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About DAST

Roads & Transport Authority (RTA) is committed to developing integrated and sustainable solutions for the challenges facing the transportation sector, as demonstrated by its strategic plans and ongoing initiatives focused on sustainability, energy efficiency, and environmental responsibility.

This commitment is further demonstrated under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Executive Council, through the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport (DAST), an RTA initiative launched in 2008 to promote innovative solutions to mobility challenges and foster a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient transportation ecosystem.



DAST's Vision and Mission

Vision

Leading the journey towards sustainable mobility.

Mission

The Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport empowers tomorrow's mobility solutions and help build better, more connected journeys for all – sustainable, inclusive, and Innovative.



Strategic Objectives

Drive innovative mobility solutions

Encourage sustainable transportation practices

Promote accessibility for urban space

Foster safety in mobility sector

Categories



Elite Award



Sustainability

- Pioneering Sustainable Cities Award
- Outstanding Sustainable Fleet Award
- Clean Energy for Mobility Award
- Urban Changemakers Award



Inclusivity

- Urban Flow Improvement Award
- Safe Transport Award
- First and Last Mile Award
- Transport for All Award



Innovation

- Best (AI) Innovation in Transport Award (Dynamic Award)
- NextGen for Mobility Award
- Outstanding Student Solutions Award

Categories and Criteria

Elite Award

This represents the highest distinction at DAST. There is no application form for the Elite Award; instead, one recipient is selected from among the winning applications received across all the awards and is determined by the Jury.

Who can apply?

There is no separate application for Elite Award. The winner is decided by the Jury among winning applications across all the awards.

Note: Students and individual applications are excluded .

Who is the winner?

The winner is selected by the jury panel from the top scoring submissions across all awards.

The Outstanding Student Solutions Award and NextGen for Mobility Award participants are excluded from consideration for the Elite Award.

Prize

Trophy and Monetary Prize
(To be Decided)



Categories and Criteria

Sustainability

Pioneering Sustainable Cities Award

Honors cities and government authorities that have introduced forward-looking laws, policies, and regulatory frameworks which advance sustainable and inclusive transport. It focuses on policy leadership and regulatory innovation.

Note:

Projects centered on infrastructure should apply to "Urban Changemakers Award".

Who can apply?

Public sector entities:

municipalities, ministries, city authorities, semi-public PPPs

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)



Categories and Criteria



Sustainability

Outstanding Sustainable Fleet Award

Recognises private sector and PPP fleet operators who are transforming their fleets to significantly reduce emissions and improve efficiency. The focus is on operational excellence and measurable results, not on alternative fuel development.

Note:

Fleets powered by alternative fuels (hydrogen, biofuels, synthetic fuels) should apply to the Clean Energy for Mobility Award.

Who can apply?

Private sector enterprises:

PPPs, large fleet/logistics operators, shared mobility providers

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)

Categories and Criteria

Sustainability

Clean Energy for Mobility Award

Recognises breakthroughs in alternative fuels that are enabling a shift away from fossil fuel dependence in transport. It highlights scalable solutions that can accelerate decarbonisation across modes of mobility.

Note:

EV- only fleet projects should apply to Outstanding Sustainable Fleet Award.

Who can apply?

All stakeholders:

Private and public sector entities, PPPs, NPOs, Research and Development among others.

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)



Categories and Criteria



Sustainability

Urban Changemakers Award

This award celebrates projects that deliver climate-ready and resilient transport infrastructure which strengthens cities' ability to adapt to climate risks while promoting sustainable mobility.

Note:

Projects that primarily involve legislative or regulatory reform in infrastructure should apply to Pioneering Sustainable Cities.

Who can apply?

All stakeholders:

Private and public sector entities, PPPs, NPOs, Research and Development among others.

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)

Categories and Criteria

Inclusivity

Urban Flow Improvement Award

This award recognises public sector projects that reduce congestion, improve efficiency, and strengthen multimodal transport connections.

Note:

Private-sector mobility solutions, micromobility startups, or technology-driven pilots should apply to First and Last Mile Award.

Who can apply?

Public sector entities:

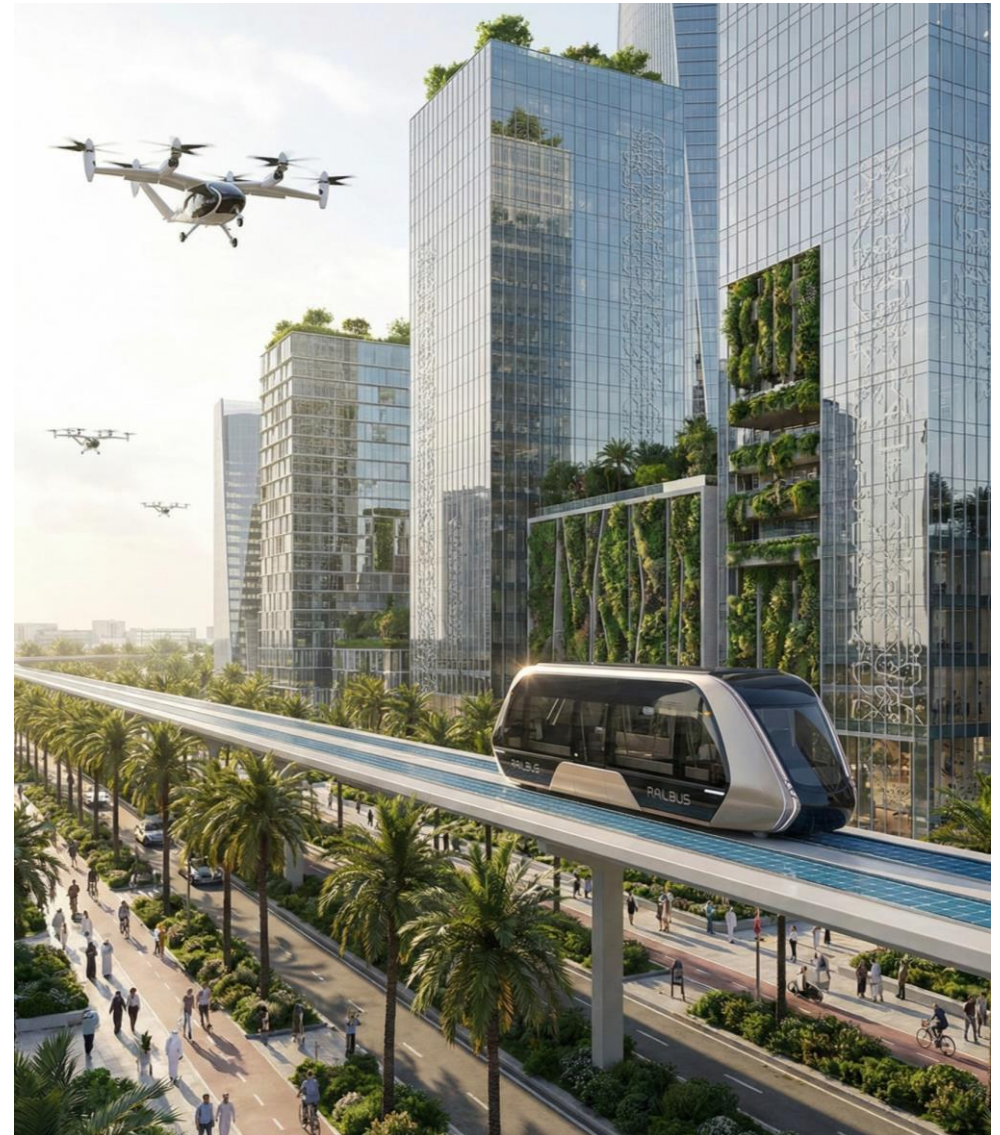
Municipalities, ministries,
city authorities, semi-public PPPs

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)



Categories and Criteria



Inclusivity

Safe Transport Award

This award honors initiatives that reduce transport-related injuries and fatalities, making roads and transit systems safer for everyone.

Note:

Awareness or education-only campaigns without verified safety outcomes are excluded. Only projects showing statistically proven reductions in accidents, injuries, or fatalities qualify.

Who can apply?

All stakeholders:

Private and public sector entities, PPPs, NPOs, Research and Development among others.

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)

Categories and Criteria

Inclusivity

First and Last Mile Award

This award recognises micromobility solutions that enhance walkability, cycling, and short-distance connections, helping people reach main transit networks more efficiently.

Note:

Projects focused on large-scale infrastructure, policy reform, or macro-level mobility masterplans. Only localised micromobility or access-enhancing projects for short-distance travel are eligible.

Who can apply?

All stakeholders:

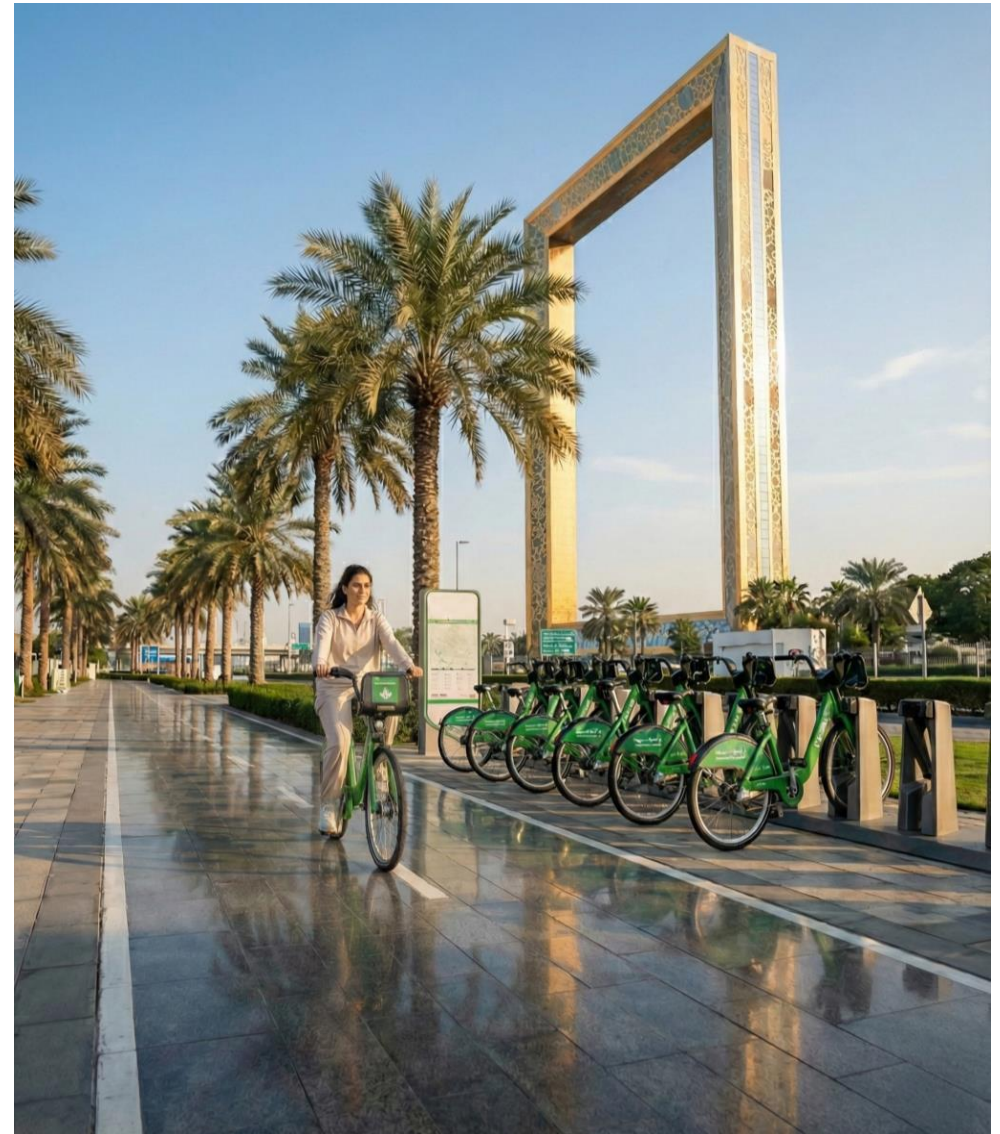
Private and public sector entities, PPPs, NPOs, Research and Development among others.

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)



Categories and Criteria



Inclusivity

Transport for All Award

This award celebrates inclusive transport solutions that improve accessibility and equity for underserved groups such as people of determination, women, the elderly, and low-income communities.

Note:

Projects that are purely technological innovations are excluded from this award and redirected to Best (AI) Innovation in Transport Award.

Who can apply?

All stakeholders:

Private and public sector entities, PPPs, NPOs, Research and Development among others.

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)

Categories and Criteria

Innovation

Best (AI) Innovation in Transport Award (Dynamic Award)

This dynamic award changes each edition to highlight emerging priorities in mobility. For this cycle, it focuses on AI-driven and advanced technology solutions that are transforming how people and goods move.

Who can apply?

All stakeholders:

Private and public sector entities, PPPs, NPOs, Research and Development among others.

Prize

Trophy

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)



Categories and Criteria



Innovation

NextGen for Mobility Award

This award honours university and PhD-level students who present research, prototypes, or innovations that could shape the future of sustainable transport.

Prize

**Certificate
and Monetary Prize**

First Winner:

60,000 AED

Second Winner:

40,000 AED

Third Winner:

20,000 AED

Who can apply?

**University students,
PhD Candidates
(18+)**

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)

Categories and Criteria

Innovation

Outstanding Student Solutions Award

This award recognises secondary school students (18 and under) who propose innovative ideas and early-stage concepts that address real mobility challenges. The submission can be in the form of a group project or a singular student. The students can apply on behalf of their school or individually. The prize money will go to the students (transferred to each student's guardian or your school.)

Prize

**Certificate
and Monetary Prize**

First Winner:

60,000 AED

Second Winner:

40,000 AED

Third Winner:

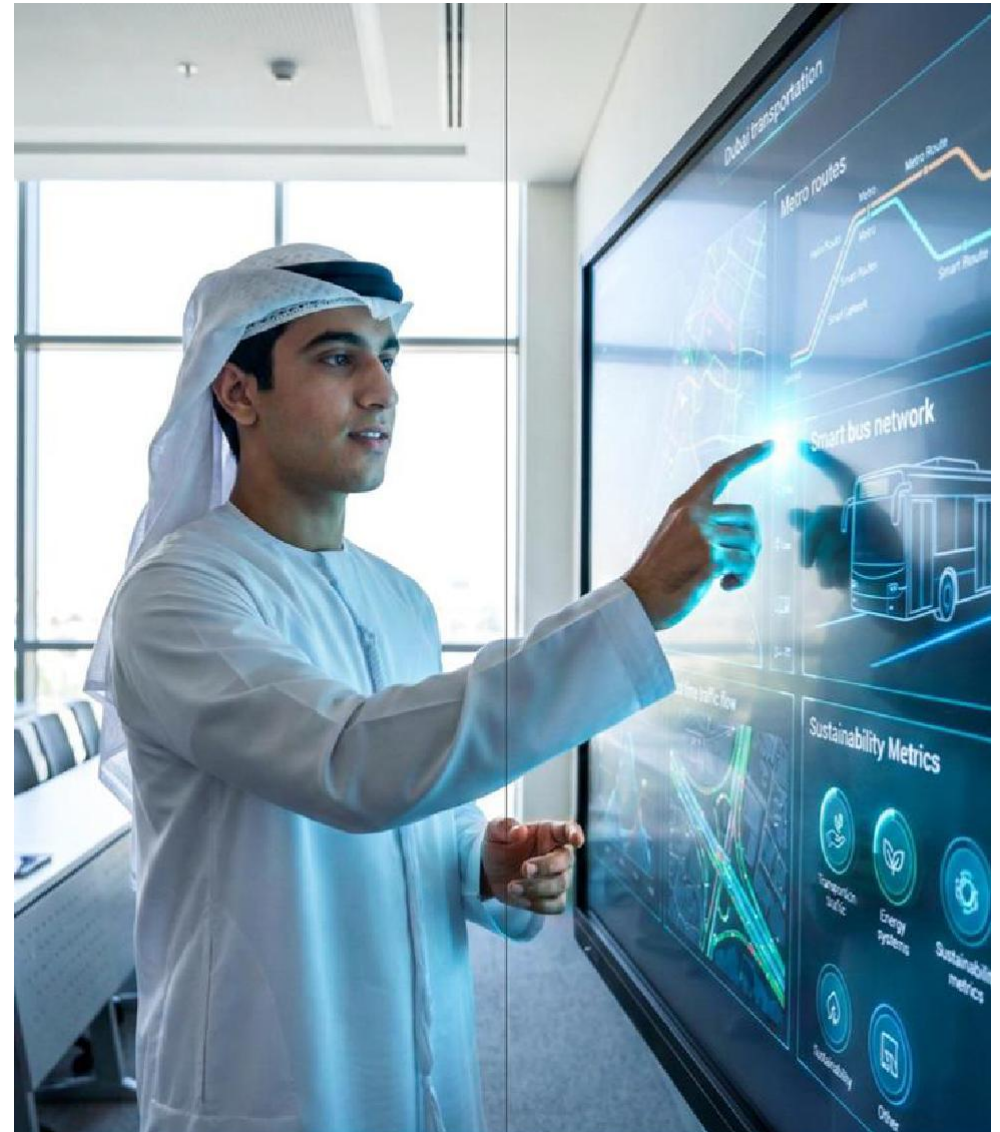
20,000 AED

Who can apply?

**Secondary school students
(18 and under)**

How is your application scored?

Impact (30%)
Feasibility (30%)
Standard alignment (20%)
Community inclusivity (20%)



Which Award Should I Apply For?

Step 1

Are you applying as a student or educational institution?

Yes

Secondary school students (18 -)
Apply to
Outstanding Student Solutions.

University or PhD candidates (18+)
Apply to
NextGen for Mobility.

Step 2

Is your solution focused on AI or advanced technology?

Yes

Apply to
Best (AI) Innovation in Transport Award

Step 3

Is your solution about alternative fuels?

Yes

(hydrogen, biofuels, synthetic fuels, e-fuels, etc.)
Apply to
Clean Energy for Mobility.

Step 4

Is your solution a fleet initiative?

Yes

(e.g. logistics fleets, taxis, buses, shared mobility operators, rail)
Apply to
Outstanding Sustainable Fleet.

Step 5

Is your solution focused on laws, policies, or regulations?

Yes

(e.g. low-emission zones, EV adoption incentives, national mobility laws)

Apply to
Pioneering Sustainable Cities.

Step 10

Is your project a government-led public mobility solution that reduces congestion and improves connections?

Yes

(e.g. integrated ticketing, congestion pricing, multimodal hubs)
Apply to
Urban Flow Improvement Award

Step 9

Is your project about making transport more inclusive and accessible for all?

Yes

(e.g. accessibility for elderly, women, people of determination, low-income groups)
Apply to
Transport for All.

Step 8

Is your project about short-distance connections (walking, cycling, scooters, micromobility)?

Yes

Apply to The First and Last Mile.

Step 7

Is your project primarily about safety?

Yes

(e.g. safer crossings, safety features, road-safety campaigns)
Apply to
Safe Transport.

Step 6

Is your solution focused on transport infrastructure or climate-ready urban design?

Yes

(e.g. flood-resilient metro stations, shaded walkways, sustainable urban corridors)
Apply to
Urban Changemakers.

Review categories above or contact the DAST team for guidance.

Award Evaluation Process

1



Register

and choose your award

2



Fill

out the application form

3



Submit

Your form

Evaluation Process

After the form is submitted, applications undergo a three-stage evaluation process.



Screening

Submissions that are incomplete or irrelevant are removed.

AI-generated content is checked.



Evaluation

All approved submissions are scored using a set criteria.

The top submissions are selected for each award.



Jury

Top winners with the most impressive solutions are chosen.

Elites

Award Cycle



January 2026

Applications open

June 2026

Applications close

September 2026

Final Judgment

October 2026

Ceremony

Register here:

<https://www.rta.ae/dast>





Terms and Conditions for Applicants

Submission of Applications and Eligibility

- All award applications must include clear, comprehensive, and verifiable information sufficient to enable the Jury Panel to conduct a fair and objective evaluation.
- Applications must be submitted exclusively through the official nomination forms available on the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport website, hosted by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) via the following link: www.rta.ae/dast
- All applications must be accompanied by supporting documents, evidence, and materials that substantiate the validity of the nomination.
- Incomplete or unclear applications may be rejected at the absolute discretion of the Evaluation Team and the Jury Panel.
- RTA employees who are responsible or participate in award management committee or sub teams and their families members not eligible to participate in award .
- Any complaints or follow-up enquiries must be submitted to the General Secretariat of the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport within the same Award cycle year for consideration and resolution.

Accuracy of Information and Compliance

- By submitting an application, the applicant acknowledges that all information provided is accurate, complete, and not misleading.
- The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) reserves the absolute right to disqualify or withdraw any application at any stage if it is found to contain false, misleading, or incomplete information, or if it violates these Terms and Conditions.
- Applicants agree to fully cooperate with the Jury Panel and to provide any additional information requested during the evaluation process.
- Applications proven to have been created using artificial intelligence tools, or found to contain plagiarism or intellectual theft, shall be disqualified.

Participation Restrictions and Categories

- The same project or initiative may not be submitted under more than one category within the same Award cycle.
- Any initiative that has previously won the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport is not eligible to reapply under any category in future Award cycles.
- Organisations may submit applications under multiple categories, provided that each application is distinct and submitted separately.
- Joint submissions must include a signed declaration confirming the consent and approval of all participating organisations, companies, or individuals.

Intellectual Property Rights

- The Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) reserves the right to reject any submission that infringes upon the intellectual property rights of any third party.
- Applicants retain ownership of their intellectual property rights. However, by submitting an application, participants grant both the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport and the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, and perpetual licence to use, reproduce, publish, and display the submitted materials for purposes related to Award promotion, evaluation, and public awareness.
(For example, the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport may use images, videos, or infographics from a winning project in promotional materials, social media posts, or on the Award's website to highlight previous winners and promote future Award cycles.)
- Any decision made by the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport regarding intellectual property infringement shall be final and binding.



Terms and Conditions for Applicants

Administrative Authority and Finality of Decisions

- All decisions issued by the Jury Panel and the Award's General Secretariat shall be final, conclusive, and not subject to appeal or review.
- The Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport reserves full discretionary authority to amend, suspend, or cancel any category, award, or event, as deemed appropriate, without incurring any liability towards participants.

Payment and Verification

- The monetary prize shall be issued in the form of a cheque or bank transfer payable to the principal applicant, or, in the case of minors, to the legal guardian as specified in the official application form.
- The application form must include the guardian's full legal name, a valid copy of the Emirates ID or passport, and verified bank account details to ensure the secure disbursement of the prize.
- Payment shall not be processed until all required documentation has been submitted and the eligibility of the winners has been verified by the General Secretariat of the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

- All information submitted as part of the application process shall be treated with strict and appropriate confidentiality.
- Members of the Jury Panel, evaluators, and staff are bound by non-disclosure obligations and are prohibited from sharing, copying, or using application data for any purpose other than evaluation.
- Upon submission of an application, participants consent to the collection, processing, and storage of their personal data and institutional data by the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport and its authorised affiliated entities, exclusively for purposes related to the Award.
- Data shall be managed in accordance with Federal Decree-Law No. (45) of 2021 concerning the Protection of Personal Data in the United Arab Emirates.

Publication and Promotion

- The Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport reserves the right to publish, display, or highlight winning initiatives and participants on the official platforms of the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) and the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport, as well as in reports, media releases, and awareness events.
- Participants agree that the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport may use their names, logos, and initiative details for promotional and educational purposes without requiring additional consent or compensation.

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Group Applications

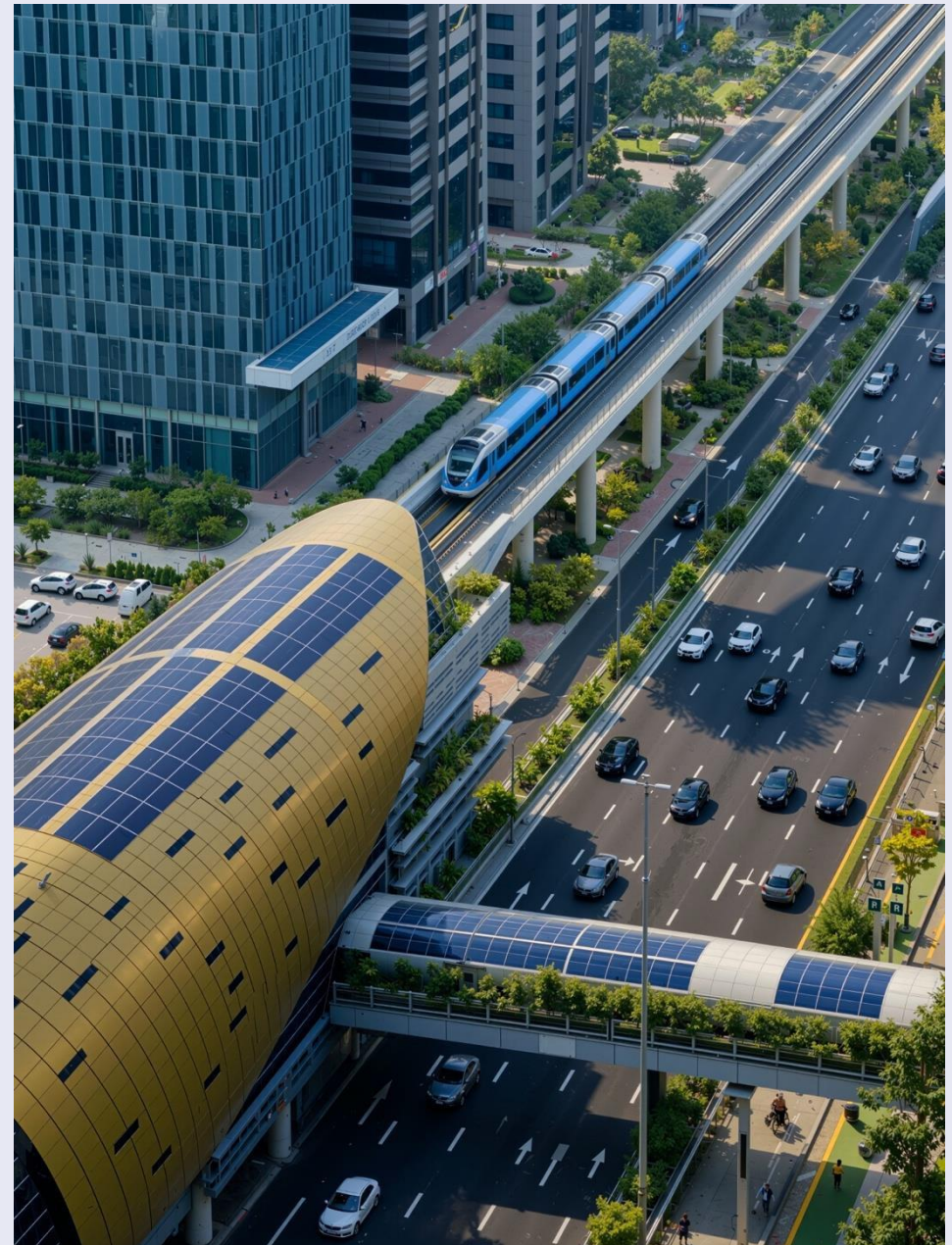
- If an application is submitted by a group of students or a team, the monetary prize shall be issued to a single designated recipient named in the application form.
- The Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport, the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), and their representatives shall bear no responsibility for the internal allocation or distribution of the prize amount among team members.
- Any disputes related to internal distribution shall be resolved independently by the applicants, and the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport and the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) shall have no role therein.

Prize Disbursement Governance

- The Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport shall not exercise any discretionary authority, oversight, or advisory role regarding how the prize amount is used, allocated, or shared among individuals or guardians.
- The sole responsibility of the Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport is limited to issuing the prize to the verified and officially designated recipient recorded in the official records.

Withholding and Cancellation

- The Dubai Award for Sustainable Transport reserves the right to withhold or cancel the monetary prize if it is proven that the applicant has violated eligibility requirements or provided inaccurate information during the application process.





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