

# GANDHI 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY AWARD COMPETITION

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## 1. Award

This competition is being set up to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2019, of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi. The award will be known as the Gandhi 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award.

## 2. Procedures

### 2.1. Award Outline

2.1.1. There will be 3 main prizes, worth 50,000 Rs each, and 5 runners-up prizes, worth 30,000 Rs each.

2.1.2. Applications are open on July 1, 2018, with a closing date of September 30, 2018. Award decisions would be made in December, 2018.

2.1.3. Applications should be submitted to Professor Narinder Kapur, [n.kapur@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:n.kapur@ucl.ac.uk)

### 2.2. Award Selection

2.2.1 The competition will be open to any Indian citizen residing in India. Lower age limit is 18 years (on July 1, 2018). There is no upper age limit.

2.2.2 Applicants would be required to indicate in detail a project they have carried out or are carrying out which improves the well-being of people in India, especially those in need. The account should show how an individual has used initiative, creativity, leadership and self-sacrifice to go over and above what would be expected of them and made a real difference to the lives of others or have the potential to do so. It should be an activity of which Gandhiji would have been proud, were he alive today.

2.2.3 The submission would be a maximum of 2000 words and 5 photographs. It should be accompanied by a cv of the individual, documentation of date of birth, plus two signed documents by senior professionals that attest to the authenticity of the submission (e.g. professor, senior doctor, senior judge, government cabinet minister, etc).

2.2.4 The range of projects could include domains such as the following (the list is not meant to be exhaustive) –

- a. *Food Banks, other forms of surplus (e.g. clothes, school classrooms used as accommodation for homeless at weekends); 'Gandhi shops' where surplus items are given free.*
- b. *Road Safety*
- c. *Mobile & internet technology for improving the lives of those in need*
- d. *Supporting blind people or those with other forms of sensory or motor disability*
- e. *Rehabilitation for long-term conditions*
- f. *Achieving or campaigning for justice where there has been wrongdoing or harm*
- g. *Improving infant and maternal healthcare*
- h. *Bringing health and education to villages or city slums*
- i. *Promoting and delivering Corporate Social Responsibility*

2.2.5 A panel will be set up to adjudicate on the awards. The adjudicating panel will decide whether there would be interviews for short-listed candidates.

### 2.3. *Award Announcement*

2.3.1 An award decision would be made in December 2018 and communicated to the media.

2.3.2 The award would be accompanied by a certificate.