



FUNDAÇÃO CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN

## CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

### REGULATIONS

#### INTRODUCTION

To commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation has decided to establish the **Calouste Gulbenkian International Prize** in order to emphasise the multiple dimensions that influenced the Founder's life and personality.

Calouste Gulbenkian's long path, from his childhood in Istanbul to the latter years of his life in Lisbon (emblematic cities at the eastern and western edges of Europe), shaped his personality and influenced the Foundation that he decided to create in Portugal as a Portuguese institution.

A pioneer in the oil industry, a demanding art collector, a diplomat and a philanthropist, Calouste Gulbenkian was a perfect example of the synthesis of the eastern culture of his birth and origins, and the western culture in which he was educated and lived. Other revealing features of his character were his enormous sensitivity towards the harmony of nature and a particular taste for admiring its beauty.

Naturally, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's activities reflect these characteristics of the founder's personality and aim to support efforts to foster the universal values inherent to the human condition, respect for diversity and difference, a culture of tolerance and the conservation of the environment in man's relationship with nature.

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **Objective**

1. The **Calouste Gulbenkian International Prize** (hereafter “the Prize”) will distinguish an individual or institution whose thoughts or actions make a decisive contribution to and have significant impact on understanding, defending or fostering the universal values of the human condition, with particular reference to the following:

- A. Respect for difference and inter-cultural, inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue;
- B. Respect for biodiversity and defence of the environment in man’s relationship with nature.

2. The Prize will be in force for five years.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Duration and value**

The Prize of €100,000 (one hundred thousand euros) will be awarded annually, alternating between areas A and B, established in Article 1.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Decision-making process**

1. The decision to award the Prize shall be the sole responsibility of the Board of trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, based on a proposal made by an independent panel formed for that purpose. The members of the panel will vary according to whether the Prize is to be awarded to area A or B.

2. The aforementioned panel will comprise Portuguese or foreign individuals of acknowledged merit chosen by the Board of Trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The decision will be taken by a simple majority.

3. The Prize may be jointly awarded *ex aequo* to two applications.

4. The decision of the Board of Trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is final.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Criteria**

The fundamental criteria used in the assessment process shall be the pursuit of the objectives underlying the establishment of the Prize, and the impact, originality and innovative qualities of the applicant’s contribution to the respective theme at the current time.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Applications**

1. Fully grounded applications shall be presented by third parties. In addition, each member of the panel can also present up to three applications.
2. Applications shall be sent, for the respective year, between 2 January and 15 March, to the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Av. de Berna 45-A, 1067-001 Lisboa, Portugal.
3. Application forms can be requested from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation or downloaded from the Internet ([www.gulbenkian.pt](http://www.gulbenkian.pt)), and completed according to the instructions indicated.
3. In addition to the documents presented with the application, the panel may request further information from applicants.
4. Each member of the panel may nominate up to three other candidates.
5. The Prize will be awarded at a ceremony on 20 July at the headquarters of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **Eligibility**

1. The Prize is open to individuals or non-profit institutions, regardless of nationality.
2. The Prize cannot be awarded posthumously or to an institution that has ceased its activity.