
XJTLU National University Teaching Innovation Award 2017

1. Core concept

In contemporary society, economic globalization has developed rapidly, multi-culture collide and integrate as well as information communication progress with each passing day. Under such circumstances, how should higher education conform to the times and cultivate modern talents?

The answer is beginning from educational innovation of the teachers:

- *Enhance the innovation, influence and execution in teaching.*
- *Response to the development trend of the digital age.*
- *Establish the concept of cultivating modern talents.*
- *Transform the traditional way of knowledge distribution.*
- *Create a new form and new values of the future university.*

University Teaching Innovation Award is set up by Institute of Leadership and Education Advancement Development, Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University. It intends to discover and reward a group of teachers from higher education institutes stick the concept of "Student-oriented Education" and spread the innovative measure of the concept on educational revolution, establish a platform for those dedicated to innovation teaching to communicate, share experience and learn from each, further promoting the revolution of China higher education. The first Award has been successfully held from March to May at 2016 and the 2017 Award will start from August 2016 to May 2017. Please find details of 2017 phase as below.

2. Target group

The teaching faculty or a teaching group who is working on teaching in Chinese universities. (The person without the responsibility of teaching will not be recommended to take part in this award.)

3. Institution Framework

Sponsor: Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University

Organizer: Institute of Leadership and Education Advanced Development

4. Award setting

One First Prize, four Second Prizes and fifteen Third Prizes will be selected every year. The owner of First Prize will achieve 50,000rmb. The award committee will raise deep interview to prize owners, collect their cases to promote via publications, videos, TV channels and online platforms.

Individual Prize:

1. **First Prize of Annual Teaching Innovation (one):** 50,000rmb, certificate and appointment letter of researcher and trainer of ILEAD;
2. **Second Prize of Annual Teaching Innovation (three):** 30,000rmb, certificate and appointment letter of researcher and trainer of ILEAD;
3. **Special Prize for Sino-foreign cooperation (one):** 30,000rmb, certificate and appointment letter of researcher and trainer of ILEAD;
Sino-foreign cooperation programmes and organizations have brought cutting-edge education ideology and resources to China during the past ten years, which play a very important role to promote higher education reform in China. In order to find and encourage the teaching innovation in Sino-foreign cooperation programmes and organizations, a special prize is set for the candidate who come from those programmes or organizations.
4. **Third Prize of Annual Teaching Innovation (fifteen):** 2,000rmb, certificate and the opportunities of being appointed as the researcher and trainer of ILEAD.

Organizational Prize:

Organizational Prize of Teaching Innovation: To honor and encourage the contributions of cultivating and supporting teaching innovation, an organizational prize is set for the organization which has more than ten teaching faculty on duty participate into the award this year. The organization will be honored with certificate and formal thanks in related publications.

All candidates will be invited to attend the 'Annual Conference of Higher Education Innovation 2017' and 'Award Ceremony of XJTLU National University Teaching Innovation Award'. The sponsor will afford the accommodation, food and entrance fee of owners of individual prizes and organizational prizes. Other candidates will enjoy the discount on entrance fee.

5. Assessment Criteria

The award considers students study experience improvement as a key attention. In the assessment, it emphasizes to think what extent students improve study experience through innovative teaching practice of teachers. Then, this award initiates and encourages reformative teaching concept and methodology which accord with eras and future needs. Furthermore, this innovation can be referred and learned by other education practitioners.

The panel will assess the teaching practice from three dimensions: Innovation (50%), Influence (30%) and Popularity (20%).

1. **Innovation:** Create new teaching concepts, strategies and methods on the basis of students' learning and growing demand.
2. **Influence:** Students' study experience and learning outcomes have been significantly improved through the innovation practice.
3. **Popularity:** The teaching practice has the value of being spread to promote the higher education reform in China.

6. Committee of Evaluation Experts

Committee of Assessment by Letters is mainly composed of each interdisciplinary practitioners and researchers of education and courses in higher education area of international scope.

Onsite Committee of Assessment Experts are mainly acted as practitioners, scholars, and senior media personality and student representations in higher education area of international scope.

7. Selection Procedure

This selection will combine the methods of voluntary participating, public voting and expert assessment. The procedure is shown as follow:

8/15/2016 - 11/30/2016 15 th August, 2016 – 30 th November, 2016	Registration	Participants register and submit application form voluntarily.
8/15/2016 - 12/16/2016 15 th August, 2016 – 16 th December, 2016	Submit Materials	Participants submit written materials (including resumes and written self-introduction, for more details, please refer to the Application Materials) and mini-videos.
8/15/2016- 12/30/2016 15 th August, 2016 – 30 th December, 2016	First Examination	The award secretariat will check the qualification of participants and materials to ensure the application materials matching the award requirements, and then inform the participants within 5 workdays by email. If the participants whose materials are not complete or not satisfactory need to resubmit the materials within 5 workdays. If participants can't submit in time, the award secretariat will have the final explanation to cancel the entry qualifications.
12/30/2016 - 2/12/2017 30 th December, 2016 – 12 th February, 2017	Panel Assessment (Assessment by	Committee of Assessment by Letters will appraise the written self-presentation through discussion, and



	Letters)	give a score according to standard for assessment. The aggregate score of this link is 50 scores.
12/30/2016 - 2/12/2017 30 th December, 2016 – 12 th February, 2017	Public Voting	Net users visit mini-video on the award website and participate in the selection by voting online. The aggregate score of this link is 10 scores, and score according to the rankings. Total score=10 scores * (the number of participants – ranking + 1) /the number of participants). The score will keep two digits after decimal point.
2/13/2017 - 2/27/2017 13 th February 2017 – 27 th February 2017	Second Examination	The award secretariat will confirm the former 20 participants to be finalist teachers on the basis of the scores of final voting ranking, according to the total scores of Panel Assessment and Public Voting. Herein including at least 2 participants of the institutions and projects for Sino-foreign Cooperative Education in running schools with the highest scores.
2/27/2017 - 4/28/2017 27 th February 2017 – 28 th April 2017	Field Research	Work team of the award committee will go to field visit and research the 20 finalist teachers, evaluate students' benefits and film the relative materials.

<p>5/19/2017 - 5/19/2017 19th May 2017 – 19th May 2017</p>	<p>Live Finals</p>	<p>The 20 finalist teachers will compete in the live final, and the panel will assess to give a score according to onsite presentation and question answers. The aggregate score of this link is 40 scores.</p>
<p>5/20/2017 - 5/20/2017 20th May 2017 – 20th May 2017</p>	<p>Award Ceremony</p>	<p>The final score will synthesize the total scores of “Assessment by Letters, Public Voting and Live Finals” three links’, rank the places according to the total scores. The participant with highest score will be the first prize. Every prize’s info will be published and awarded in the Award Ceremony, meanwhile, the third Award 2018 will be launched.</p> <p><i>Notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The participants of the institutions and projects for Sino-foreign Cooperative Education in running schools with the highest scores will the winner of Special Award for Sino-foreign Cooperative Education in running schools.</i> 2. <i>If a participant of the institution and project for Sino-foreign Cooperative Education in Running Schools with the highest scores is the highest score among all participants at the same time, the participant will be the winner of Yearly Teaching Innovative Award, a participant with the second highest</i>

		<i>score of Sino-foreign Cooperative Education in Running Schools will be the winner of Special Award.</i>
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8. Application and Contact

Please apply through following options. We will reply you to confirm your qualification and application through e-mail within 2 working days. (Please check your qualification in the 'Target Group' part.)

1. Please click [here](#) or scan the following QR code to fill in your basic information (recommended);
2. You may also click [here](#) to download the application form and send it to xin.li@xjtlu.edu.cn.



Please contact the secretariat if you have any problem or query:

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Address: Room 1231, 12th floor, Central Building, Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, 111# Ren'ai Road, Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, People's Republic of China.

9. Application materials

Participants should submit application Form, Self-Statement, a photo and a mini video within 5 minutes. The Organizers encourage applicants to use procedural documents

and data through one semester to illustrate in details how the students can benefit.

Detailed requirements are as follow:

1. Application Forms, including resume, self-introduction around 2000 words (provide the evidence that how your innovation of teaching benefits students, what is the point of your innovation teaching, and how universality your innovation of teaching can be). Please send your documents to innovation@xjtlu.edu.cn in the form of WORD.
2. The photo could be individual applicant with business suits or a teaching team with background of a teaching scenario. Your photo needs to be 1MB or less.
3. A mini video within 5 minutes. The contents should involve a brief introduction of innovation practice and the remarks from colleagues/students. Please ensure the video should have a good quality of image, structure and sound. The title of the video: xxx(University) + xxx(Name) + Theme, e.g. XJTLU + Wang + Research-led teaching practice.
4. Participants can upload your video to Baidu Network Disk and send your video link to innovation@xjtlu.edu.cn. We will upload your video to [voting page](#) after check.
5. The organizers can provide basic video editing service, like cutting and stitching of video, voice editing and PPT to video. If you have no experience of editing video, please send your filming material, voice or pictures with a file in a clear order and instruction to innovation@xjtlu.edu.cn. We will finish and upload it online within 5 workdays.

10. Attention

1. Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools and Projects are based on the examination and approval of the Education Administrative Department of the State which was updated on March 9th, 2016.
2. The awarded participants and nominees of the 1st XJTLU National University Teaching Innovation Award are only allow to attend this Award with different practical content.

3. During the popular vote, a candidate can maximally vote for 5 different candidates only once. Malicious brush ticket behavior is prevented.
4. Close attention are paid on the background data during popular vote to analyze overall trends, voting time and IP source. If a participant's tickets showed non-technical exceptions which indicate the possibility of ticket brush, the Organizers will suspend the participant's voting, and then start the investigation procedure immediately. At the same time, the participant needs to explain the change of tickets accordingly within 24 hours. Failure to explain, the Organizers will delete the abnormal ticket for the first time. If the participant's voting appears same situation for the second time, the qualification for participating will be cancelled.
5. The Organizers reserved rights for using materials provided by participants. Related contents of these materials can be publicly released on the Organizers Official Website, WeChat Official Accounts and Weibo Official Accounts. The contents can also be used in external publications and media.
6. This Award involves only the participants and the Organizers. We take all the participants for individual or group behavior, which has nothing to do with their organizations. The organizers will not accept any complaints and requests from participants' working organizations. We have no obligations and responsibilities to reflect any situation and any decision of participants to their working organization.

All the Participants who apply for the Award are regarded agreed with the details.

11. Supplementary Provisions

All the right for the final explanation of these rules and regulations shall be vested in Institute of Leadership and Education Advanced Development at Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University.