



The Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) invites nominations for the 2023
Outstanding & Promising Early Intervention Professional Award.

This Award recognises the achievements of outstanding and promising Early Intervention Educators, Learning Support Educators and Educational Therapy Professionals who are committed to delivering high quality learning support and early intervention to benefit children with developmental needs. They exemplify quality professional behaviours and practices and strive for excellence through continuing professional development. They are dedicated to strengthening partnerships with families and the community to make a difference in the lives of children with developmental needs.

We invite Centre Leaders and HQ personnel to nominate outstanding and promising early intervention educators, learning support educators and educational therapy professionals for this Award. Parents interested in supporting the nominations may liaise with your child's centre.

Eligibility

Upon submission of the nomination, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Be an in-service Early Intervention Educator, Learning Support Educator, or Educational Therapy Professional whose core job function is to support preschool children (ages 6 and below) with developmental needs;
- Be from an ECDA-funded EIPIC Centre, Developmental Support-Learning Support (DS-LS) Provider, Integrated Childcare Programme (ICCP) Provider, Inclusive Support Programme (InSP) Provider or Pilot for Private Intervention Provider (PIIP);
- Possess a valid letter of appointment from organisation;
- Meet the qualification requirements as stated in the programme service model:
 - For Early Intervention Teachers working in EIPIC, ICCP, InSP and PIIP centres: To possess a valid Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Intervention (Special Needs) (ADESN) or relevant qualifications in Special Needs/Early Intervention
 - For Early Intervention Teachers working in autism focused EIPIC providers: To possess a valid Certificate in Autism (CIA) or Higher Certificate in Autism (HCIA) offered by the Autism Resource Centre (ARC)
 - For Learning Support Educators supporting DS-LS programmes: To possess a valid Specialist Diploma in Early Childhood (Learning Support) (SDELS)
 - For Educational Therapy Professionals supporting any of the EI programmes (DS-LS, ICCP, InSP, PIIP): To possess a valid Specialist Diploma in Early Childhood (Learning Support) (SDELS) or relevant degree qualifications in Special Needs/Early Intervention/Early Childhood/Education.
- Be a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident; and
- Have the required experience for the following Awards at the time of nomination deadline:
 - **Outstanding Early Intervention Professional Award:** More than 5 years of trained experience as an Early Intervention Educator, Learning Support Educator or Educational Therapy Professional
 - **Promising Early Intervention Professional Award:** 3 to 5 years of trained experience as an Early Intervention Educator, Learning Support Educator or Educational Therapy Professional

Past outstanding winners are to note that there is a time bar of three (3) years for individual awards before you may be nominated for the Awards again. You may, however, be nominated for the Awards in other categories (subject to meeting eligibility criteria).

How to Apply

- Identify your nominee.
- Complete Sections A to E of the nomination form. Ensure that the nomination text highlights the exemplary achievements of your nominee and provides clear supporting evidence.
- Submit the supporting documents and video clip listed in Section F to support the nomination.

Notes:

- Please submit a separate nomination if you wish to nominate more than 1 educator.
- Incomplete (i.e., blanks on nomination form, non-submission of any supporting document and video clip) or late submissions will **not** be accepted.
- All submitted supporting documents shall not be altered after the submission deadline.

Award Quantum

- The Award Quantum will be as follows:
 - **Outstanding Early Intervention Professional Award:** Award winners will each receive \$2,000 for professional development, \$500 cash, a trophy, and a certificate.
 - **Promising Early Intervention Professional Award:** Award winners will each receive \$500 for professional development, \$300 cash, a plaque, and a certificate.
- Winners are required to submit a proposal on how the grant will be used for his/her professional development.
- Winners will be notified in October 2023. Details of the Award ceremony will be shared at a later date.
- Winners may be invited to share their award-winning practices at early childhood sharing platforms (e.g. Early Childhood Conference, Grow@Beanstalk Portal, Beanstalk Magazine).
- The judging panel's decision is final. Any correspondence regarding the panel's decision will not be entertained. ECDA, on a case-by-case basis, may consider good candidates for a commendation award.

Code of Conduct

The Early Intervention Professional Award winner is to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

The award winner shall:

- manage media inquiries with respect to the ECDA Awards in a fair, polite and non-partisan manner;
- be expected to work with his / her centre to ensure, to the best of his / her ability, the proper, effective and efficient use of public funds; and
- conduct himself / herself in a professional manner in accordance with the standards set by his / her centre. Failure to do so will be seen as undermining the credibility, integrity, or relevance of the ECDA Awards, or to detract from the original conditions upon which the Award was given.

The award winner shall not:

- exploit his / her status as an award winner for commercial gain;
- use the ECDA Awards title without the explicit permission of ECDA;
- endorse or market products for commercial purposes other than for the centre that he / she is currently employed in; and
- abuse his / her status to advance or promote political views.

The award winner must not have been convicted of a criminal offence in which he / she has not received a pardon for.

The above Code of Conduct is fundamental to being selected as an award winner. If an award winner fails to abide by this code, ECDA reserves the right to:

- remove the award winner's name / centre affiliation from its website and from any other publication that is used to promote outstanding professionals in early childhood education in Singapore, and/or
- revoke the ECDA Award. This will immediately apply to cases where a teaching or early childhood education certification has been withdrawn for reasons of professional misconduct and instances in which an award winner has been convicted of a criminal offence.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please email to ECDA_Awards@ecda.gov.sg with the subject "ECDA Awards 2023 (Early Intervention Professional)".