

The 7th Outstanding Achievement Awards for Macao Research in Humanities and Social Sciences Prospectus

1. Objectives

To further evaluate the achievements in humanities and social sciences research, better stimulate the enthusiasm and creativity of researchers, and promote the prosperity and development of academic endeavors, the Macao Foundation and the Social Sciences in China Press have jointly launched the “7th Outstanding Achievement Awards for Macao Research in Humanities and Social Sciences”, to recognize local, domestic, and international scholars dedicated to humanities and social sciences research and those who have published outstanding books or papers.

2. Award Categories, Scope, and Quota

- 2.1 The Outstanding Achievement Awards for Macao Research in Humanities and Social Sciences comprise two categories: Book Category and Thesis / Paper Category.
- 2.2 Both the Book Category and Thesis / Paper Category have four award levels: First Prize, Second Prize, Third Prize and Merit Prize. Winners will receive the corresponding cash prize and certificate as shown in the table below.

Category	Award	Maximum quantity	Cash prize (MOP)
Book	First Prize	4	50,000
	Second Prize	5	30,000
	Third Prize	9	15,000
	Merit Prize	9	10,000
Thesis / Paper	First Prize	4	25,000
	Second Prize	9	15,000
	Third Prize	13	8,000
	Merit Prize	13	5,000

- 2.3 The final number of awards will be determined based on the application situation and the quality of the works. Awards may be withheld if necessary.

3. Award Recipients and Application Eligibility

3.1 Award Recipients: Individuals

3.2 Eligibility Criteria:

- 3.2.1 Applicants must have formally published or had accepted works related to Humanities and Social Sciences in Macao (including monographs, popular science books, theses, research reports, translations, reference books, ancient texts collation, etc.) between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2024 (based on the date indicated on the publication).
- 3.2.2 The submitted works must fall within the four disciplinary groups defined for this award: Economics & Management; Politics, Law, Journalism & Sociology; History, Philosophy & Literature; Language, Education & Arts.
- 3.2.3 A maximum of two works per category (Book Category, Thesis / Paper Category) may be submitted. Co-authored works count towards the applicant's submission limit.
- 3.2.4 If the number of works submitted exceeds the limit specified in 3.2.3, only the corresponding number of works listed first in the application form will be accepted; the rest will not be accepted.
- 3.2.5 A co-authored work may be applied for by one author in their personal capacity. If multiple applications are submitted for the same work, all applications involving that work will be rejected. However, this does not affect the eligibility of the applicant's other works that meet the application requirements to proceed with the evaluation.
- 3.2.6 Works that have previously received funding from the public agencies or entities of the Macao Special Administrative Region are eligible for this award.
- 3.2.7 Staff members of the Macao Foundation and the Social Sciences in China Press, as well as members of the Evaluation Panel, are not eligible to apply.

4. Documents to be Submitted

- 4.1 A completed application form in either Chinese, Portuguese, or English. All mandatory fields in the application form must be completed, otherwise the application will not be accepted.
- 4.2 A copy of the applicant's valid identity card or passport.
- 4.3 Two copies of the submitted work, one of which must be the original published version, along with the final published electronic version (file format must be MS Word or PDF). If the published work is only available electronically and an

original physical copy cannot be provided, the applicant must submit relevant proof or explanation.

- 4.4 If the work is co-authored, a declaration form must be submitted, indicating that the applicant has obtained consent from the other author(s) to apply for the award for the work in their personal capacity.

5. Application Period and Submission Method

- 5.1 The application period is to effective from today to 30 December, 2025
- 5.2 If the required number of work copies or electronic versions as per 4.3, or the documents specified in 4.2 or 4.4 are missing, the applicant must submit them according to the method stipulated in this article within fifteen days from the day after receiving notification.
- 5.3 Applicants must submit the application form and other documents to the Macao Foundation, at Rua das Schimas, n.º 108, Edifício de Escreitórios do Governo (Coloane), 9.º andar, Coloane, during office hours within the application period. The electronic version of the work should be emailed to hssawards@fm.org.mo or compiled onto a CD and submitted together with the application form and other documents.
- 5.4 For submissions by mail, the postmark date will be considered as the submission date. Please mark the envelope with “7th Outstanding Achievement Awards for Macao Research in Humanities and Social Sciences”.

6. Preliminary Assessment

- 6.1 The Macao Foundation will conduct a preliminary assessment of the applications to verify whether they possess the documents required by these rules. If any of the following situations occur, the application will not proceed to evaluation:
- 6.1.1 The application does not meet the requirements specified in Articles 3 and 4.1;
- 6.1.2 The application form and works as per 4.1 and 4.3 are lacking (or, for electronically published works, the relevant proof or explanation is lacking);
- 6.1.3 The required documents are not submitted within the period or using the method specified in Article 5;
- 6.1.4 The applicant is currently subject to compulsory recovery of funding, or is being barred from submitting funding applications to the Foundation due to

violation of funding obligations.

- 6.2 If none of the situations warranting non-entry into the evaluation occur, the application will be forwarded to the Evaluation Panel for review.

7. Evaluation

- 7.1 The Evaluation Panel shall be composed of three to five members recommended by the Macao Foundation and the Social Sciences in China Press.
- 7.2 Meetings of the Evaluation Panel may only be held when at least half of its members are present. Minutes shall be prepared for each meeting, recording the evaluation results and important matters discussed.
- 7.3 The Evaluation Panel will conduct the evaluation based on the following criteria:
- Degree of Innovation (40%);
 - Research Content (20%);
 - Materials, Methods, and Academic Standards (20%);
 - Academic Impact or Social Benefit (20%).
- 7.4 Final award winners must obtain affirmative votes from no less than two-thirds of the Evaluation Panel members.

8. Determination of the Final List of Award Winners

The Board of Directors of the Macao Foundation shall approve the final list of award winners based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel.

9. Announcement of Award Winners and Disbursement of Cash prize

- 9.1 Award winners are required to sign an Award Acceptance Letter and return it to the Macao Foundation within thirty working days from the date the award list is announced.
- 9.2 The cash prize is a one-time payment. The Macao Foundation will deposit the cash prize via bank transfer into the account provided by the award winner. The bank account information must include the bank name, account holder name, account number, and other necessary details required for the transfer.
- 9.3 The cash prize will be paid within thirty working days after receiving the Award Acceptance Letter and the bank transfer information.
- 9.4 If an award winner does not sign the Award Acceptance Letter, they will be deemed

to have forfeited the award, except in cases of *force majeure* or reasons confirmed by the Board of Directors as not attributable to the award winner.

10. Obligations of Award Winners

- 10.1 To cooperate with relevant promotional activities organized by the Macao Foundation;
- 10.2 To agree that the Macao Foundation may publish the basic information, project abstract, and publicly available results of the awarded project on the Macao Foundation's website, related websites, and public documents;
- 10.3 To provide all information and make declarations truthfully.

11. Consequences of Breaching Obligations

- 11.1 If the provisions of Articles 10.1 and 10.2 are breached, the Macao Foundation may, depending on the nature and severity of the breach, individually or collectively make the following decisions:
 - 11.1.1 Issue a written warning;
 - 11.1.2 Revoke the award, requiring the winner to return the entire cash prize and certificate;
 - 11.1.3 Prohibit the award winner from submitting any funding applications for a period of two years starting from the day after the award revocation.
- 11.2 If the provision of Article 10.3 is breached, the Macao Foundation will impose the decisions specified in 11.1.2 and 11.1.3 on the award winner.
- 11.3 The consequences outlined in the preceding two articles do not apply in cases of *force majeure* or situations confirmed as not attributable to the award winner by the Macao Foundation.

12. Return of Cash prize and Certificate

- 12.1 If an award is revoked, the award winner must return the relevant cash prize amount and the certificate within twenty days from the date of receiving notification. Cheques / cashier's orders must be made payable to "Fundação Macau".
- 12.2 Upon a justified request made in advance by the award winner, the Board of Directors of the Macao Foundation may extend the period mentioned in 12.1 once,

for a period not exceeding sixty days.

13. Compulsory Recovery

If the award winner fails to return the relevant cash prize within the specified period, the Financial Services Bureau will initiate compulsory recovery procedures in accordance with the regulations governing tax execution procedures.

14. Monitoring

14.1 The Macao Foundation is empowered with competence to monitor compliance with this prospectus.

14.2 In exercising its monitoring powers, the Macao Foundation has the right to require award winners to provide necessary information and assistance.

15. Appeal Mechanism

In case of disagreement with the result, an appeal may be filed with the Macao Foundation in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Code, approved by Decree-Law No. 57/99/M of October 11, within fifteen days from the day after receiving notification. Judicial appeals may also be filed with the courts pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Administrative Litigation Code.

16. Processing of Personal Data

Personal data contained in the application documents will be used solely for processing and assessing the application. For the purpose of evaluating the submitted works, the applicant agrees that the Macao Foundation may provide the data contained in the application documents to the Social Sciences in China Press or the Evaluation Panel for assessment purposes.

17. Other Provisions

17.1 Matters not provided for in these rules shall be governed by the applicable laws and regulations in force in the Macao Special Administrative Region, particularly the restated Statutes of the Macao Foundation (Administrative Regulation No. 23/2022), the Public Funding System of the Macao Special Administrative Region (Administrative Regulation No. 18/2022), and the Macao Foundation Funding Regulations (Chief Executive Dispatch No. 195/2022).

- 17.2 Documents and information submitted by applicants will not be returned under any circumstances once submitted.
- 17.3 Applicants who make false declarations, provide false information, or use any illicit means to obtain funding shall bear the corresponding civil and criminal liabilities according to law, without prejudice to the consequences stipulated in Article 11.
- 17.4 The application form and the declaration form mentioned in 4.4 can be obtained during office hours from the Macao Foundation, or downloaded from the Macao Foundation website (URL: www.fmac.org.mo) or the China Social Sciences Net website (URL: www.cssn.cn).
- 17.5 The Macao Foundation reserves the right to revise and interpret this prospectus.

18. Enquiries or Provision of Comments

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