

Nominations

Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity

The €1 million Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity helps accelerate proven, impactful climate action that benefits people and the planet.

Winners are selected by an independent jury of internationally recognised experts in climate science and earth systems; climate justice and human rights; innovation and technology; and diplomacy, governance and politics, chaired by Angela Merkel, through a rigorous process including open nominations.

Any individual, organisation or group of individuals/organisations making a significant contribution to tackling climate change for people and the planet can receive the Prize. They can come from anywhere in the globe.

Winners are chosen for their proven achievements and inspirational leadership, as well as their potential for wider transformative impact, and relevance to the most pressing challenges posed by climate change to people and the planet.

The nomination form asks five open text questions to help the Jury assess the nominee against the key criteria.

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Before starting the nomination form below, please read these instructions:

- Nominations must come from a third party. Self-nominations are not permitted. Please read the [Call Conditions](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to understand the criteria and ensure your nomination is eligible.
- There are three categories of nomination forms: For individuals, organisations or groups of individuals/organisations.
- The form must be completed in one session. It is not possible to save the form before submitting. However, to help you prepare offline, you can download copies of the questions for the three categories: Individual; Organisation; Group of Individuals/Organisations.
- The nomination and all accompanying documents must be submitted in English.
- The same person may nominate more than one nomination. Each application requires a separate form.
- Hyperlinks cannot be included in the online form. There is space at the end to insert URLs and/or upload any documents that might support your nomination, such as reference letters, annual reports, CVs, etc.

- Applicants will receive a confirmation email once the form is submitted.
- It is not possible to access the form or make any changes after it is submitted.
- All entries must be submitted before 30 January 2026, 17:00 (GMT).

Submit Nomination

Who you can nominate:

The Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity supports individuals, organisations, and groups. Please refer to the list of exclusions below.

Exclusions (those you cannot nominate):

To support fairness and avoid conflicts of interest, you cannot submit a nomination for any of the following:

- Yourself
- A close family member (relative), or any Organisation that employs a close family member
- Your own Organisation, including your employer, related departments, subsidiaries or sub-entities
- An individual who works for your Organisation
- An Organisation that you serve as a Board Member or advisor, or are part of its decision-making body
- An Organisation with whom you have a commercial or financial relationship with. Exception: this does not apply in cases where the nominator is a philanthropic funder which supported the nomination in question.
- An Organisation with whom you have directly collaborated with in the last two years. Exception: this does not apply in cases where the nominator is a philanthropic funder which supported the nomination in question

I confirm that my nomination is eligible.

Type of nominee

- Individual
- Organisation
- Group of individuals/organisations

Information about the nominee

First and last name *

Organisation name *

Organisation type *

Organisation sector *

Function / Title *

Email *

Country where employed *

Region where employed *

(Head) Office location *

Link to webpage (e.g., LinkedIn profile, online biography or information about the individual)

Nomination in brief

Please note: Hyperlinks cannot be included in this online form. There is space at the end to insert URLs and/or upload materials that support your nomination.

Please provide a brief statement about the nominee and why this nomination merits the prize *

(Maximum 1000 characters with spaces)

Year started

Please summarise their key achievements. *

(Maximum 2000 characters with spaces)

How have they demonstrated extraordinary leadership within their field? *

(Maximum 1000 characters with spaces)

Please outline why the nominee's work is relevant to the most pressing climate challenges of our time. *

(Maximum 1000 characters with spaces)

Please outline why you think receiving the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity would accelerate or scale the nominee's impact and influence wider transformative change. *

(Maximum 1000 characters with spaces)

Information about you (The Nominator)

You will be our primary point of contact

First and last name *

Name of the organisation/entity you are affiliated with *

Your organisation/entity's type *

Your organisation/entity's sector *

Your function/Title *

Country you are based in *

Region *

Telephone / Mobile (including country code) *

E-mail *

Briefly describe your relationship to the Nominee (if any) *

Supporting information (optional)

Here you can add links to online materials that support your nomination, or upload documents. This section is optional.

Links to online materials

Please insert full URLs to any online materials, such as Curriculum Vitae, videos, websites etc. (maximum of three).

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References

Please provide the name, email address and contact number of a third party who has agreed to provide a reference and endorsement of the nominee if they are shortlisted.

It is essential that you receive their permission to include them here before you submit the nomination.

Name

Email

Contact number

I confirm that this third party has agreed to act as a referee for the nominee if the nominee is shortlisted.

Communication

Have you ever submitted a nomination for the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity?

Yes No

How did you hear about the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity? *

Email from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

Email from other source

Social media

From a colleague or other recommendation

At sector event (Climate COPs and/or other international conference)

Media (Print and online)

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation website

Google or other search engine

Other (please describe)

I would like to receive communications about the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's activities.

I, on behalf of the represented entity, declare, on my word of honour, that the information provided herein is accurate, correct, and complete and/or that the documents submitted are genuine as well as the information included in them.*

By clicking the "submit" option, you are expressly consenting the processing of your data for the purposes indicated in the regulation of the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity.

I am aware of and consent to the processing of the personal data provided in this form for the purpose of managing the awarding of the 2026 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, as stated in the Regulation of the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity and in the Privacy and Cookies Policy, also ensuring that I have obtained authorization and have communicated this information to any possible data subjects included in this application.*

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