of analysis, if applicable.

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- Explain any limitations that your innovative idea/solution might have in terms of the reliability and applicability.

### 6. References

- List the articles or books that you have cited in your detailed proposal.

### **Appendix D:** Instructions for writing the application.

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### Instructions for writing the application 2025/2026

Language: The default language is English

Font: Use Arial font as follows:

- Headlines: font size (14).
- Subtitles: font size (13).
- Content: font size (12).

Page Size: A4 paper.

Space between lines: 1.15 inches.

Margins:

- Top Margin: bottom, left: 0.5 inch.
- Right Margin: 1 inch.
- Header: 0.5 inch.
- Footer: 0.5 inch.

Page Numbering: The page number and total number of pages must be shown on the right edge of each page (e.g. page number .... to ... or ..../....).

**Appendix E:** Template for the Cover page of Detailed Application

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Cover Page 2025/2026



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**Proposal Title**

Award Category

Application ID# CIA-----

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**Appendix F:** Acknowledgment Form (Please Scan after Official Signature)

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**Acknowledgment Form 2025/2026**

**I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the following:**

1. The undersigned read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in Chancellor's Innovation Award Guide.
2. The undersigned do hereby acknowledge and confirm that all the data in this form and in the application to the Chancellor's Innovation awards are correct.
3. The undersigned assure that application contents to the Chancellor's Innovation award are result of personal or collective effort that:
  - a. Do not immovable or adapted from the works of others,
  - b. Do not infringe upon any individual's personal or proprietary rights,
  - c. has not been done as part of the tasks required in the organization that the undersigned belong to.
4. The undersigned, in case the undersigned are faculty members, instructors and employees in UAEU, shall abide by UAEU policies and procedures that govern the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct that outlines the values and the ethical, professional, and legal standards that apply to administrative work, teaching, scholarship and service of UAEU and UAE community.
5. The undersigned, in case the undersigned are students, shall abide by UAEU policies and procedures that govern Student Code of Conduct and standards or expected behavior for students and student organizations at the University.

In case of any violation to aforementioned terms and conditions, the application is annulled and the UAEU has the right to withhold the award before granting it to the undersigned, or to reclaim it with all its components after I receive it, whether cordially or through legal action if the undersigned refused to abide by that. The undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I/we have read, understand and agree to be bound by the above terms and conditions:

**Proposal Title:**

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Individual/Team Names	UAEU ID#	College/Unit	Job at UAEU	Official Signature	Date
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