



Invitation for Students to Apply for Team UAE Selection - FIRST Global Challenge 2026
(Year 9 & 10)

Dear Parents,

Greetings from **The Apple International Community School**.

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our students to participate in the selection process for Team UAE for the **FIRST Global Challenge 2026**, widely known as the **Olympics of Robotics**.

The FIRST Global Challenge is a prestigious international robotics competition that brings together students from over 190 countries to compete, collaborate, and innovate. The 2026 edition is scheduled to take place in **Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 7th to 10th October 2026**.

Selected students will have the honour of representing the United Arab Emirates on a global platform, showcasing their skills in robotics, coding, engineering, creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Team UAE Achievements

- Team UAE made a remarkable leap from 139th position to 2nd place at the FIRST Global Challenge 2024 in Athens, Greece.
- Building on this success, Team UAE achieved Gold at the FIRST Global Challenge 2025 in Panama.
- Several past participants have secured full-ride scholarships at leading universities, reflecting the academic value and global recognition associated with this programme.

Benefits for Students

- Hands-on experience in robotics, coding, engineering, and innovation
- Development of critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and design-thinking skills
- Opportunities to strengthen leadership, teamwork, communication, and presentation skills
- International exposure through collaboration with students from different cultures and countries
- Enhanced academic profile for future university applications and STEM-related opportunities

We are also pleased to inform you that we have arranged an exclusive online orientation session for the students of AICS on **Saturday, 23rd May at 5:00 PM**. During this session, students and parents will receive detailed information about the FIRST Global Challenge, the Team UAE selection process, expectations, training pathway, and opportunities available through the programme.

Registration Link: <https://uwr.ae/fgcaics>

Parents of interested students are requested to encourage their children to apply for the selection process. Further details regarding eligibility, registration, selection criteria, training schedule, and participation requirements will be shared shortly.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students who are passionate about robotics, technology, innovation, engineering, and problem-solving to challenge themselves and represent the UAE with pride.



For reference, parents and students may explore the following FIRST Global resources:

[#FGC2025Panama | Full Event Recap | FIRST Global](#)

[Robotics is a Sport | FIRST Global](#)

[Igniting Innovation Theme | #FGC2026Incheon](#)

[Team UAE in Khaleej times](#)

[Team UAE in Gulf News](#)

We look forward to your support in encouraging our students to take part in this prestigious global opportunity.

Kind Regards,

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