

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN PRIZE (2017-2021)

Rules

2019 Edition

INTRODUCTION

The long journey of Calouste Gulbenkian from childhood in Istanbul to Lisbon at the end of his life, emblematic cities at the eastern and western extremes of Europe, shaped him and influenced the Foundation that he created in Portugal, by testamentary will.

A pioneer in the oil industry, a demanding art collector, a diplomat and a philanthropist, Calouste Gulbenkian expressed in an exemplary manner the synthesis between the Eastern culture in which he was born and the Western culture in which he was educated and lived. In addition, a particular sensitivity to the harmony of nature and a special propensity for the contemplation of its beauty were also revealing traits of his character.

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, as a leading philanthropic institution, open to the world, seeks to support activities that contribute to the construction of a more just and fair society, which is sustainable, which provides equal opportunities to all, and prepares the citizens of the future.

The aim of Calouste Gulbenkian Prize, awarded annually, is to pay tribute to our Founder, by recognising individuals or non-profit private legal entities that, due to their significance and work, have achieved recognition in the area of Human Rights.

FIRST

Objective and Time-frame

1. The objective of the **Calouste Gulbenkian Prize** is to recognise individuals and non-profit private legal entities which have distinguished themselves internationally in the defence and establishment of Human Rights. In 2019, there will be a particular focus on the theme of strengthening democracy in the digital era.
2. The Prize is awarded annually for a period of five years (2017-2021).

SECOND:

Value

The Calouste Gulbenkian Prize has a value of € 100,000 (one hundred thousand euros) per year.

THIRD

Selection Process

1. The Board of Directors of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is responsible for deciding the award of the Prize based on the proposals of an independent jury formed for this purpose, composed of individuals of renowned merit.
2. The jury shall take its decisions by a simple majority of all members.
3. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation cannot be appealed.

FOURTH

Assessment Criteria

The basic criteria considered in the application evaluation process are the objectives of the Calouste Gulbenkian Prize, as well as the impact, originality and innovative character of the candidates' contribution to the theme in question.

FIFTH

Candidates

1. Applications, duly substantiated, must be submitted exclusively on-line, between 4th March and 5th May, via the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation website (www.gulbenkian.pt), in accordance with the instructions provided there.
2. The jury may request additional clarifications from candidates in addition to the documents submitted with the application.
3. The Prize is awarded each year at the headquarters of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, at the ceremony held on the day the Foundation celebrates its Founder (19th July).

SIXTH

Eligibility

1. Individuals and non-profit private legal entities, independently of nationality, which have distinguished themselves internationally in the defence and establishment of Human Rights, with particular focus on the theme of strengthening democracy in the digital era, are eligible to apply.
2. The Prize cannot be awarded posthumously or to an institution which has ceased its activity.