

# International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE)

April 10-11, 2019, Fellowship Program

## International Exhibition and Conference

Higher education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has grown rapidly during the past few decades, currently enrolling more than one million students. The Saudi government has invested heavily in building domestic infrastructure as well as funding hundreds of thousands of students and professors for studies abroad to increase the number of people with the qualifications necessary to ensure a quality system of higher education. Additionally, the Kingdom's leadership has recognized the urgency of diversifying the economy and the critical role of universities in this endeavor. To encourage innovation and greater accountability, new bylaws are being developed for Saudi higher education to grant all public universities significant institutional autonomy.

In this context, the Ministry of Education has sponsored the International Exhibition and Conference on Higher Education (IECHE) for the past seven years. Each year, this event combines a large university fair with a two-day academic conference. The university fair and exhibition hosts approximately 400 universities from all over the world and provides the opportunity for conversations between university representatives and prospective of undergraduate and graduate Saudi students who will study abroad with private funds or a government scholarship.

The conference is an important opportunity for Saudi educators and international attendees to engage in important conversations about the challenges facing higher education in an increasingly complicated world.

**The two-day conference** invites senior administrators from Saudi universities to engage in dialog about international trends and good practices. The Scientific Advisory Committee collaborates with the Ministry of Education to select a theme for each conference, design the program, and invite international experts and scholars who are shaping higher education policy and practice throughout the world. The adoption of the new by-laws will make the 2019 conference particularly important as Saudi universities will be managing more autonomy and facing a significant cultural shift in the process.

Past speakers and panelists to the IECHE have included Nobel laureates, vice-chancellors from the world's most prestigious universities, ministers of higher education, and leading researchers from every continent.

The theme of the 2019 IECHE will be: Transforming Saudi universities in an era of change.

## IECHE Fellowship

This year a fellowship program will facilitate the participation of educators and policy makers in higher education from throughout the world by financing up to 100 individuals, funding airfare, hotel and meals. Selection will be made with the goal of achieving geographic, gender, and age group balance. The selection committee is particularly interested in receiving applications from individuals with the following experience:

- Academics who have held institutional governance positions
- Researchers investigating new university governance models
- Experts in higher the education and labor market interface
- People working on the future of learning
- Practitioners working with diversity issues
- Young scholars and researchers

The selection of recipients who will receive the award will be done by the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee and guided by the intention to balance the experience and geographic distribution of the fellows chosen.

## Scientific Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Education

- **Philip G. Altbach**, Research professor and Founding Director, Center for International Higher Education, Boston College
- **Eva Egron-Polak**, Former Secretary General and Senior Fellow, International Association of Universities
- **Lauritz Holm-Nielsen**, Chairman, The Danish Fund for Nature, Copenhagen
- **Eric Mazur**, Balkanski Professor of Physics and Applied Physics and Dean of Applied Physics, Harvard University
- **Liz Reisberg**, Consultant in Higher Education and Research Fellow at the Center for International Higher Education, Boston College
- **Jamil Salmi**, Global Tertiary Education Expert

Representing the Ministry of Education:

- **Salem Al-Malik**, Senior Advisor to the Minister and General Director for International Affairs and Partnerships



## Application for IECHE Fellowship

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Country of residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current post (position title): \_\_\_\_\_ Dates in current post: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief paragraph describing your primary responsibilities (max 300 words):

Prior experience in higher education if relevant:

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Education:

Degree and year: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you wish to attend the IECHE?

How will it impact your role in your current position?

Do you have prior experience collaborating with any universities in Saudi Arabia?

Other experience with the Kingdom?

Please send your completed application to: [liz@reisberg.org](mailto:liz@reisberg.org) before February 15.

