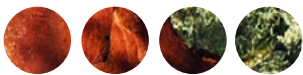




Santiago Zapata



awards



for cork



research

2026

The “**Santiago Zapata**” Research Awards aim to promote research applied to the topic of cork in the fields of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and technology. They are convened annually by the University of Girona’s Chair of Cork Studies. They take the name of Santiago Zapata, in recognition of the decisive impetus this Extremadura-born professor gave to research on cork from a multidisciplinary perspective.

I. The awards

The “Santiago Zapata” research awards include two categories:

- a) An award with an endowment of 1,000 euros, aimed at undergraduate or Master’s degree students, or local researchers, both in Catalonia and in the rest of Spain.
- b) An award with an endowment of 2,000 euros, for PhD students and senior researchers at the national and international level.

In both categories, the prizes are awarded to the best unpublished research or a work published within the two years prior the publication of this call in the fields of humanities and social sciences (**history, economics, geography, anthropology, literature, teaching, sociology...**) and natural sciences and technology (**biology, biotechnology, chemistry, chemical engineering, ecology, forest management, engineering, industrial design...**) referring to the specific thematic area of cork.

Work may be presented in Catalan, Spanish, English, French or Portuguese.

II. Candidates

Any researcher or student who, individually or collectively, submits research work in accordance with these rules will be eligible for these awards.

III. Documentation

Applications should be submitted through the general electronic register <https://apps.udg.edu/Registre/> (Art. 3.2 of the UdG General Electronic Register Regulation approved by resolution of the Governing Council of the University of Girona at its ordinary meeting No. 8/2022, held on 29 September 2022, published in the Official Gazette of the University of Girona (BOUdG) No. 6/2022 of 7 December 2022 (eBOU-2814) and in the Official Gazette of the Government of Catalonia (DOGC) No. 8812 of 14 December 2022.

Candidates must attach the following documentation:

- Application form.
- Applicants’ “Curriculum vitae”.
- The work that qualifies for the awards. In case the work weighs more than 4MG, please contact the Chair.
- A summarized version of the paper (maximum 1,500 words), which will include the aims, a brief presentation of the sources and methodology, and the main conclusions. This version will be published on the Chair of Cork Studies website in the event that it wins.

A copy of the winning works will be kept at the Chair of Cork Studies offices.

IV. Deadline for submitting documentation

Candidates may submit their documentation until July 30, 2026.

V. Composition of the Awards Panel

The Awards Panel will comprise three specialists from different fields with a recognized track record and ability to evaluate the interest of different research works. The composition of the jury will be published on the Chair’s website <https://www.udg.edu/ca/catedres/estudis-del-suro> during the month of June 2025. The curator of the Palafrugell Cork Museum will act as a non-voting secretary.

VI. Award criteria

The award criteria to be considered by the jury are as follows:

- Degree of adequacy to the subject of cork (10%).
- Originality and/or relevance of the research topic (15%)
- Rationale, objectives and consistency of the methodology (25%).
- Results obtained, their quality and interpretation (25%).
- Scientific and/or social impact of the work (15%)
- Writing and presentation of the work (10%)

VII. Awards Panel Verdict

The verdict of the Awards Panel will be made public during the month of September 2026, and will be final.

The Awards Panel reserves the right to propose that applicants change the category for which they apply, if deemed appropriate.

VIII. Publication of works

The intellectual property of the work belongs to the authors. The Chair of Cork Studies will publish the summarized version indicated previously.

Papers published in scientific journals after obtaining the prize must also state that the research has been awarded the “Santiago Zapata” Award by the University of Girona’s Chair of Cork Studies. Authors must send a copy of the article to the secretary’s office of the Chair.

The Chair may propose the publication of complete works to the authors in book form (printed or digital). If the works are published as a book in any commercial or institutional publishing house, the condition of being awarded the “Santiago Zapata” Award by the University of Girona’s Chair of Cork Studies must be specifically stated. Authors must send a copy of the book to the secretary’s office of the Chair info@museudelsuro.cat.

IX. Acceptance of the rules

Application for an Award presupposes knowledge and acceptance of the rules.

