



The Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) invites nominations for the 2025
Early Childhood Innovation Award.

This award recognises Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDCs) and Early Intervention Providers providing ECDA-funded programmes that foster a culture of innovation and implement innovative practices which enhance programmes, processes, or services to benefit children and families.

We invite Centre leaders and HQ personnel to nominate centres with innovative practices for this Award. Parents interested in supporting nominations may liaise with their child's preschool.

Eligibility

- Centre must be a licensed Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC) or Early Intervention Providers providing ECDA-funded programme (EIPIC/EIPIC-P), Inclusive Support Programme (InSP), or Development Support-Learning Support (DS-LS) supporting preschool children (ages 6 and below) with developmental needs;
- (For ECDCs) Minimally have a 12-month licence tenure at the point of application; and
- The nominated project must have been implemented in 2024 and completed at the time of submission.

Centres on the Roll of Honour for Early Childhood Innovation Mentor Centre will not be eligible to apply for the Award.

How to Apply

- Complete Sections A to E of the nomination form. Ensure that the nomination text highlights the innovative practices of the centre and provides clear evidence to support the nomination text.
- Submit the supporting documents listed in Section F to support the nomination.

Notes:

- Incomplete (i.e., blanks on nomination form, non-submission of any supporting document and video clip) or late submissions will **not** be accepted.
- All submitted supporting documents shall not be altered after the submission deadline.
- For duplicate submission, the latest submitted form will be used.

Award Quantum

- The Award quantum will be as follows:
 - **Centres with Distinction Award:** The centres will each receive \$2,000 for professional development and \$1,000 for centre's teaching and learning resources, a trophy and a certificate.
 - **Centres with Merit Award:** The centres will each receive \$1,000 for professional development and \$500 for centre's teaching and learning resources, a plaque and a certificate.
 - **Centres with Commendation Award:** The centres will each receive \$800 for professional development, a plaque and a certificate.
- Centre leaders of winning centres are required to submit a proposal on how the grant will be used for the professional development of his/her staff.
- Winners will be notified in August 2025. Details of the Award ceremony will be shared at a later date.
- Winners may be invited to share their award-winning practices at early childhood sharing platforms (e.g., Early Childhood Conference, Beanstalk website and social media, Engagement/ Connect Sessions, etc) and with media.
- The judges' decisions are final. Any correspondence regarding the panel's decision will not be entertained.

Code of Conduct

The winning centre of the Early Childhood Innovation Award is to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

Staff of centre that wins the award shall:

- manage media inquiries with respect to the ECDA Awards in a fair, polite and non-partisan manner;
- be expected to work with their centre to ensure, to the best of their ability, the proper, effective, and efficient use of public funds; and
- conduct themselves in a professional manner in accordance with the standards set by their centre. Failure to do so will be seen as undermining the credibility, integrity, or relevance of the ECDA Awards, or to detract from the original conditions upon which the Award was given.

Staff of centre that wins the award shall not:

- exploit their status as award winners for commercial gain;
- use the ECDA Awards title without the explicit permission of ECDA;
- endorse or market products for commercial purposes other than for the centre that they are currently employed in; and
- abuse their status to advance or promote political views.

Staff of centre that wins the award must not have been convicted of a criminal offence in which they have not received a pardon for.

The above Code of Conduct is fundamental to being selected as an award winner. If an award winner fails to abide by this code, ECDA reserves the right to:

- remove the centre's name from its website and from any other publication that is used to promote centres with innovative practices in early childhood education in Singapore, and / or
- revoke the ECDA Award. This will immediately apply to cases where a teaching or early childhood education certification of any staff in the winning centre has been withdrawn for reasons of professional misconduct and instances in which any staff member has been convicted of a criminal offence.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please email ECDA_Awards@ecda.gov.sg with the subject "ECDA Awards 2025 (Early Childhood Innovation)".