



The Henry Ford Innovation Nation 2023 Teacher Innovator Awards

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Recognizing America's Most Innovative Teachers

Are you an educator who personifies the Habits of an Innovator and the Actions of Innovation in your classroom? We want to know! Apply for the annual Teacher Innovator Awards for the chance to win an immersive professional development experience at The Henry Ford. We're looking for teachers who inspire their students to challenge the rules and take risks, demonstrate how to be collaborative and empathetic and teach the value of staying curious and learning from failure.

For more details and to apply, please visit www.thf.org/teacherinnovator

Questions? Email us at tia@thehenryford.org

Timeline

- Application open: **January 2, 2023**
- Application deadline: **March 13, 2023**
- Judging: **March 14-April 28, 2023**
- Winners Announced: **May 12, 2023**
- Immersion Experience for Grand Prize Winners: **July 17-21, 2023**

Application Instructions

When applying to Teacher Innovator Awards, you should be prepared to provide the following application materials.

- **Resume:** Upload a current professional resume that includes an outline of your education career; awards and honors received; certifications and/or professional development; grants received; website and/or any other relevant links to press releases, certifications, etc.

- **Classroom Norms:** In 100 words or less, describe your classroom norms and values.
- **Goals:** In 50 words or less, describe what you hope to gain from a week-long experience at The Henry Ford.
- **Video:** Create a 2-3 minute video that tells us about your innovation process in the classroom and paste a YouTube, Vimeo, or similar link to it below. The video should address the four criteria below. Extra points will NOT be awarded for a produced, edited video.
 1. Describe a problem or need in your classroom that you have tried to solve or address.
 2. Tell us about the innovation process you used to address that problem or need.
 3. Innovation can be messy and failure is a common occurrence. How did you navigate any challenges or failures that arose during your process?
 4. How did students react to your solution and/or how were they impacted?

Winner Determination

Entries will be judged in several rounds.

- **Initial Judging:** All submissions will be judged by at least two (2) judges. The entrants with the twenty five (25) highest submission scores will be deemed Finalists.
- **Finalist Judging:** The twenty-five (25) Finalists' submissions will be judged by at least two (2) judges. The Finalists with the ten (10) highest submissions scores will be deemed the potential Grand Prize winners; the Finalists with the next ten (10) highest scoring submissions will be deemed the potential First Prize winners.
- **Tie-Breaking Judging:** In the event of a tie, the submissions will be re-judged.

During each round of judging, the submissions will be evaluated based on the following judging criteria.

- **Resume (20%):** Did the entrant upload a current professional resume that includes an outline of their education career; awards and honors received; certifications and/or professional development; grants received; website and/or any other relevant links?
- **Classroom Norms (10%):** In one hundred (100) words or less, did the entrant describe their classroom norms and values?

- **Goals (5%):** In fifty (50) words or less, did the entrant describe what they hope to gain from a week-long experience at The Henry Ford?
- **Video (65%):** Did the entrant create a 2-3 minute video that describes their innovation process in the classroom, addressing the four criteria outlined above?

Prizes

Grand Prize

Up to 10 Grand Prize winners will be selected. Each Grand Prize winner will receive:

- A five-day Innovation Immersion Experience at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan, in July 2023, including round-trip airfare, lodging, select meals, special tours, workshops, and a recognition event.
- \$1,500 gift card for classroom supplies
- The Henry Ford merchandise
- One-year premium membership to The Henry Ford's inHub.
- Approximate retail value of one grand prize is \$3,500.

First Place

Up to 10 First Place winners will be selected. Each First Place winner will receive:

- *Innovation Nation* Season 1 or 2 DVD
- The Henry Ford merchandise
- One-year premium membership to The Henry Ford's inHub.
- Approximate retail value of one first-place prize is \$200.