

The IB Teacher Awards

Recognizing commitment to professional learning and development

What are the IB teacher awards?

The IB teacher awards are a professional development initiative that formally acknowledges teachers' knowledge and understanding of the principles and practices associated with IB programmes, and the commitment made by teachers to their own professional learning.

Two awards, level 1 and level 2, are available to teachers who successfully complete postgraduate courses of study developed by a number of universities worldwide. These university courses have been recognized by the IB for effectively focusing on IB programmes.

Who can gain an IB teacher award?

Teachers who successfully complete an IB recognized university course can register for an award. The level 1 award is primarily designed to meet the needs of teachers with little or no IB teaching experience who want to work in schools offering IB programmes. Courses associated with this award are designed to develop practical understanding of curriculum, pedagogical and assessment issues related to the implementation of an IB programme.

The level 2 award is aimed at experienced IB practitioners who wish to build upon the understandings recognized by the level 1 award. This involves completing a master's degree or a higher level course of study that includes a significant element of rigorous investigative work in the field of IB education.

What are the benefits of the IB teacher awards?

An IB teacher award certificate signals to the IB community that teachers have:

- a proven practical knowledge and understanding of an IB programme and its implementation
- achieved the IB's professional development requirement for programme authorization and evaluation in schools.

Additionally award holders will have:

- access to the IB's online community, the online curriculum centre (OCC), for two years
- opportunities for involvement in various IB curriculum, assessment and professional development activities.

For more information about the university courses on offer, how you can register for an IB teacher award and the fees involved please visit

www.ibo.org/programmes/pd/award or email teacher.award@ibo.org