

Regulations for the

Pedagogical Excellence Prize

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REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE PROF. DIOGO FREITAS DO AMARAL PRIZE FOR PEDAGOGICAL EXCELLENCE NOVA SCHOOL OF LAW

Preamble

The mission of NOVA School of Law is the production and dissemination of high quality scientific knowledge in the fields of teaching and research in Law, enhancing the differences and individualities of each student, making diversity a starting point for adaptation to the challenges that Law meets. Its Pedagogical Council is responsible, among other competences, for pronouncing on the pedagogical guidelines and teaching and assessment methods, for promoting assessment of pedagogical performance of the professors through self and student evaluation and its consequent analysis and dissemination, and for pronouncing on the institution of school prizes. Through the exercise of its powers, the Pedagogical Council proposes the creation of an award that aims to distinguish, promote and disseminate educational models of excellence that meet current pedagogical challenges, promoting quality teaching, capable of providing a transformational and intellectually challenging learning experience, entitled “Professor Diogo Freitas do Amaral Pedagogical Excellence Award” as a tribute to the pedagogical concerns of its Founder, which, notably, were the genesis of the creation of NOVA School of Law itself.

The “Prof. Diogo Freitas do Amaral Award for Pedagogical Excellence” aims, in particular, to recognise the teaching staff’s capacity for pedagogical innovation, contributing to disseminating good practice developed in the academic year immediately preceding its award, in curricular units of any type.

ARTICLE 1

Object

- 1.** The present regulations define the awarding of the Prof. Diogo Freitas do Amaral Prize for Pedagogical Excellence (hereinafter, the “Prize”).
- 2.** The awarding of the Prize aims to contribute to the continuous improvement of the quality of teaching at NOVA School of Law, to encourage best practice and pedagogical innovation, and its award is a gesture of recognition for pedagogical excellence in the performance of teaching activity.

ARTICLE 2

Conditions for eligibility

- 1.** Those eligible for the award are any professor or teams of professors who have taught one or more curricular unit of any type, whether or not integrated into degree study cycles, in the academic year immediately preceding its award, regardless of the nature of their link to NOVA School of Law.
- 2.** Eligibility is not dependent on the submission of applications.

ARTICLE 3

Jury

The jury is made up of all the members of the Pedagogical Council in office during the academic year to which the Prize relates, whether they are still in office or have left office at the time of the decision to award the Prize.

ARTICLE 4

Periodicity and deadlines

- 1.** Awarding of the Prize is annual and is decided upon in October of each year with reference to the school year immediately preceding.
- 2.** The Prize is announced by the President of the Pedagogical Council at the ceremony of the School Day, which may include, for this purpose, the presence of a close relative of Prof. Diogo Freitas do Amaral.

ARTICLE 5

Evaluation

- 1.** The deliberation shall take place at a meeting of the Pedagogical Council of the academic year following that to which the Award refers, and the members whose term of office has already expired shall be called for the purpose.
- 2.** Any reasoned proposals subscribed by one or more school members or students of the NOVA School of Law community will be considered; such proposals should be sent to the chair of the Pedagogical Council, by email, between the first and the last day of September of the academic year following the one to which the Award refers (conselho.pedagogico@novalaw.unl.pt).
- 3.** The Pedagogical Council may request clarification from the professors concerned according to the proposals mentioned in the previous paragraph before deciding on the award of the Prize.
- 4.** In evaluating the proposals, the following parameters will be taken into account:
 - a)** Excellent results in the pedagogical surveys;
 - b)** Promotion of active learning on the part of the students;
 - c)** Application of a pedagogical innovation strategy;
 - d)** Use of new technologies to support teaching / learning;
 - e)** Good results in performance indicators (formative efficiency);
 - f)** Compliance with quality assurance procedures (completion and dissemination of the curricular unit sheet, lesson summaries, curricular unit report, professor file, surveys).
- 5.** Each year, the jury may decide not to award any Prize, or to award the Prize to more than one professor or team of professors, *ex aequo*.
- 6.** The jury's decision is final and may not be appealed.

ARTICLE 6

Award

The Award is a public recognition of teaching excellence and is not associated with any other component, particularly a financial one.

ARTICLE 7

Cases of omission

Any omitted cases will be resolved by decision of the Pedagogical Council.

ARTICLE 8

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication and shall apply for the first time to the school year 2020/21.

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