REGULATION

1. Nature of the Award

The Mário Quartin Graça Scientific Award was created by the Casa da América Latina. Hereinafter referred to as Award, its objective is to contribute to the development of a culture of rigor and excellence, stimulating and recognizing the education of specialists in Latin-American and Portuguese subjects in the following areas:

1) Thesis on topics of mutual interest to Portugal and Latin America;
2) Thesis constituting a contribution of Latin American students to Portuguese affairs;
3) Thesis constituting constitute a contribution of Portuguese students to Latin American affairs;

This Award aims to distinguish the best PhD dissertation in Social and Human Sciences of a student that has concluded his PhD in an Iberian, Latin American or United States of America University, within the themes presented above.

The Award consists on the attribution of 5.000€ (five thousand euros) to the winner.

2. Awards regulation

2.1 The selection criteria and the grounds for the decision, including the Award attribution to the winner, are the exclusive competence of the initiative promoters, and the decisions of the Jury and the Monitoring Committee cannot be complained or subject to appeal.
2.2 The assessment of the applications takes into account the following factors:
a) Originality of the theme;
b) Relevance on the close relations between Portugal and the countries of Latin American;
c) Research quality.
2.3 It also constitutes a factor of valorization of the applications when, in the candidate's academic background, there has been complimentary attendance at universities from the

Iberian Peninsula and Latin America or United States of America and/or the mentoring of professors from both sides in the supervision of the PhD dissertation.

2.4 The promoters of this annual initiative reserve the right not to attribute the Award, if they conclude that there are no candidates, in the year in question, that meet the requirements for the distinction.

3. Attribution and duration of the Award

The promoters of the Award may unilaterally terminate the attribution of it, without prejudice to the execution of the Program in progress in the year of that interruption.

4. Application requirements

4.1 All the interested who meet the following cumulative and imperative requirements at the time of the application may apply for the Award:

a) Must be from Portugal or a Latin American country.

b) Must have concluded their PhD in an Iberian, Latin American or United States of America university, less than three years before the application deadline.

c) Must have acquired a minimum grade of "good", or equivalent, in the PhD dissertation, according to the document issued by the institution where it was accomplished. If the aforementioned institution does not grant the PhD students a classification, an official statement on the matter or a copy of the minutes of the jury of the PhD exams should be sent.

d) Must take into consideration the conditions expressed in nº1 of these Regulations, which suppose a personal, university or thematic relationship between Portugal and Latin America.

5. Submission of applications

5.1 Those interested who meet the conditions required in the previous article must submit via e-mail candidaturas@casamericalatina.pt the following documents

a) Application form (here) duly filled and signed;

b) Identification document

c) Proof of the PhD dissertation grade, safeguarding what is referred to in 4.1.c);

d) Recommendation letter from a professor at the University where the PhD was accomplished;

e) Final paper, in full version.

5.2 Only applications sent via e-mail will be accepted.

5.3 By submitting an entry, you accept, without reservations or conditions, the terms and regulations of this Award, and you expressly authorize us to verify the authenticity of your statements.

5.4 In case of doubt, clarifications should be requested via e-mail candidaturas@casamericalatina.pt

6. Award Jury

6.1 The Award Jury is composed by five elements; a representative of Casa da América Latina, three invited academics, and a personality of recognized merit who assumes the presidency of the jury.

6.2 For the attribution of the Award or, as the case may be, for deciding not to attribute it, and will decide at its sole discretion according to the criteria it deems most appropriate to the objectives of this Award.

7. Selection procedures

7.1 The submitted words will be evaluated by the jury, to determine the winners in each theme.

8. Monitoring Committee

The entire process of launching, processing, interpreting the regulations and execution of the Award will be the responsibility of the Monitoring Committee, appointed by Casa da América Latina, that ensures the appropriate efficiency and coordination of the various actions assumed by partners under these Regulations of which it is an integral part, including the respective schedule and decisions about all themes that may raise interpretation doubts of the referent documents dispositions.

9. Promotion, attribution and Award delivery

9.1 The Award promotion just like its attribution will be made through all the available sources the promoters find appropriate.

9.2 The Award will be given in a public ceremony, on a date to be determined, and communicated through the means deemed appropriate by the Promoters.

9.3 The candidates to whom the Award will be attributed expressively compromise, as a condition of receiving it, to participate in the public ceremony and to allow their image and data to be disclosed, including by the media, with the content and under the terms deemed by the Promoters of the initiative.

9.4 Acceptance of the Award implies the winner's authorization to make the thesis available on the websites of the promoting entities or the indication of the repository where it can be found.

10. Entitlement to the Award

The right to the Award is automatically and definitively extinguished without the need for any specific formalities in any of the following situations:

a) It is concluded that there is some irregularity in the winner's application;

b) If, for reasons that are the sole responsibility of the winner, the Award cannot be delivered within four months from the date of the announcement of its attribution;

c) If in the pendency of the benefit of the Award, the winner is subject of any criminal or disciplinary proceedings, or if the winner behaves in a way towards the Promoters or third parties which, due to its seriousness, damages the image and honorability of the participants, or brings discredit and injury to the entities involved or to the winner itself.