



Humanitarian Education Accelerator (HEA)

Frequently Asked Questions





What is the application process?

- **Step 1:** Complete and submit the application form by 5pm (CET) on 15 January 2021
- **Step 2:** Longlisted candidates will be contacted and invited to deliver a 5-minute pitch on their innovation on 8th or 9th February 2021
- **Step 3:** From the pitches a shortlist of up to 10 innovations will be invited to join Stage 1 of the HEA – the Scaling Bootcamp – during the first week of March 2021

When is the deadline for the application form?

- The deadline to apply will be 5pm (CET) on 15 January 2021.

Where do I apply?

- All applications will be received via our online Application Form which is hosted on <https://www.unhcr.org/hea>

Are certain criteria within the application weighted differently?

- You will see that the application form is separated into a number of different sections. Information on the weighting of each section, which will be taken into account during our assessment of your application, is provided on the form.

How long is the Scaling Bootcamp?

- The Scaling Bootcamp will take place over 5 days during the first week of March.



Where will the Scaling Bootcamp take place?

- The Scaling Bootcamp will be virtual and will be facilitated by the HEA Team. A full agenda of activities will be provided in advance to all participants.

How long will it take for me to hear if I was shortlisted?

- We will aim to get back to short listed candidates within 4 weeks of the application deadline.

Should I have already tested/piloted my idea?

- Yes, we are looking for innovations that have already been rolled out and are ready to expand from the pilot phase. Ideally, we expect pilots to be implemented for a minimum of one year and you have some evidence demonstrating impact. New untested ideas are not currently eligible for this programme .

Does my innovation have to be linked to technology?

- No, this call for applications is not limited to education technology solutions. If your innovation has changed an approach or process that has enabled more children to have a quality education, please do apply.

What is the scope of the selected projects?

- We are looking for innovations across the education spectrum - from early childhood to secondary school aged students (youth).



- Our focus is broadly on selecting innovations that are working towards ensuring all children and youth have access to quality education programmes that are linked to, support and/or are in line with national education systems. We are particularly interested in programmes that have a strong focus on ensuring out of school children and youth are given an equal opportunity to return to school.
- We are looking for innovations implementing in Chad, Ethiopia, Jordan, Lebanon and Uganda.

Does my project have to be focused on refugees or are programmes for IDPs also eligible?

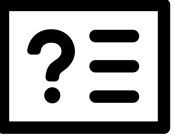
- We are looking for innovations that are operating in areas that have been affected by displacement, whether this is in urban or rural environments, and impact people that have been affected by crises (internally displaced, refugees, stateless and hosting communities). If your project has been piloted in a development setting and is looking to scale into a refugee hosting context, and has concrete plans to do so, your application will also be considered.

What types of evidence will be considered?

- The HEA will accept internal and external evaluations, case studies and programme monitoring data that demonstrated evidence for your innovation.

How can we spend the grant?

- The intended use of the grant funds is to strengthen monitoring & evaluation capacity, which together with other benefits, will help organizations to build or reinforce their institutional capacity to scale up their innovations.



- The grant fund can be used to directly benefit implementation activities, however we would expect innovation teams to use the HEA fund as a contribution to existing programmes that are resourced or have plans to resource.
- The HEA grant fund cannot be the sole funding source for your innovation's implementation activities as the key objective of the HEA is to support internal scaling and M&E capacities.

What are the benefits of a staged selection process?

- The HEA believe that the staged process will enable us to better support a smooth transition from experimental pilots to programmes that can operate sustainably at scale, by ensuring that the right baseline capacity is in place within each team, before full funding is awarded.
- Throughout the staged process, all innovation teams will benefit from quality support in better understanding how to scale their innovations, unpack their business model and review their internal monitoring and evaluation capacities.

Additional questions

- In addition to this document, you can consult the HEA's Twitter account (@HEAccelerator), where answers to questions we receive from applicants will be shared.



If your query is not covered by these channels or you have any specific issues regarding your application, please contact us at HEA@unhcr.org by 7 January 2020.