

REGULATIONS FOR THE XXVIII EDITION (ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024)

Article I – OBJECTIVE

The International Prize Grupo Compostela–Xunta de Galicia seeks to annually recognise a natural person or a legal entity from the academic, scientific, social, cultural or political field who are significant for their work, studies, research and initiatives in favour of European unity and the values of cooperation, integration, diversity and tolerance, the promotion of culture, the *Camino de Santiago* and social progress.

Article II – NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidates for the International Prize Grupo Compostela–Xunta de Galicia may be nominated by:

1. Member universities of the Compostela Group of Universities.
2. Xunta de Galicia.
3. Other official European institutions.
4. The members of the jury.

Article III – SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be submitted following these steps:

1. To use the official nomination form provided by the secretariat of the Compostela Group of Universities for the current edition. This form must be signed by the highest representative of the institution –rector, president or equivalent– submitting the nomination.
2. To attach to the official nomination form a complete curriculum vitae of the candidate (including his/her contact details), as well as any documents that may be considered relevant for supporting the nomination.

3. To send the nomination by e-mail, with 'acknowledgement of reading', to grupo.compostela@usc.es.

The deadline to remit applications is on **22 March 2024**. Nominations submitted out of date and not following the requirements aforementioned will be null for all purposes.

Article IV – JURY

The jury will be composed by the following authorities:

Honorary President

President of Xunta de Galicia.

President

Regional Minister of the Xunta de Galicia for Culture, Education, Vocational Training and Universities of the Xunta de Galicia.

Vice-president

President of the Compostela Group of Universities.

Permanent member

Rector of the University of Santiago de Compostela.

Members

Two representatives of Xunta de Galicia.

Two rectors from the full member universities of the Compostela Group of Universities.

Secretary

Executive secretary of the Compostela Group of Universities.

Article V – CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

For selecting a winner, the jury will take into account the following criteria:

1. The finalist should hold an outstanding relevance and international projection for his/her contribution to the preservation of the cultural heritage of Europe and the development of European values of cooperation, integration, diversity, tolerance and unity around the *Camino de Santiago*;
2. The finalist's labour should be linked to a social commitment from the academic, cultural or scientific scope;

3. The finalist's profile should allow the establishment of multilateral collaborations and institutional synergies;
4. The finalist should not have been subjected to other similar recognition awards offered by the Xunta de Galicia;
5. There should be some gender balance in accordance with the Law on Gender Equality 3/2007 of 22 March, for effective equality of women and men;

Should the candidates do not meet those criteria, the jury reserves the right to declare the Prize null.

Article VI – MEETING OF THE JURY AND VOTING SYSTEM

Each year there will be a single winning candidacy, selected by the members of the jury in a private meeting at the University of Santiago de Compostela.

All members of the jury may vote, with the exception of the honorary president and the secretary.

The voting system will be by voice vote. Each of the members of the jury must indicate three finalists by awarding the following score:

- 3rd finalist: 1 point.
- 2nd finalist: 2 points.
- 1st finalist: 3 points.

In case of a tie, one or more ballots shall be held to decide between the candidates.

The finalist with the highest score will be the winner of the Prize.

Article VII – PRIZE

The winner will be awarded with a golden shell, the symbol of the Compostela Group of Universities, as well as with 6.000 euros (gross amount).

If the Prize goes to a legal entity of a public nature, the economic amount of the Prize must be donated to a non-profit organisation linked to the same object than the winner (academic, research, social, cultural or political).

If the Prize falls on a legal person of a private nature or on a natural person, the above-mentioned donation will be optional.

Article VIII – AWARDING OF THE PRIZE

The awarding ceremony of the Prize will be celebrated within the framework of the general assembly of the Compostela Group of Universities, to be held in a full member university.

Article IX – ORGANISATION

All aspects related to the organisation of the Prize (information, communications, interpretation of regulations, etc.) correspond to the secretariat of the Compostela Group of Universities.

*Note: The guidelines of this Prize have been edited in English, French, Spanish and Galician. In case of any discrepancy or misunderstanding in their interpretation, the Spanish version shall always take precedence.