

WISE Newsletter



The Love of Ali and His Children

The World Islamic Summit on Education (WISE) serves as a platform for schools worldwide to foster innovative ideas, exchange valuable experiences, and establish collaborative partnerships.

The flag of the dome of the holy shrine of Imam Husayn (AS) that was gifted to us in the last summit, keeps making its way to schools across the WISE network.

From As-Sadiq Islamic School in Toronto, Canada, one of the most experienced schools in North America to Noor Academy, a new Islamic Montessori school in Austin, USA.





Why Attend WISE Summit?

- Learn from global best practices in Islamic education.
- Gain actionable strategies for your school's growth.
- Establish lasting collaborations and networks.
- Experience a unique spiritual and professional environment.



WISE Student Summit

Running parallel to the main program, the WISE Student Summit provides young participants with leadership training and development — nurturing the next generation of Muslim leaders.



WISE Summit Najaf 2025

It is our great honor to invite you to the World Islamic Summit of Education (WISE), taking place on December 29–31, 2025, in Najaf, at the Nassim Al Najaf Hotel.

Theme: Nurturing Character, Shaping Identity, Inspiring Future Leaders

Sub-Theme: AI and the Future of Islamic Schools

The WISE Summit unites scholars, educators, and leaders from across the world to illuminate the path of Islamic education for future generations. Click [here](#) to register.



WISE Canada Summit

The WISE Canada Summit 2025, held on Saturday, May 24 in Toronto, brought together educators, school leaders, and community advocates from across Canada for a landmark gathering dedicated to advancing Islamic education.

Organized by the WISE Foundation Canada, the summit provided a vibrant platform for dialogue, collaboration, and professional growth among Shia Islamic schools nationwide. WISE Canada Summit was the first time ever that all Shi'a Islamic schools in Canada gathered in one event. This beautiful event was hosted in As-Sadiq Islamic School. Founded in 1994 by the Islamic Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of Toronto, As-Sadiq Islamic School offers a continuous educational journey from preschool to high school.



The program featured keynote speaker Maulana Sayyid M. Rizvi, alongside presentations from leading educators and organizations. Sessions explored the formative history of Shi'a Islamic schooling in Canada, strategies for preserving Islamic identity in the diaspora, and innovative approaches to curriculum and pedagogy.

Workshops on staff well-being, school culture, and understanding tax structures for Islamic schools offered participants practical tools for strengthening their institutions.

A highlight of the summit was the collaborative session, The Way Forward, led by Sr. Sukaina Jaffer, which engaged participants in identifying common challenges and building actionable strategies for nationwide cooperation. School tours, exhibitions, and networking opportunities further enriched the experience, fostering meaningful connections and shared vision.

With its emphasis on innovation, collaboration, and faith-centered education, the WISE Canada Summit 2025 marked a significant step toward uniting Islamic schools in Canada and empowering the next generation of learners.

WISE Talks Canada regional competition also took place during this event and winners will compete in the final round in Najaf.



WISE Africa Summit



WISE Africa, in collaboration with Al Kisa Foundation, hosted a landmark summit in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, bringing together over 100 schools and institutions from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and South Africa. Held at WIPAHS School, the event fostered collaboration, innovation, and unity in Islamic education.

Dr. Kem Hussain, Senior Vice President of Global Strategy and Development at Cognia, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing global standards and educational excellence. Maulana Dr. Syed Nabi Raza Abidi inspired attendees with a powerful call for unity among schools, setting a strong foundation for future partnerships and shared growth.

WISE has two regional networks: WISE AA for schools in Africa and Asia and WISE AEA for schools in the Americas, Europe and Australia.

To become a member school, please complete the application on our website [here](#).

WISE Café

On Saturday, September 13, 2025, WISE Café hosted a virtual session on Family Engagement: Practical Tips for Teachers and Administrators. The event, held via Zoom, brought together educators from across schools to explore effective strategies for building stronger partnerships with families.

The session featured Sr. Mehrnaz Mohebbi, Instructional Coach and ELA Department Lead at Selm Academy, and Sr. Narjiss Burruss, Humanities Upper School Lead Teacher at RISE Institute. Both speakers shared valuable insights from their classroom and leadership experiences, offering practical approaches to engage families in meaningful ways. Facilitated by Br. Nauman Zaidi, the interactive workshop encouraged participants to reflect on current practices and exchange ideas. The WISE Café once again proved to be a collaborative platform where teachers and administrators could learn from one another and strengthen their capacity to support student success through family engagement.



Resources from the Café can be found on our website:

- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [Family Engagement Workbook](#)
- [Worksheet Used in the Café](#)
- [WISE Café 9-13-25 Recording](#)
- [Complete Resource Folder](#)



WISE Talent Competition

We are excited to announce that the first international WISE Talent Competition in two categories of poetry and visual arts was held this year. This theme was centered on introducing the legacy of Imam Hussain (AS) to the world, giving students a platform to creatively reflect on his life, stand for justice, and his unwavering values of courage and truth.

The goal of the competition was to provide students with a God-centric, innovative platform to develop and showcase their artistic and literary talents while promoting collaboration across WISE schools. Islamic Schools from different countries around the world participated in the competition.

The winners will receive their awards during the WISE Summit in Najaf and will participate in the upcoming WISE Student Summit on December 27-31, 2025. The artwork will be displayed during the summit and the students will have a chance to recite their beautiful poems during the summit.



2025 Competition Final Results

Poetry Competition: 9- 13 Years

THIRD

Zubaida Fatima Ali, Al- Hadi School, USA

Poem's Title: Hussain: The Stand for Humanity

SECOND

Momina Kakli, Al- Hadi School, USA

Poem's Title: My Leader Imam Hussain

FIRST

Mohammedali Naved Dhala

Al-Muntazir Islamic International School, Tanzania

Poem's Title: The Saviour of Islam

Poetry Competition: 14- 18 Years

THIRD

Zainab Sadiq, Al- Hadi School, USA

Poem's Title: A Call for Justice

SECOND

Syed Shafee Zia, Bellfield College, Australia

Poem's Title: Courage in the Eyes of Imam Hussain

FIRST

Fatima Ala Jamalan, Al- Zahra School, UK

Poem's Title: The Silent Witness

ART competition: 9- 13 Years

THIRD

Fatima Zahra Pirani, Al Hadi School, USA

SECOND

Elia Zahra Sadat Kasraie, Noor Academy, USA

FIRST

Narisa Sinclair, Al-Iman School, USA

ART competition: 14 - 18 Years

THIRD

Ali Golshan, Al-Sadiq School, UK

SECOND

Abeeha Ali Syeda, Al-Zahra School, UK

FIRST

Avicenna Sang

Abid Anavi

Bahetera Muthahhari Junior High School, Indonesia



Upcoming Events and Announcements

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The World Islamic Summit on Education (WISE) 2025 invites educators, scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit proposals for presentations, workshops, and panel discussions at this year's summit in Najaf al-Ashraf, Iraq.

The 2025 theme—"Nurturing Character, Shaping Identity, Inspiring Futures"—calls on Islamic schools to explore how we can prepare students not only for academic success, but also for moral, spiritual, and social leadership in today's world. Please complete the form on our website to submit your proposal by the deadline of October 15, 2025.



WISE 2025 SUMMIT REGISTRATION

It is our great honor to invite you to the World Islamic Summit of Education (WISE), taking place on December 29-31, 2025, in Najaf, at the Nassim Al Najaf Hotel. This year's summit will open and close with unforgettable ceremonies held inside the conference hall of the holy shrine of Imam Ali (AS) — a truly unique and spiritual setting to begin and conclude our gathering.

The overarching theme of all WISE summits is "Training Future Leaders." For 2025, the central focus will be on developing student character and identity, an essential foundation for strong Islamic schools. In addition, this year's program will feature special sessions on AI: Current State and Future Trends in Islamic Schools — a timely and critical discussion for school leaders.

Practical Information:

- Accommodation: \$65 per night per person at Nassim Al Najaf Hotel (including 3 daily meals)
- Registration Fee: Take advantage of the early bird registration fee of \$120 by completing your registration before the deadline of October 15, 2025. After this date, the registration fee will be \$150, and availability cannot be guaranteed as spaces are limited. We encourage you to register early to secure your place at this year's WISE Summit.
- Registration Deadline: October 15, 2025
- Please visit our website to register.



WORLD ISLAMIC SUMMIT ON EDUCATION

EXHIBIT AT WISE 2025 - CALL FOR EXHIBITORS

- ④ A Global education conference of Islamic school leaders from around the world
- ④ Theme of AI, technology, and the future of schooling
- ④ Showcase innovative solutions directly to decision-makers shaping tomorrow's learning environments.

DEC. 29-31
2025
NAJAF
IRAQ

STUDENTS

+70,000

EDUCATORS

+5,000

SCHOOLS

+100

CONTACT US

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Deadline: Oct. 15, 2025



The Tawhidi Strands

Introducing AL-Kisa Foundation's Framework for God-centric Science

in collaboration with WISE Education and Research

Saturday
8th November

8-10 am PST

Designed by a team of scholars and educators for schools and teachers who want to bring depth, purpose, and faith-based connections into their current science curriculum

REGISTER NOW FOR VIRTUAL SESSION

tinyurl.com/AlKisaScienceIntro



What to Expect:

- Explanation of the four **Tawhidi Strands** and their role in shaping an Islamic worldview in science.
- **Demonstration** of how a science lesson can be **transformed** using this framework.
- **Practical tools and strategies** to implement right away.
- **Q&A** session to address your classroom needs and questions.

