

# AOTP 2026 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE TEACHING

Evaluation Rubric — Higher Education Professor of the Year

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Category / Indicators	0 No Evidence	1 Some Evidence (2–3 indicators)	2 Adequate Evidence (3 indicators)	3 Strong Evidence (3 indicators)
<b>Excellence in Higher Education Teaching</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates innovative and effective pedagogical practices at the university level</li> <li>• Adapts curriculum to current trends and field needs</li> <li>• Promotes critical thinking and student autonomy</li> </ul>				
<b>Research and Academic Production</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has relevant and impactful publications in Portuguese language education</li> <li>• Conducts research that advances the field</li> <li>• Presents work at national and/or international conferences</li> </ul>				
<b>Contribution to Lusophone Culture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrates cultural and sociolinguistic aspects of Lusophone communities</li> <li>• Develops cultural programs or initiatives within the university context</li> <li>• Promotes exchange with institutions in Portuguese-speaking countries</li> </ul>				
<b>Impact on the Profession and Mentorship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentors and trains new Portuguese language teachers</li> <li>• Influences the pedagogical practices of colleagues in the field</li> <li>• Contributes to the curricular development of Portuguese programs</li> </ul>				
<b>TOTAL SCORE:</b>	_____ / _____			