

AOTP 2026 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE TEACHING

Evaluation Rubric — Maria Luisa Ortiz Alvarez Award for Portuguese as a Heritage Language

Candidate: _____ Date: _____

Category / Indicators	0 No Evidence	1 Some Evidence (2–3 indicators)	2 Adequate Evidence (3 indicators)	3 Strong Evidence (3 indicators)
Contribution to Heritage Language Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develops resources, curricula, or programs designed for heritage language learners Addresses the specific needs of Portuguese heritage language learners Promotes identity pride and language maintenance within communities 				
Research and Resource Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produces high-impact publications, OER, or instructional materials Conducts research that advances understanding of Portuguese as a heritage language Makes resources accessible to teachers and communities 				
Advocacy and Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively advocates for policies supporting heritage language education Leads awareness initiatives on the importance of heritage Portuguese Influences institutional decisions in favor of Lusophone communities 				
Inclusion and Community Commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates commitment to inclusion across diverse Lusophone communities Develops digital or in-person initiatives with broad community reach Serves as a reference and mentor for other professionals in the field 				
TOTAL SCORE:	_____ / _____			