



The Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) invites nominations for the 2025  
**Outstanding Centre for Teaching & Learning Award.**

This Award recognises Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDCs) with excellent programmes, processes and learning environments that promote outstanding teaching and learning practices, supporting children’s learning, development, and well-being. These centres are dedicated to delivering high quality early childhood education and care for children.

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

## Eligibility

Upon submission of the nomination, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Centre must be a licensed Early Childhood Development Centre (ECDC).
- The requirements for programme staff training levels must be met at all times as per licensing requirements.
- For Centres with infant care services, at least 70% of the programme staff for Infant Care are qualified Infant Educators. In addition, Centres have at least one infant educator trained in Certificate in Infant and Toddler Care Development (CITC) or equivalent at all times.
- Appointed Principals are ECDA-approved and have the relevant early childhood leadership qualifications.
- ECDCs should have excellent track record (e.g., 24-month tenure) at the point of application.

Past centre winners are to note that there is a time bar of five (5) years for Centre Awards (with the exception of the Early Childhood Innovation Award which are project based) before your centre may be nominated for the Award again.

## How to Apply

- Complete Sections A to D of the nomination form. Ensure that the nomination text highlights the centre's outstanding teaching and learning practices and provides clear supporting evidence.
- Submit the supporting documents listed in Section E 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

- Centres that win the award will each receive \$3,000 for professional development and \$2,000 for teaching and learning resources, a trophy, 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. ECDA, on a case-by-case basis, may consider good candidates for a commendation award.

## Code of Conduct

The Centre for Teaching and Learning Award winner 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 outstanding centres 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 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](mailto:ECDA_Awards@ecda.gov.sg) with the subject "ECDA Awards 2025 (Teaching & Learning)".