Program Area: Future of Work

Category: Best Program for Upskilling Employees

The category Best Program for Upskilling Employees is for a written description of a program designed to provide employees with more advanced skills that enable them to qualify for new or better jobs across a wide range of areas. It should include a description of the how the advanced skills or competencies were developed and the specific needs the upskilling was addressing.

Training, learning, talent, HR, or other related department can enter either alone or together with a helping organization (such as a vendor aka solution provider, or consultant). Helping organizations cannot enter alone.

**Instructions:**

1. You must use this Word document for your submission.
2. Type your submission description into the appropriate sections of this document.
3. Do not change the formatting or font –  *Helvetica body 12* (size, color, or type).
4. Do not remove any sections of the application.
5. If any fields are not applicable, please leave them blank or write N/A.
6. Read the Judging Criteria below. The judges will evaluate your submission according to these criteria.
7. Write in paragraph form and check the spelling.
8. Write using the third person. Do not use “we, our, us,” etc.
9. Avoid “marketing” languages; focus on details and outcomes.
10. Include images, charts, and graphs in this document form; please do not include separate documents. Please insert these items within the context of your responses. These items may also be added to the end of the document in an appendix if necessary.
11. If applicable, you may provide supporting reports, videos, and course links. Please provide proper access information to courses and details for special instructions. If providing passwords to courses or videos, ensure they are valid for one year or more and can be easily accessed by the web. Do not include any links or embedded links within this form. Provide all links, URLs, and User access information in your online application for submission. Make sure access is available to reviewers for at least one year.
12. When completed using the same font size, this document should be approximately (15-20 written pages), font size Helvetica 12, not including instructions, questions, or graphics. If you have additional supporting information, you may include it within the appropriate sections of this entry form or in an appendix at the end of the document.
13. Within the online application, if you have selected “Yes” to granting Brandon Hall Group publishing permission of your entry, but there are parts of your application you wish not to have published, please indicate by **highlighting those details within this form in red,** so they are omitted from publishing.
14. Save as a **Word Document** with a new file name. Example: Company Name\_Category\_Short Title
15. Sign up or log in to the HCM Excellence Awards portal: <https://excellenceawards.brandonhall.com/hcm/>. Upload your completed entry form, complete the online application, and provide all supporting links and URLs. Check to make sure you have completed your online application and payment.

**Please direct any questions to:** **awards@brandonhall.com****. Do not send any applications via email, but only through the award application site.**

|  |
| --- |
| **Judging Criteria: The judges will evaluate your entry on a scale of 1-6 on each of these criteria below.** |
| 1. **Fit to the Needs**
 | The upskilling is aligned effectively to the business needs of the organization or specific changes or developments within the organization. |
| 1. **Design**
 | The design of the upskilling program started with a business goal related to improving current skills or teaching new, advanced skills to address a new or revised business need. |
| 1. **Delivery**
 | The upskilling program was delivered effectively based on the specific needs and was easy to access and complete. |
| 1. **Measurable Benefits**
 | The upskilling program was quantified using a variety of measurement techniques and principles that showed measurable benefits and outcomes to the business. |
| 1. **Overall**
 | Overall, the upskilling program demonstrates a positive impact for the organization. |

Entry Overview:

***Please make sure all information matches the online application.***

Entry Information

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Entry Title** | (Insert text here) |
| Name of Entering Organization | (Insert text here) |
| \*Name of Helping Organization (Vendor) if submitted jointly: | (Insert text here) |
| \*OPTIONAL PR | (Insert text here) |
| Date | (Insert text here) |
| Brief Description of Entry (2-3 Sentences) | (Insert text here) |

Company Background (of entering organization, not the solution provider)

Insert company logo here

Use the grid below to give information about the organization, size and scope, and industries served.

|  |
| --- |
| **Company-at-a-Glance** |
| Headquarters | (Insert text here) |
| Year Founded | (Insert text here) |
| Revenue | (Insert text here) |
| Employees | (Insert text here) |
| Global Scale (Regions that you operate in or provide services to) | (Insert text here) |
| Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)  | (Insert text here) |
| Industry | (Insert text here) |
| Stock Symbol | (Insert text here) |
| Website | (Insert text here) |

\*Optional: Company Background (of solution provider if submitted jointly)

Insert company logo here:

Use the grid below to give information about the organization, size and scope, and industries served.

|  |
| --- |
| **Company-at-a-Glance** |
| Headquarters | (Insert text here) |
| Year Founded | (Insert text here) |
| Revenue | (Insert text here) |
| Employees | (Insert text here) |
| Global Scale (Regions that you operate in or provide services to) | (Insert text here) |
| Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)  | (Insert text here) |
| Industry | (Insert text here) |
| Stock Symbol | (Insert text here) |
| Website | (Insert text here) |

Budget and Timeframe

Please fill out the following grid with your best ability. You may offer an estimate or range for each. If this information is confidential or not applicable, enter N/A. Your entry will not be judged based on this information; however, this offers the judges a greater understanding of your entry, complexity, and/or maturity.

|  |
| --- |
| **Budget and Timeframe** |
| Overall budget | (Insert text here) |
| Number of (HR, Learning, Talent) employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of Operations or Subject Matter Expert employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of contractors involved with implementation | (Insert text here) |
| Timeframe to implement | (Insert text here) |
| Start date of the program | (Insert text here) |

Entry Details:

Judging Criteria 1: Fit to the Needs

Use this area for a high-level description of how the upskilling program addressed critical business objectives. How did you assess the need for upskilling? What goals did you establish? How were they achieved? How did the learning and business functions collaborate?

Details:

Judging Criteria 2: Design

Use this area to describe in detail the reasons behind the upskilling program and how it was designed to achieve your business goals.

Details:

Judging Criteria 3: Delivery

Use this area to describe how the upskilling program was rolled out and how it was received by those who were impacted. Please indicate challenges that needed to be overcome.

Details:

Judging Criteria 4: Measurable Benefits

Use this area to describe the measurable business benefits of your upskilling program based on one or more measurement techniques and principles. This should go beyond learner satisfaction and address how the program helped the organization meet business objectives.

Details:

Judging Criteria 5: Overall

Use this section to provide a summary of the overall impact of the upskilling initiative. What lessons did you learn and what would you do differently? What are the next steps/future outlook?

Details: