



CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN PRIZE (2017-2021)

Regulation

2017 edition

INTRODUCTION

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 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 great sensitivity towards the harmony of nature and a particular taste for admiring its beauty.

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, an international philanthropic institution, open to the world, seeks to support actions which contribute to the construction of a fairer and more solidary society, where equal opportunities and sustainability help to prepare the citizens of the future.

The Calouste Gulbenkian Prize is given annually. It aims to pay tribute to the Founder, recognizing individuals or institutions that have distinguished themselves, due to their relevance and work in the area of Human Rights.

FIRST

Objective and Term

1. **The Calouste Gulbenkian Prize** aim to recognise an individual or a private non-profit legal person who have distinguished themselves internationally in the defence and implementation of Human Rights. In 2017, special attention will be given to **refugee issues**.

SECOND

Value

The value of the Calouste Gulbenkian Prize will be 100,000 € (one hundred thousand euros).



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THIRD

Decision Making Procedure

1. The decision to award the Prize shall be made by the Board of Trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, based on the proposals of the independent jury. The jury will be appointed for this purpose among national and foreign individuals of recognized merit.
3. The jury shall decide by a simple majority of its members.
4. The final decision of the Board of Trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation cannot be appealed.

FOURTH

Assessment criteria

In the process of assessing applications, the objectives of the Calouste Gulbenkian Prize as well as the impact, the originality and innovative nature of the candidate's contribution to this theme will be used as fundamental criteria.

FIFTH

Applications

1. Fully-grounded applications must be submitted exclusively online, from April 3 to May 31 of each year, on the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation website (www.gulbenkian.pt), following the instructions given therein.
3. The jury may request additional clarifications on the candidates, in addition to the documentation submitted with the application.
4. The Prize will be delivered each year, at the headquarters of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, in a ceremony that will take place on the day the Foundation celebrates its Founder.

SIXTH

Eligibility

1. Any individual or private non-profit legal person, regardless of nationality, shall be considered eligible for winning the Prize, provided that they respect the geographical scope of action specified for each category.
2. Prize may not be awarded posthumously or to an institution which has ceased its activity.