

## **CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN PRIZE (2017-2021)**

### **Rules**

#### **2018 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 decided to create in Portugal as a Portuguese institution.

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 institutions 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 institutions which have distinguished themselves internationally in the defence and establishment of Human Rights. In 2018, there will be a particular focus on the issue of freedom of expression, information and press.
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).

## 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 1st March and 30th April, via the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation website ([www.gulbenkian.pt](http://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 (20<sup>th</sup> July).

### **SIXTH**

#### **Eligibility**

1. Individuals and non-profit private institutions, independently of nationality, which have distinguished themselves internationally in the defence and establishment of Human Rights, are eligible to apply.
2. The Prize cannot be awarded posthumously or to an institution which has ceased its activity.