

WISE LEARNERS' VOICE 2014-2015 RECRUITMENT GUIDE AND CRITERIA

(April 1 – June 1, 2014)

A Year-Long Program

WISE was established by Qatar Foundation in 2009 under the patronage of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. WISE is a global reference for new approaches to education. With its ongoing programs and its flagship annual Summit, WISE is promoting innovation and building the future of education through collaboration. The next WISE Summit is to be held in Doha, Qatar, November 4-6, 2014.

WISE Learners' Voice brings the all-important views of students to the issue of rethinking education. The Program builds their communication, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills in order to ensure that decision-makers hear their views and that they are equipped to take on leading roles in their fields and in the world of education. The Program is based on the conviction that when students are co-creators of their learning environments they become active participants, invested collectively as stakeholders in their learning environment.

The current Learners' Voice community comprises over 100 Learners who were recruited in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. They are from diverse backgrounds and disciplines, and from all around the world. They share a passion for education, and together they represent a unique perspective within the WISE community.

Since 2013, Learners have followed a tailor-made year-long Executive Education Program that includes residential sessions, and other online and on-site activities. The courses cover topics such as education, social entrepreneurship, leadership and communications. Learners are also invited to develop a project that addresses a critical issue in the field of education. They are also making their voice heard at a number of international conferences and will play a key role at WISE 2014.

New Learners to Be Recruited for 2014-2015

WISE is now looking for a further group of outstanding young learners aged 18 to 25 to apply or be nominated to join this growing global community. They will be invited to attend the WISE Summit in Doha from November 4 to 6, as well as a pre-Summit workshop that will start on November 2, and will be involved in year-long activities during the rest of 2014 and throughout 2015.

The 2014-15 WISE Learners' Voice Program requires commitment to two residential sessions (10 days each). The first will take place January 3–15 in Doha, Qatar, and the second June 1–14 in Madrid, Spain (including travel days). Commitment is also required to other two-to-three-day

WISE Learners' Voice activities throughout the year such as participation in international education conferences. Qatar Foundation will cover all fares and accommodation costs for the selected Learners.

Learners can either apply personally or be nominated.

> Nominate a learner to take part in the Program

WISE invites representatives of institutions, organizations, programs and networks around the world to nominate engaged 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.

> Individual application: apply personally to take part in the Program

WISE is also inviting highly motivated learners to apply for the Learners' Voice Program by submitting an application form that needs to be endorsed by two referees.

The official nomination and application forms can be downloaded from the WISE website: www.wise-qatar.org. Completed forms should be submitted online at www.wise-qatar.org by June 1, 2014, 18.00 GMT.

Learner Selection Criteria

1. Age and status: Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 on November 2, 2014. 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 2, 2014 and ending at 16:00 on November 6, 2014.
3. Participants must be available to take part in two residential sessions (10 days each) January 3–15 in Doha, Qatar, and June 1–14 in Madrid, Spain (including travel days), as well as other two-to-three-day WISE Learners' Voice activities throughout the year.
4. Participants must be willing to contribute to online discussions prior to the event and to work with the WISE Team to prepare for a successful WISE Summit.
5. Continuing involvement and participation: Participants must be willing to continue their involvement with the WISE initiative following the WISE Summit and participate in other events and activities during the remainder of 2014 and throughout 2015 and beyond.
6. All participants must hold a passport that is valid for at least 18 months following the WISE Summit to be held on November 4-6, 2014.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. Professional and wider interests: Participants should be able to demonstrate interest in education and other wider global development issues.
10. Personality: Participants should be personable and able to work well in multicultural, multinational teams.
11. Communication skills: Participants should be comfortable with presenting and speaking in public.
12. Language skills: All participants should be proficient in spoken and written English.
13. All nominators and applicants must agree to respect all final participant selection decisions made by the WISE 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.org.qa