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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING STEM AWARD  
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## **DART Minds Inspired Excellence in Teaching STEM Award**

### **Overview**

A common characteristic of schools where STEM thrives is committed, knowledgeable teachers and STEM resources. The goal of the Dart Minds Inspired Excellence in Teaching STEM Award is to support growth by rewarding and recognising excellence in teaching STEM subjects, and providing school grants to purchase STEM related resources.

This STEM educator award is:

- Given in recognition of superior teaching, innovative instructional practice, high educational standards, creation of productive learning environments, and the ability to inspire and motivate students.
- For teachers who make a significant difference in the lives of students by providing excellent STEM content and inspiring a passion for STEM beyond the classroom and into the future.

### **Eligibility**

All public and private teachers of STEM subjects working within elementary and high schools in the Cayman Islands are eligible. Once nominated, a teacher must confirm his/her intent to participate, and willingness to be assessed by a panel of judges who will select two recipients annually.

Once a teacher receives the award he/she is not eligible to be nominated again for three (3) years.

### **Nominations**

To ensure the integrity of this award, please follow these nomination guidelines:

- a. Another teacher, department head, or Principal may nominate a teacher for the award.
- b. A teacher may not self-nominate or be nominated by a spouse or relative.
- c. Nominations open 1 September 2018 and close 31 January 2019.

Nomination forms and detailed guidelines will be available on [www.MindsInspired.ky](http://www.MindsInspired.ky) on or before 1 August 2018.



## Timeline

1 August 2018	Nomination forms and guidelines available on <a href="http://mindsinspired.ky">mindsinspired.ky</a>
1 September 2018	Nominations Open
31 January 2019	Nominations Close
1 February 2019	Nomination Evaluations Begin
Late February 2019	Announce finalists and honorees

## Judging

A 'blind' process ensures that applications are anonymous. The teacher, nominator and teacher's school remain anonymous to the judging panel until the final stage.

The panel of judges comprises a representative from the Dart Selection Committee, a co-sponsor company representative, a STEM specialist and an education advisor.

Final decisions or a tiebreak may use a classroom visit to observe STEM learning in action.

## Prizes

There are two prizes: one in the elementary category and one in the high school category.

The awardee receives a trip, including conference fee, flight, hotel, and companion airfare to a STEM conference\* and a cash award of \$1000. The awardee's school also receives recognition and a STEM grant of \$3,000 to be used to enhance STEM educational resources\*\* within the school.

\*The conference portion of the prize is non-transferable for cash or for additional resources for the school. An important part of the Dart Minds Inspired Excellence in Teaching Award is investing in the continued development of our teachers.

\*\*The nomination process identifies the resource. (E.g. Robotics equipment, IT or Hi-tech lab equipment, etc.)