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**AFUNDACIÓN**

**INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

**FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH**



In accordance with the educational nature of our organization, and our wish to promote education as an scientific subject capable of making a highly meaningful contribution to the development of individuals and peoples, and further thinking in this sphere, Afundación is organizing the second edition of what will henceforth be known as the "Afundación International Award for Educational Research".

The aim of this biennial award is to recognize the track record of individuals who stand out for their contributions to educational research, of any level, dimension or type, whether formal or informal.

The award governed by these terms and conditions will be subject to the legislation in force in Spain, and any deductions and withholdings established in the tax regulations. It will be compatible with any other award that the candidate might be given, and the receipt of any other grant, bursary or subsidy, as well as simultaneous entry in any other competition.

A jury will be specifically appointed for each edition to decide the winner of the Afundación International Award for Educational Research. All entries that fulfill the requirements in the judgment of Afundación will be accepted, and then be examined by the jury. There will be no prior elimination process.

All information concerning the award, the terms and conditions for entries and the application form will be published on the Afundación website.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. We here announce the terms and conditions for the second edition of the Afundación International Award for Educational Research. The aim of the award is to recognize the track record of remarkable individuals who have, over the course of their careers, made significant and transformative contributions in the field of educational innovation, contributing to the advancement

and continuous improvement of teaching and learning processes of any level, dimension or type, whether formal or informal. The idea within the context of the award's aim is to honor the track record of researchers who have inspired and led changes improving the quality and relevance of education, by identifying new ideas, methods or approaches to enable learning environments that are more stimulating, effective and equitable for students, generating a significant impact in the transformation of educational systems.

2. In order for entries to be deemed suitable for the award, the individual proposed must have an established track record in line with the purpose of the initiative, reflecting their commitment to educational innovation, having made significant contributions in this sphere. Candidates with a shorter track record may be entered, if their contribution is of particular academic significance.

3. A duly accredited organization, university, scientific society, association, group or educational research network will be responsible for submitting one candidate per edition. The proposal will be entered by completing the official form, to be made available on the Afundación website.

4. The entries must be presented by a representative of the institution, association, society, group or research network, and enclose the documentation required in accreditation of the most notable achievements of the individual proposed. These must include:

- Candidate's name: full name, email address, postal address and contact cell phone number.
- Summary of achievements: this section constitutes the main core of the entry, and should list the candidate's achievements.
- Reference letters: a minimum of 3 letters must be submitted from people familiar with the candidate's achievements in connection with the award requirements. To avoid possible conflicts of interest,

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those providing the references should ideally not be individuals or institutions that have a direct professional relationship with the candidate.

- Explanatory report highlighting the candidate's set of achievements for the award, which must include a detailed description of their biography, and accreditation of the achievements in question.
- Summarized resume of the candidate, of no more than 10 pages (a complete resume may also be submitted).
- Artifacts may be submitted as tangible evidence demonstrating fulfillment of the achievements defined for the award. These may include documents, papers, samples of projects, etc. assisting in a more concrete appraisal of the candidate's deeds and impact.
- Any other documentation deemed relevant.

5. All the documentation required to propose a candidate for the award may be submitted in Spanish, English or Galician.

6. Entries may be submitted between the publishing date of these terms and conditions and February 28, 2026. No additional documentation may be submitted beyond this deadline, unless called for by Afundación. The documentation submitted will not be returned.

7. The jury responsible for deciding the award, as well as its president, will be appointed by Afundación, acting with full autonomy and complete independence, and comprising five (5) leading figures from the field of education. Additionally, the secretary of the jury will be chosen by Afundación to draw up and register the corresponding minutes and having speaking but not voting rights.

8. The jury will meet once the entry submission deadline has passed, and announce the winner of the award over the course of 2026. The public award ceremony will subsequently be held in Galicia, during 2027.

9. The Afundación International Award for Educational Research will be held on a biennial basis, with the winner receiving 12,000 (twelve thousand) euros and a diploma of recognition. The recipient of the award will be expected to write a paper within their specialist field, between 20 and 25 pages, double-spaced, and in accordance with the most recent edition of the style guide of the American Psychological Association (APA). Afundación reserves the right to publish this paper.

10. The jury will have the authority to resolve any queries that may be raised as to the interpretation of these terms and conditions and/or over the course of the competition, or to handle any situations not provided for herein. The jury's decision will be at its own discretion, and not subject to appeal. The jury may decide not to declare a winner of the award.

11. This announcement will be published on the Afundación website, irrespective of any information likewise released via international scientific publications and journals, and any media outlets deemed appropriate.

12. The award ceremony will be decided by Afundación, and duly announced. The winner of the award will be present at the ceremony or, if they cannot attend, will send another person as their representative.

13. Award winners may publicize their status as such in letterheads and announcements, specifying the year when they won the award, and may also publish or highlight the granting of the award via any media channel.

Those submitting entries acknowledge that they understand and fully accept these terms and conditions.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN AWARD ENTRY SUBMISSIONS**

The proposed candidate must demonstrate a notable track record in educational innovation.

- Research track record.
- Teaching track record.
- Publication of books and/or monographs at prestigious publishing houses.
- Publication of articles in academically accredited journals.
- Impact of academic publications or, as applicable, of educationally innovative techniques or strategies.
- Supervision of and participation in relevant research projects.
- Supervision of doctoral theses.
- Organization of congresses and/or seminars of international significance.
- Awards received.

### **Research track record**

Scope and impact of academic contributions in the sphere of education.

International collaborations and participation in research networks.

Research placements or stays at prestigious institutions.

Research activity recognized and accredited by national and international agencies.

Contribution to improvements in teaching and learning processes in different contexts.

### **Publications of books and/or monographs**

Publication of books and/or monographs at prestigious publishing houses.

Impact and dissemination of works (citations, translations, republications).

### **Publication of articles in academically accredited journals**

Number of articles published in journals indexed in JCR, Scopus or other recognized quality indices in the educational sphere.

Impact of publications and educationally innovative techniques or strategies.

Qualitative analysis of the impact of key publications in the field of education.

Development and implementation of innovative education strategies of demonstrable impact.

### **Supervision of and participation in relevant research projects**

Number and significance of research projects overseen.

Results and impact of research conducted.

Activities to transfer knowledge to society and educational policy.

Promotion of approaches to integrate perspectives, theories or methods from different disciplines in addressing educational challenges.

### **Teaching track record**

Years of teaching experience in higher education, with particular emphasis on full-time dedication.

Diversity of subjects and levels taught (undergraduate, master, doctorate).

Development and implementation of teaching innovation projects.

Supervision of final undergraduate and master's dissertations and other academic projects.

University administration roles connected with research or teaching.

### **Supervision of doctoral theses**

Number of doctoral theses supervised and defended.

Contribution to the training of new researchers and professionals in the field of educational innovation.

### **Organization of congresses and/or seminars of international significance**

Number and significance of international congresses organized.

Impact and repercussion of events within the academic community.

### **Awards and accolades**

Recognition by leading educational or academic institutions.

Membership of scientific societies or academies of established standing.

The evaluation of these achievements will take into account both quantitative and qualitative aspects, in accordance with the recommendations of the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA). The content and quality of the contributions will be appraised, beyond metrics based solely on the impact factor of journals.

Importance will likewise be given to the social impact and significance of contributions in improving education worldwide.

### **Personal Data Protection**

#### *Who is the data controller?*

The Fundación Galicia Obra Social (hereinafter, Afundación), of registered office at the address Cantón Grande, 8, A Coruña 15003, and Tax Identification Number: G 70270293, is the data controller.

Afundación has a Data Protection Officer, with the following address: [rgpd@afundacion.org](mailto:rgpd@afundacion.org)

#### *How do we obtain personal data?*

Afundación will process the data provided as a result of entry and participation in the Afundación International

Award for Educational Research, in addition to any generated or submitted over the course thereof. The organization, university, scientific society, association, group or educational research network responsible for submitting the entries must ensure that they obtain the consent of the proposed candidate or candidates, where applicable.

#### ***To what end do we process personal data?***

The processing of personal data pursues the following purposes:

- Administer and process participation in the Award for Educational Research, which will include:
  - » The development and normal functioning thereof in accordance with the provisions of these terms and conditions.
  - » The announcement of the winner.
  - » The awards ceremony and presentation as established in these terms and conditions.
- For the award winner:
  - » Publicize the existence and result of the award, by publishing the name of the winner on the corporate website of Afundación, in the emails to be sent to award entrants, and via any other media channels deemed appropriate by Afundación (including its own social media profiles).
  - » Conduct outreach, promotional or marketing activities connected with the Afundación International Award for Educational Research via any medium (such as radio, advertisements, posters, brochures, etc.).

#### ***What is the legal basis for data processing?***

The legal bases for legitimate processing as described above are:

- Performance of a contract, as set out in these Legal Terms and Conditions.
- Legal compliance derived from all obligations imposed on Afundación in conducting the Award for Educational Research.
- Fulfillment of a legitimate interest of Afundación, in sending commercial, promotional or marketing communications.

#### ***For how long will we store the data?***

The personal data obtained during the process of the Afundación International Award for Educational Research will be stored for as long as necessary in order to fulfill the purposes indicated in the above subsection.

#### ***To what end do we process personal data?***

Once the aforementioned purposes have been fulfilled, the data will be held in blocked status in accordance with the regulatory provisions, which means they will be available only to formulate, bring or defend against claims, or at the request of judges and courts, the State Prosecution Service or the competent public authorities, for as long as established by statute of limitation, in particular in connection with fiscal and taxation demands. Once these deadlines have passed, the data will be erased.

#### ***What rights are recognized?***

All individuals are entitled to obtain confirmation as to whether or not personal data concerning them are being processed. Data subjects are entitled to access their personal data, and to request the rectification of inaccurate data or, as the case may be, to request their erasure if, among other reasons, the data are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were gathered. Under certain circumstances, data subjects may request the restriction of processing of their data or object to processing, in which case Afundación will store the data only to bring or defend against claims. Users may for all these purposes write to the Privacy Committee: Calle San Andrés, 135-137, 2, A Coruña 15003, or send an email to the address [rgpd@afundacion.org](mailto:rgpd@afundacion.org), including in both cases a copy of their national identity document or equivalent accreditation document. If you wish to exercise the right of portability, the data will be provided to the new controller.

In turn, data subjects are entitled to file a grievance with a competent supervisory authority, specifically in Spain, the Spanish Data Protection Agency ('AEPD'), at the postal address Calle Jorge Juan, 6, Madrid 28001, or via its online portal.