



THE VARKEY FOUNDATION

CHALLENGE FUND



The Varkey Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation established to improve the standards of education for underprivileged children throughout the world.

Our vision is that every child, regardless of circumstance, has a good teacher.

We do this through our own programmes to build teacher capacity, advocacy campaigns to raise the status of the teaching profession and, through the Varkey Foundation Challenge Fund, by providing grants to partner organisations that offer innovative solutions in support of our mission.

Over the next five years the Varkey Foundation aims to catalyse a global, sustainable change in the way teachers are trained, treated and perceived. To support this endeavour we are seeking catalytic partnerships with like-minded organisations.

The Varkey Foundation Challenge Fund supports a small number of early-stage initiatives in their endeavours to build the capacity of teachers and to strengthen the status of the teaching profession. Applications are welcomed from all countries, from a wide range of registered entities including not-for-profits and for profit startups.

A maximum of \$50,000 is available per grant. We aim to fund relatively small and innovative propositions that, if successful, have the potential to achieve significant impact. Projects may already receive funding from other sources – using the Varkey Foundation grant to match or supplement existing funding is encouraged.

The precise meaning of “impact” should be clearly defined by applicants within the context of each project. Successful applicants will have clearly demonstrated how the outcome of their work will contribute to the Varkey Foundation’s vision of providing every child with a good teacher and hence a quality education.





APPLICATION PROCESS

Monday 28th November 2016

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DEADLINE (23:00 GMT)

Complete an Expression of Interest and submit to grants@varkeyfoundation.org

Monday 28th November – Friday 9th December 2016

SELECTION PROCES

Call for full proposals with full guidance on completing the application.

Sunday 15th January 2017

DEADLINE

Deadline for submitting full proposals along with a budget and all supporting documentation (see application form for details). This should be sent to grants@varkeyfoundation.org no later than 23:00 GMT on 15 January 2017.

Following this deadline, shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Monday 30th January and interviews will take place shortly after this period.

Queries during the process should also be sent to the above email address.

Successful grantees will be informed and must be able to commit to participation in person at the Global Education and Skills Forum (GESF), Dubai, 18th – 19th March 2017. Travel and accommodation will be provided.

March 18th – 19th 2016

AWARD

Grants will be formally awarded at GESF, Dubai.

April 1st 2016

IMPLEMENTATION

Grant begins for a maximum of 2 years.

Grantees will partner with the Varkey Foundation by supporting and contributing to outreach and advocacy activities as required.

Please note: All applicants will be subject to a rigorous due diligence process.



For more information please contact:
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