

REGULATIONS FOR THE XXX EDITION (ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026)

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 fields who stands out for their work, studies, research and initiatives in favour of European unity and the values of cooperation, integration, diversity and tolerance, as well as 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. Members of the jury.

Article III – SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be submitted following these steps:

1. 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. Attach to the official nomination form a complete curriculum vitae of the candidate (including contact details), as well as any documents considered relevant to support the nomination.

3. Send the nomination by e-mail, with ‘acknowledgement of reading’, to grupo.compostela@usc.es.

The deadline for submitting applications is **23 March 2026**. Nominations submitted after this date or not meeting the aforementioned requirements will be considered null.

Article IV – JURY

The jury will be composed of the following authorities:

Honorary President

President of the Xunta de Galicia.

President

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

Vice-president

President of the Compostela Group of Universities.

Permanent member

Rector of the University of Santiago de Compostela.

Members

Two representatives of the 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

To select the winner, the jury will take into account the following criteria:

1. The finalist should have outstanding relevance and international projection for their contribution to the preservation of cultural heritage and the development of values of cooperation, integration, diversity, tolerance and unity around the *Camino de Santiago*.
2. The finalist’s work should demonstrate social commitment within the academic, cultural or scientific fields.

3. The finalist's profile should enable the establishment of multilateral collaborations and institutional synergies.
4. The finalist must not have received other similar recognition awards granted by the Xunta de Galicia.
5. Gender balance should be ensured in accordance with the Law on Gender Equality 3/2007 of 22 March, for effective equality of women and men.

Should the candidates fail to meet these criteria, the jury reserves the right to declare the Prize void.

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, except for the Honorary President and the Secretary.

Voting will be conducted by voice vote. Each member of the jury must indicate three finalists, awarding the following points:

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

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

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

Article VII – PRIZE

The winner will receive a golden shell, the symbol of the Compostela Group of Universities, as well as 6,000 euros (gross amount).

If the Prize is awarded to a public legal entity, the monetary amount must be donated to a non-profit organisation whose purpose aligns with that of the winner (academic, research, social, cultural or political).

If the Prize is awarded to a private legal entity or a natural person, the aforementioned donation will be optional.

Article VIII – AWARDING OF THE PRIZE

The presentation ceremony will take place within the framework of the general assembly of the Compostela Group of Universities, to be held at a full member university.

Article IX – ORGANISATION

All aspects related to the organisation of the Prize (information, communications, interpretation of regulations, etc.) fall under the responsibility of 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 prevail.