



NDU Alumni Affairs Office invites NDU graduates to the nomination process for the first 2010 **Takreem Arab Achievement Awards**. The call for nominations for the annual award closes on February 14, 2010. Its aim is to honor Arab achievers, and celebrate Arab intellectual contributions in various fields and categories.

The campaign, initiated by the Lebanese Television Personality Ricardo Karam in conjunction with the Olive Branch group, has finally seen fruition after five years in the making on October 2009.

The applicant should be of an Arab ancestry, active in business and/or social environments, at the height of their respective fields, a cultured and highly developed personality, specialized in specific skills with a background of social, cultural, entrepreneurial, scientific, educational, humanitarian, civil or business fields.

The applicant will be assessed according to professional and objective considerations apart from any form of discrimination in terms of gender, religion, national Arab origin and politics etc.

The applicant will then pass through a three-phase screening process that involves highly experienced committee members. The Olive Branch team shall act as a neutral and administrative intermediary throughout the selection process.

Phase 1: The Peer Review Commission: It shall include members possessing highly developed skills in their areas of expertise. This high level proficiency provides superior equitable conclusions during the preliminary screening.

Phase 2: The International Committee: It is a 12-member panel from diverse professions renowned for their distinctions and achievements. Through a rigorous selection process, it is their responsibility to draw up a carefully considered short-list of candidates in each award category.

Phase 3: The International Jury: It will include prominent and distinguished international figures that will be entrusted with the responsibility of performing the elimination process and announcing the winners in each category. The names of the winners will remain a closely guarded secret until the night of the ceremony.

The ceremony will be held on March 25 at BIEL in Beirut. The winners will be honored in March, during a televised ceremony in Lebanon.

According to the awards organization, “The Takreem Arab Achievement Awards ceremony was envisaged to revitalize Arab consciousness and help to rebuild Arab pride in the region.”

For more information about the Takreem awards or to find out more about how to nominate someone, visit the [Takreem Awards website](http://www.takreemawards.com).

