



P R O F F O R M A N C E

International Higher Education Teacher Award 2021/22

International prize for teaching excellence at higher education institutions (HEI) in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

Scope of the call

The PROFFORMANCE consortium announces an International Teacher Award in PROFFORMANCE partner countries (**Austria, Croatia, Czechia, Georgia, Hungary and Serbia**).

Aim of the call

The aim of PROFFORMANCE project is to emphasize teaching quality and cooperation, and to support teaching staff in higher education in the EHEA. (More information about the project: <https://profformance.eu>)

The aim of the call is to **identify, acknowledge and recognize excellent teaching practices** and to provide opportunities for not only sharing and exchanging best examples, but also to **encourage cooperation between EHEA HEIs**. The applications should be in line with the current aims and priorities of the European Higher Education Area (**Rome Ministerial Communiqué**) and the European Education Area.

We are looking for **innovative** good practices in **higher education**, which

- introduce new and better-aligned **learning, teaching and assessment methods and practices**,
- assure **flexible and open learning paths, and student-centred learning**, encourage students to become **active, critical and responsible citizens**,
- develop **digital skills** and competences of students and teachers by using **digital technologies for learning, teaching and assessment**,
- contribute to achieving the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** by 2030
- enable learners to acquire **international and intercultural competences** through any kind of international experience (curricula, environment, any form of mobility),
- assure **universally designed, inclusive education**, full access to all aspects of academic life for **students of diverse needs**.

Timescale and deadlines

Applications should be submitted with the **approval of the superior of the applicant** (head of department/dean/rector/ etc.) by 15th December 2021 at the latest, using the application platform directly on the "PROFFORMANCE" website. <https://profformance.eu/call-for-application>.

Eligibility

The call is addressed to **individuals or groups of individuals officially involved (with formal agreement) in the teaching process** (both curricular and extra-curricular (also special courses for non-regular students, courses of int'l week, professional afternoons with involvement of stakeholders, etc.)) at state **recognised/accredited higher education institutions**.

The applications should present good practices in accordance with the categories of this call. The practice should have been implemented or being in process with justified outputs in the academic years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, fall term of 2021-22). The applications are only valid with the signature of nomination form of an institutional superior (e. g. head of department/institution, (vice-)dean, (vice-)rector, etc. of the applicant(s)). See application form. Student nominations are not required, but are worth extra points in the evaluation.

Evaluation and awards

The submissions will be evaluated by an international jury consisting of independent experts of the field according to the evaluation criteria presented in this call and the appendices. The evaluation process will be monitored by PROFFORMANCE consortium partners and professionals checking (inter)national policy relevance of the applications.

The decision will be made according to scores attained in the evaluation form. The decision making body consist of the partners of the consortium <https://profformance.eu/en/partners>.

The award ceremony is planned to be organized in early summer of 2022 at the final event of the PROFFORMANCE project, in Budapest, either physically or online depending on the current situation and regulations.

The awardees

will be guests and have the opportunity to present their best practices at the final event of the PROFFORMANCE project (May 2022 in Budapest) and at various international professional forums, receive the PROFFORMANCE teaching excellence prize with a certificate and a trophy, and will become members of the PROFFORMANCE professional network. Please note, that no financial compensation is offered.

Awardees' best practices

- will be presented in diverse publications, newsletters, websites including profformance.eu,
- will be available at the "PROFFORMANCE best practices of teaching excellence" database at profformance.eu website.

Apart from the winners, all eligible applications will be published online in the "PROFFORMANCE teaching excellence database", once they have been evaluated.

Eligible categories:

Good practices are welcome in 4 categories listed below.

- **Category 1. Student-centred course design**
- **Category 2. Innovative teaching and learning**
- **Category 3. Students' learning assessment**
- **Category 4. Impact and mission with and for society**

Horizontal priorities in all 4 categories:

- **Digitalization**
- **Internationalization**
- **Inclusion and diversity**
- **Sustainability**

Schedule of the application process:

- **Deadline for applications: 15th December 2021**
- Evaluation period: December 2021 - February 2022
- Decision and notification of awardees: April 2022
- Award ceremony (indicative): 2nd trimester 2022

Application step by step

1. Please visit the call website at <https://award.profformance.eu/> and read carefully
 - The call
 - The application form
 - The evaluation form
2. Register by clicking on the Sign up button
3. Prepare your application on the application platform
4. Get nomination(s) and attach duly to the application
 - from your superior - THIS IS NEEDED for an eligible application
 - from your HEI' student organization - OPTIONAL, but are worth extra points
5. Optionally, collect materials and upload them to any online space (Dropbox, Google Drive etc.), to complement your application
6. Check if everything is dully filled in, finalize and submit before 15th December.

Evaluation criteria

Before applying, please read thoroughly the evaluation form in Annex 2, to see the main priorities of the call and to see which aspects of a good practice are evaluated. Please try to be concise, straightforward, emphasising the most important aspects relevant to each question. The final score will be calculated upon the sum of points given by two independent experts. The consortium partners will decide the final list of awardees.

With submission of the application the applicant declares:

- to have read the Call for Proposals with related documents and the [Privacy Statement of the PROFFORMANCE project](#) and agree with their content,
- to give consent to the publication of the public content of the good practice in platforms handled by the PROFFORMANCE consortium (websites, social media, publications, newsletters, events),
- agree with sharing the good practice (agreed public content) in an online searchable database at the PROFFORMANCE website,
- be open to present the good practice at the PROFFORMANCE final conference to be held in May 2022 in case of selected application and upon availability,
- be officially involved in teaching at a state-recognized, accredited HEI in one of the eligible countries (Austria, Croatia, Czechia, Georgia, Hungary, Serbia),
- to obtain an approval for applying from one of the designated superiors (e. g. head of department, dean etc.) of the Higher Education Institution,
- that the presented good practice has been completed after September 2018,
- he/she will complete the application and provide materials in English,
- that the practice described in the application has been implemented by the applicant or team of colleagues.

Annexes

1. [Application form sample](#)
2. [Evaluation criteria](#)
3. [Nomination form of HEI superior](#)
4. [Nomination form of student representatives \(optional\)](#)

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