Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities
Academic Affairs Department
Center for Excellence in the Arabic Language

International Linguistic Research Competition

Second Edition
2024/2025

💡 General Description:

Language, as defined by Ibn Jinni (d. 392 AH), refers to "sounds by which people express their purposes." It is the primary means of expressing human needs, inner thoughts, and intentions; and it reflects the conditions of past nations. Allah, the Almighty, has honored the Arabic language with the Quran, prompting global efforts to understand its depths and uncover its secrets. This has resulted in the language's deep-rooted authenticity and significant contributions to the rich linguistic heritage over many centuries.

However, extensive periods of deviating from linguistic purity and eloquence have impacted the proficiency of contemporary generations; articulate speakers have decreased, influenced by achievements in various other languages. Given that language serves as the framework for all sciences, the competition's first edition focused on research where language was central, often interdisciplinary with other human and natural sciences. The second edition shifts focus to the computational processing of the Arabic language, applications of Artificial Intelligence in the language, and computational linguistic corpora and lexicography.

🎯 Objectives of the Competition

- Encourage researchers, both professors and students, to conduct rigorous scientific research publishable in international journals indexed in Scopus.
- Encourage researchers, including those from Mohamed Bin Zayed University, to engage in collaborative research teams with other universities.
- Develop new pathways supporting the computational processing of the Arabic language and AI applications.
- Foster a spirit of scientific research among students by involving them in supervised research teams.
- Guide students towards productive work that benefits their community.
- Introduce Arabic readers to contemporary linguistic research trends.
- Raise awareness among students and researchers about the importance of scientific research and contemporary linguistic trends in solving societal problems.
- Highlight the significance of the Arabic language in the era of globalization to students, researchers, and intellectuals.

✍️ Competition Requirements

- The research idea should be beneficial to communities and suitable for practical application.
- The research idea must be novel and original.
- The study must focus on the Arabic language and its computational processing.
- The research must be a collaborative effort within a research team; individual submissions will not be accepted.
- The research team should include at least one member affiliated with Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities.
- The submission must be an original scientific paper that has not been previously published and it must provide a significant contribution to the scientific field.
- The paper must adhere to scientific standards, rely on data analysis, and be suitable for publication in international journals indexed in Scopus.
- The paper should be between 4,000 and 7,000 words.
- Participation is open to researchers and academics of all nationalities from around the world.
- Applicants must be committed to the competition's deadlines.
- The research language can be in Arabic or English.
- Applicants must ensure compliance with the documentation policy of Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities.
- Intellectual property rights for winning papers and their publication are reserved for the Center for Excellence in the Arabic Language at Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities.

📝 Applying for the Competition:

- Submit the application form, including (research team details, CVs of team members with university-endorsed letters, research plan in Arabic or English, research title in Arabic and English, passports, personal photos, bank account numbers, profile form, and a publication ownership declaration for the center) in a compressed RAR file, and complete the registration link.
- The research proposal must clearly indicate the study summary in both Arabic and English, the statement of the problem, objectives, significance, questions, and methodology.
- The research proposal should not exceed 1,000 words.
- Submit the research within the set deadlines.
- Acceptance of the research proposal does not mean winning the competition.

👥 Team Requirements

- The team must consist of five members, including three students and two supervising professors, one of whom is a professor from Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities.
- The team can request assistance from the Center for Excellence in the Arabic Language in nominating /recommending the supervising professor from the university.
- Registration is open to undergraduate and graduate students.
- The team can be composed of members from various universities.
- Students must be currently enrolled in their respective undergraduate or graduate programs at their university.
- Proof of enrollment and relevant documents must be provided.

🏆 Competition Awards:

- First Place: AED 25,000.
- Second Place: AED 15,000.
- Third Place: AED 10,000.
- Fourth Place: AED 2,000 (Encouragement Award).
- Fifth Place: AED 2,000 (Encouragement Award).

📅 Important Dates and Information:

- Deadline for Submission of Application and Participant Documents: August 25, 2024. Applications will not be accepted after this date.
- Notification Date for Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals in Both Categories: September 5, 2024.
- Final Submission Deadline for Research Manuscripts: December 5, 2024.
- Notification Date for Accepted Research Teams after Evaluation and Announcement of Top Three and Recognition Awards: December 25, 2024.
- Research will be reviewed by an international judging committee.
- Acceptance of abstracts does not guarantee winning the competition.
- The Center for Excellence in the Arabic Language will oversee the publication of winning manuscripts in collaboration with the Research Support Office in international journals indexed in Scopus.
- Documents and files should be sent via email to aec.events@mbzuh.ac.ae.
- For correspondence and inquiries, contact 00971551528381 or 0097124999092.

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