



## ABOUT THE YOUSIF BADRI INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

Ahfad University for Women in Sudan, in celebration of its Golden Jubilee has established the **Yousif Badri Civic Engagement International Prize** to pay tribute to the founding father Yousif Badri remarkable and life-long service to women's education and civic engagement.

**YbCEIP** recognizes and celebrates extraordinary university programs with ongoing community engagement and provision of service. It is established to encourage and aid their efforts through the awarding a financial gift.

**YbCEIP** has a three tier monetary prize offering; first, second, and third. The first prize winner will be given a \$5,000 gift sponsored by AUW. The second (\$3,000) and third (\$2,000) winners will be sponsored by the Hagar Foundation, allocated by Mrs. Alice Hagar, a staunch supporter of women's education and philanthropy, and social responsibility.

The **Yousif Badri Civic Engagement International Prize** was established in order to:

- Celebrate extraordinary university programs engaging and serving vulnerable communities;
- Encourage civic engagement programs through the awarding of a one-time financial gift for first, second, and third prizes;
- Promote and extend the values of Dr. Yousif Badri, the pioneer of non-government higher education in Sudan, the founder of Ahfad University for Women and a key figure in community engagement and service in Sudan.

## APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

- To be considered for a Yousif Badri International Prize, universities need to submit a completed application form. All universities with civic engagement programs, either as a part of their degree program requirements or as extracurricular and volunteer activities, are invited to apply. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the head of the university.
- Applications will be reviewed and a short-list of 10 universities will be selected by a review committee comprised of Ahfad University for Women academic staff.
- Short-listed candidates will be contacted and additional information will be requested, including a visual presentation of the project (video is preferred).
- A selection committee comprised of individuals involved in civic engagement outside of the higher education community, Talloires Network members and Ahfad University for Women academic staff, will review applications. An interview will be conducted over the phone. Academic staff, students and members of the engaged community will also be contacted.
- The selection committee will then choose and announce one first, one second and one third prize winner.
- Civic Engagement Programs at accredited universities are eligible to apply.

## SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

### **Active Engagement for Vulnerable Communities**

The prize is awarded to those programs that engage communities that are vulnerable due to factors such as low economic resources, gender inequality, violence, human rights violations, lack of education, etc. Programs that engage communities that have little or no access to other resources, including rural extension involvement, are especially encouraged. Communities should be actively involved in the projects, both through participation and contribution to the creation and/or development of the program.

### **Promotion of Sustainable Initiatives for Social Change**

The program selected should lead awareness raising initiatives, and/or innovative activities that promote positive social change. They should alleviate fiscal and developmental challenges that will, in turn, accelerate sustainable progress in the engaged community or communities. The program should have a plan for long-term sustainability involving the engaged community.

### **Student Leadership and University Involvement**

The prize recognizes those universities that are leaders in building civic engagement skills in their students, either through requirements of their degree programs or through extracurricular activities. This is demonstrated through the integration of these themes in their research, partnerships, and programs. The development of students as leaders within the program and their communities is key.

## APPLICATION FORM

### YOUSIF BADRI INTERNATIONAL PRIZE APPLICATION FORM

The Yousif Badri International Prize for Civic Engagement will recognize and celebrate extraordinary university programs with ongoing community engagement and provision of service, encouraging and aiding their efforts through a one-time financial prize.

This application document should not exceed eight typewritten pages with Times New Roman 12-point font. Once you have downloaded and completed the application form, please email it to [yousifprize@ahfad.edu.sd](mailto:yousifprize@ahfad.edu.sd)

**Deadline: September 1st, 2016**

The application process and selection criteria will be based on a university's demonstrated contributions for at least 2 years in the following:

#### **Active Engagement for Vulnerable Communities**

- Does the program engage vulnerable communities (communities made vulnerable due to low economic resources, gender inequality, violence, human rights violations, lack of education, etc.)?
- Does the program make special effort to engage vulnerable communities with little to no access to other resources?
- Has the engaged community played an active role in the creation and/or development of the program? Does the engaged community play a continuing role in the development of the program?

#### **Promotion of Sustainable Initiatives for Social Change**

- What awareness raising initiatives and/or innovative activities focused on the promotion of positive social change have been led by the program?
- Do the initiatives alleviate fiscal and developmental challenges?
- Do the initiatives accelerate sustainable progress in the engaged community or communities?
- Does the program have a plan for long-term sustainability?

#### **Student Leadership and University Involvement**

- Is the program supported by the University, either as a requirement of degree programs or as an extracurricular or volunteer activity?
- In what ways does the university support and encourage the program?
- To what extent are students involved in the program?
- Are students participating at a leadership level within the program and their communities?

## University Information:

Name of University:

Country of University:

Email:

Alternate Email:

Telephone:

## Nominated Program Information:

Name of program:

Program website (if available):

Brief program mission statement (limit 100 words)

## Program Director, Manager or Coordinator:

Name:

Title:

Email:

Alternate Email:

Telephone:

## General Information:

When was the program established? (Must be at least 2 years prior to application deadline)

Total number of university academic staff involved in the current program:

Total number of students involved in the current program:

Total number of community members served by the program in the current academic year:

## NARRATIVES:

1. Provide a summary describing the establishment and development of the program. Please include the following:
  - a. Purpose and establishment of the program
  - b. Program vision and main goals
  - c. General operation of the program (300-400 words)
2. Describe the target demographic of the community/communities the program serves, including the identification of perceived needs and the inclusion of affected community members in planning and decision making processes. Describe similar programs or resources available to meet the community needs. (300-400 words).
3. Describe the level and type of student involvement in the program, in particular student leadership roles. (100-200 words)
4. Describe the effect of the program on participating students and staff. (100-200 words)
5. Describe the role of the university in the program. To what degree are academic staff involved? Does the university contribute resources to the program? (100-200 words)
6. Describe the positive accomplishments of the program to date. Include qualitative and quantitative examples where possible. (200-300 words)
7. Describe the long-term plan for the sustainability of the program (if possible). Include resources needed, any supporting programs, policies or mechanisms and details about community engagement.
8. Describe how the prize would help to further the program's work. (250 words)

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