



JORGE ÁLVARES FOUNDATION - GENERAL VASCO ROCHA VIEIRA PORTUGAL - CHINA FRIENDSHIP AWARD

Regulations

Introduction

The launch of the Jorge Álvares Foundation - General Vasco Rocha Vieira - Portugal-China Friendship Award aims to pay tribute to its founder and last Governor of Macau, who, before and after the transfer of the Portuguese Administration of Macau in 1999, played a very important role in developing friendly relations between Portugal and the People's Republic of China.

With this Award, the Jorge Álvares Foundation also continues its general mission of preserving and promoting historical relations between Portugal and China, particularly through Macau.

Objective

To recognize and encourage study and research on relations between Portugal and the People's Republic of China through Macau, as well as institutions that promote initiatives aimed at strengthening ties between the Portuguese, Chinese, and Macanese communities.

Categories and alternation

The Award comprises two categories: **Institutions**, to be awarded in even-numbered years; and **Papers**, to be awarded in odd-numbered years.

The **Institutions category** is intended to reward any contribution or relevant actions carried out by national or foreign institutions in the context of developing or bringing closer the relationship between the Portuguese, Chinese, and Macanese communities in the fields of Portuguese, Chinese, or Macanese patois, science, education, philanthropy, and benevolence, among others;

The **Papers category** is intended to reward studies and written works on a topic related to relations between Portugal and China, particularly through Macau

Value

The annual value of the Award is €25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand euros) for the first two editions, and this amount may be revised for subsequent editions.

Recipients

The **Institutions category** is open to any institution, national or international, whose initiative fits the objective of the Award;

The **Papers category** is open to any person without restriction of academic background, nationality or other.

Applications – general provisions common to both categories of the Award

1. Applications are, in principle, submitted by the institutions or authors themselves, as applicable.
2. Each institution or author may only submit one application for each edition of the Award;
3. Applications must be submitted via the Award website – www.premioamizadeportugalchina.jorgealvares.com – in Portuguese or English, and the Foundation must confirm receipt of the application or proposal;
4. Applications for written works, in the case of the **Papers category**, or initiatives or achievements, in the case of the **Institutions category**, submitted in previous editions of the award in the respective category, will not be accepted;
5. Applications for any initiative or work that has been financially supported, in whole or in part, by the Jorge Álvares Foundation will not be accepted;
6. The Award cannot be granted posthumously or to an institution that has closed down before or during the award process;
7. Application or proposal forms will be available on the Award website on the date of the respective opening.

Specific provisions relating to the Institutions Category

1. In addition to applications submitted directly by institutions, applications submitted by parties outside the institution may be accepted, provided they are duly justified.
2. Only initiatives or actions promoted in the two years prior to the announcement of each edition of the award are eligible.

Specific provisions relating to the Papers Category

1. Applications for the Papers category may be submitted by a single person or by a group of two or more people associated with each other in the same work;
2. Works authored by members of the governing bodies of the Jorge Álvares Foundation or governing bodies of the Foundation's partner institutions, which are identified as such on the Jorge Álvares Foundation website – www.jorgealvares.com - are not eligible.
3. Entries must:
 - a. Be attached in PDF format to the application form;
 - b. Be unpublished, typed, in Portuguese or English, with no more than one entry per candidate in each edition;
 - c. Be accompanied by the Declaration of Commitment, available on the Award website on the date of the respective opening, signed by the author(s), expressly stating that:
 - i. the work has not been used to apply for other competitions or awards;
 - ii. the work has not been previously published in part or in full;
 - iii. the author(s) accept that their work may only be disclosed or published after the winner of the Award has been announced and disclosed;
 - iv. the author(s) authorise the Jorge Álvares Foundation, if awarded, to publish and disclose the work in its own media or in a special edition for this purpose;
 - v. the work complies with all requirements relating to current plagiarism rules.

Ineligibility clause

Failure to comply with the provisions or omission of any provision of these Regulations shall result in the application being rejected.

Jury

1. For the Awards to be presented in 2026 and 2027 the jury is chaired by the Curator and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Jorge Álvares Foundation, Dr. Jorge Hagedorn Rangel, with Curator General Tiago Vasconcelos as Vice-Chairman, and shall consist of five other members of recognised merit and prestige, national or international, appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors, upon proposal by the President and Vice-President of the Jury.
2. The jury reserves the right to award the Award *ex-aequo* to two institutions or works, as well as not to award the Prize in the event of the submission of projects or works considered to be of insufficient quality or which do not meet the objectives that presided over its institution;
3. The Jury deliberates by majority vote, with the President having the casting vote in the event of a tie among the members present;

4. Meetings may be held in person or digitally, and the respective minutes must be drawn up;
5. The Jury's decision is not subject to appeal and is announced within a maximum of four months after the deadline for the submission of applications;
6. The composition of the Jury is reviewed every two years, without prejudice to its members being reappointed, with no limit on the number of terms.

Opening and application deadlines

1. The announcement of the launch of the Award, in Portuguese and English, is published by the end of each calendar year. In the case of the **Institutions category**, the theme of the following year's **Papers category** is announced at the same time.
2. The deadline for submitting applications for both Award Categories is expressly stated in the respective announcement, and may not exceed six months after the date of said announcement;
3. In addition to the documents submitted in each application, the Jorge Álvares Foundation, on its own initiative or at the request of the Jury, reserves the right to request additional information and clarifications deemed relevant to the decision-making process.

Award Ceremony

The Award and the respective Diploma will be presented in the presence of the winners, or their representatives, at a public ceremony to be held at a place and date to be determined.

Publication of Works

In the case of the **Papers Category**, the Jorge Álvares Foundation will publish the winning work in Portuguese and English.

Award Secretariat

The entire administrative process for awarding the Prizes, namely the receipt and forwarding of applications and the meetings of the Jury, is monitored and coordinated, in the capacity of Secretariat, by the Director-General of the Jorge Álvares Foundation, who is also responsible for drawing up the minutes of the meetings.

Publicity and visibility

The Jorge Álvares Foundation ensures adequate publicity for the launch of each edition of the Award and, subsequently, for their presentation, both nationally and internationally level, particularly in the Macao Special Administrative Region. Institutions or organisations anywhere in the world, particularly in Portugal and the People's Republic of China, that are

dedicated to supporting, researching or studying matters related to the purpose of the Award will be specifically targeted for publicity purposes.

Personal data protection

The personal data collected will be processed exclusively for the purpose of managing and awarding the Prizes by the Jorge Álvares Foundation, as the entity responsible for its processing, and will be kept for the necessary period of time, except in cases where another period is required by applicable law.

Questions and omissions

Any omissions or questions regarding the interpretation of these Regulations shall be resolved by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jorge Álvares Foundation and by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Jury.