



# Innovative Educator Expert



## Recognizing Education Innovation

At Microsoft, we believe that technology alone cannot develop the 21st century skills students require. Technology is an accelerator, but alone it does not enable change. We believe in the power of the educator, and the impact educators can have when they are brought together and recognized for their achievements.

The Microsoft Innovative Educator (MIE) Expert program is an exclusive program created to recognize global educator visionaries who are using technology to pave the way for their peers in the effective use of technology for better learning and student outcomes.

MIE Experts work closely with Microsoft to lead innovation in education. They advocate and share their thoughts on effective use of technology in education with peers and policy makers. They provide insight for Microsoft on new products and tools for education, and they exchange best practices as they work together to promote innovation in teaching and learning.

### Benefit classrooms, schools, and careers:

When educators become MIE Experts, they have the following opportunities:

- Receive publicity and promotion via social media and other Microsoft channels
- Professional and career development opportunities and certifications
- Share their expertise with world-renowned educators and specialists to scale their innovations
- Present in Microsoft's global EduCast Webinar series (<http://aka.ms/educast>)
- Participate in focus groups giving feedback to a development teams on Microsoft products
- Join invitation-only special events from Microsoft
- Share their passion for Microsoft technology with peers and policymakers, and through social media, blogs and videos
- Test out new products while in beta form
- Represent Microsoft through product demonstrations, and by attending events
- Build educator capacity in your community (school, district or at training events) by training and coaching colleagues and inviting them to join the online Microsoft Educator Community
- Collaborate with innovative educators across the globe using Skype in the Classroom
- Host regional events showcasing uses of Microsoft technology in the classroom
- Achieve eligibility to attend the Microsoft Global Educator Exchange Event (E2), Spring 2016

### Self-nominations

Nominate yourself between April 2016 and June 15, 2016 to become a Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert!



## Who is an MIE Expert?

We are looking for self-driven educators who are passionate about their careers, inspiring students with outside-the-box thinking and a true collaborative spirit. Resourceful and entrepreneurial, they relish the role of change agent, and work to achieve excellence in education using advanced technologies and social media.