

British Schools Awards: Frequently Asked Questions

What awards are there?

The following awards are open for application:

- Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Empowering Students Award
- Enterprise and Employability Award
- Holistic Education Award
- Science and Technology Award
- Staff Development Award
- Students for Sustainability Award
- Education Supplier Award
- School Design Award
- Heads' Choice Award

Who can participate?

Participation to enter the awards is open to **all British schools based in mainland China** and fulfil **at least four** of the following criteria:

- Associated with a British school brand
- Your school uses British curriculum
- You school sends high school students to UK universities
- Your school has considerable connections with the UK
- Your leadership and academic team has considerable experience working in British schools (either in the UK or internationally)

If you are unsure whether your school/ company can apply, please contact education@britishchamber.cn

In addition to British Schools that meet the criteria, education companies or companies that work closely with schools will also be able to apply to awards. [Please refer to “What awards can education companies apply for?” below].

What awards can schools apply for?

Schools can apply to the following awards:

- Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Empowering Students Award
- Enterprise and Employability Award
- Holistic Education Award
- Science and Technology Award
- Staff Development Award
- Students for Sustainability Award

What awards can education companies apply for?

Education companies can apply to the following awards:

- Education Supplier Award
- School Design Award

What awards can British Chamber Members apply for?

British Chamber Members can apply to the following awards:

- Heads' Choice Award

***To find out whether your company is a British Chamber member, or to become a British Chamber member, please contact delia.wang@britishchamber.cn.*

Are there any fees to apply?

No participation fee will be charged for application to enter the British Schools Awards.

When is the deadline?

Submission deadline for British Schools Awards 2021 is 6 PM Friday 26 September, 2021..
The only applications accepted are those **completed and submitted by the deadline.**

How do we apply?

Each applicant, whether a school or education company, will apply through sending a completed application form. Please appoint one key contact from your school or education

company, applications sent from multiple contacts from one school or education company will **NOT** be accepted.

An application for each award should be submitted through separate emails – One email for each application.

Where are the application forms?

Application forms for each award can be found and are available for download at British Schools Awards webpage: <https://www.britishchamber.cn/en/british-schools-awards-2021/>

How do we submit our application?

Please fill in and submit your completed application form to education@britishchamber.cn. Incomplete forms will **NOT** be considered.

Can we apply to multiple awards?

Multiple applications will be accepted but each school can only apply to a **maximum of three awards**. No changes will be accepted after your submission.

If schools apply to more than three awards then only the first three applications to be received will be considered. The fourth application and beyond will **NOT** be considered.

Can a school win multiple awards?

Yes, any one school can win up to a **maximum of three awards**.

What does the judging process involve?

Upon receiving all applications for each award category, the applications will be reviewed by the judging panel unique to that award. This judging panel shall then make a shortlist of five candidates to proceed to the next stage.

The five shortlisted candidates will then be interviewed by the same judging panel from the previous stage. Three finalists will then proceed to the next stage.

The applications from the three remaining candidates will then be reviewed by the Advisory Panel, from which a winner will be chosen.

The entire judging process will be audited by **LehmanBrown International Accountants**. This is to ensure the transparency, fairness and integrity are at the heart of the British Schools Awards' judging process.

Who will be on the Judging Panel?

The panel for each award will be made up of three judges, with two judges who are respected individuals in their respective fields and one from the award category's sponsor.

The judges will be announced at a later date.

The judges for the British Schools Awards will be handpicked because in the opinion of the Award sponsor and the British Chamber of Commerce in China, they are respected and prominent individuals in UK-China education industry. Transparency, fairness and integrity are in the heart of the British Schools Awards' judging process. We thank all of our judges in advance for their time and energy into ensuring the success of the Awards.

How will I know this process is fair?

The entire judging process will be audited by LehmanBrown International Accountants. This is to ensure the transparency, fairness and integrity are at the heart of the British Schools Awards' judging process.

This independent voice will oversee the application and judging process, ensuring that all decisions and communications are transparent, legitimate and fair.

Who will be on the Advisory Panel?

The Advisory Panel will decide the winners of each award from the three finalists of each award category.

The members of the Advisory Panel are Jo Hawley, Julian Fisher, Matt Burney.

When will the Awards be awarded?

The awards ceremony and the gala dinner will take place on **6 November 2021**. The awards dinner will be part of the British Schools Forum (taking place on 5-6 November, 2021)

Any further questions?

If you have any further questions regarding the awards application process, please email them to education@britishchamber.cn