



# THE VARKEY FOUNDATION CHALLENGE FUND



The Varkey Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation established to improve the standards of education for underprivileged children throughout the world.

Our vision is that every child, regardless of circumstance, has a good teacher.

We do this through our own programmes to build teacher capacity, advocacy campaigns to raise the status of the teaching profession and, through the Varkey Foundation Challenge Fund, by providing grants to partner organisations that offer innovative solutions in support of our mission.

The Varkey Foundation Challenge Fund seeks to support a small number of early-stage initiatives in their endeavours to build the capacity of teachers and to strengthen the status of the teaching profession. Applications are welcomed from all countries, although lead applicants must be registered as charitable, not-for-profit entities.

A maximum of \$50,000 is available per grant. We aim to fund relatively small and innovative propositions that, if successful, have the potential to achieve significant impact. Projects may already receive funding from other sources - using the Varkey Foundation grant to match or supplement existing funding is encouraged.

The precise meaning of "impact" will, of course, vary between proposals and applicants should clearly define what it means in the context of each project. Successful applicants will have clearly demonstrated how the outcome of their work will contribute to the Varkey Foundation's vision of providing every child with a good teacher and hence a quality education.



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## APPLICATION PROCESS

January 3rd 2016

### APPLICATION DEADLINE (23:00 GMT)

Complete application forms along with a budget and all supporting documentation (see application form for details) should be sent to [grants@varkeyfoundation.org](mailto:grants@varkeyfoundation.org) no later than 23:00 GMT on January 3rd 2016.

Queries during the process should also be sent to this address.

January 3rd - February 12th 2016

### INTERVIEWS AND FINAL SELECTION PROCESS. PRELIMINARY DUE DILIGENCE

Please make sure all supporting documentation requested in the application form is provided with your application pack.

Shortlisted projects will be contacted and interviewed during this period.

February 19th 2016

### NOTIFICATION

Successful grantees will be informed and must be able to commit to participation in person at the Global Education and Skills Forum (GESF), Dubai, 12th-13th March 2016. Travel and accommodation will be provided.

March 12th - 13th 2016

### AWARD

Grants will be formally awarded at GESF, Dubai.

April 1st 2016

### IMPLEMENTATION

Grant begins for a maximum of 2 years.

Grantees will partner with the Varkey Foundation by supporting and contributing to outreach and advocacy activities as required.



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