

## Sheikh Zayed Book Award 2016 call for nominations

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-- The Sheikh Zayed Book Award

has announced the opening of acceptance of nominations for its tenth cycle of 2015/2016, which will be welcomed until 30th September 2015.

The award's executive office is now accepting nominations from creative individuals in any of the award's nine categories: Best Contribution to the Development of Nations, Children's Literature, including adolescents books, Young Author, Translation, Literature, Literary and Art Criticism, Arabic Culture in Other Languages, Publishing and Cultural Technologies, and Cultural Personality of the Year.

Applicants are invited to collect their application papers from the administrative offices of the award or apply online. The application forms should be submitted to the Sheikh Zayed Book Award offices along with the candidate's resume, passport copy, personal photo, and five copies of the nominated work in a paper format, except works nominated for the award of "Publishing and Cultural Technologies" which can be a digital or web portal address nomination.

All nominated works must have been published within the last two years and shouldn't have been previously awarded by an international prize. The work must be written in Arabic, except for works nominated for the Translation Award, which can be translated either from or to Arabic, and the works nominated for the newly devised category for Arabic Culture in Other Languages, which can be in English, French or Portuguese for the tenth session.

Over the past nine years, the Award has recognised the creative literary and cultural achievements of more than 60 authors, including novelist Waciny Laredj, Prof. Pedro Martinez Montavez, novelist Ibrahim al-Kouni, orientalist Chung Jikon, writer and critic Marina Warner from the United Kingdom and Sigita Hideaki from Japan, among others.

The Sheikh Zayed Book Award's first edition was in 2007, and was intended to promote scholarship and creativity in Arab culture. It carries cash prizes totaling AED7million, with AED750,000 per winner in all eight categories. The winners also receive a certificate of merit and a gold medal.

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