



**Universidade do Minho**  
Rectorate

**Order**  
**RT-28/2010**

Within the existing Protocol between the Almedina Bookshop and the University of Minho, the book publisher has made a commitment to annually finance students with several scholarships for books, based on criteria to be established by the University.

The awarding of prizes to university students is frequently characterised by a selection pattern that is based on absolute academic merit. Although this is a righteous methodology, the result usually leads to an accumulation of prizes by a restricted group of students. Under these circumstances, the Almedina Prize - aimed to promote academic merit - is granted to students most in need from the University of Minho.

Following the negotiations between the University Rectorate and the Administration of the Almedina Bookshop, from the academic year 2009/2010 onwards (inclusive), the Almedina Prize is governed by the Regulation in annex.

The Circular RT-09/2004 of 1 October is repealed.

University of Minho, 17 March 2010

The Rector,

António M. Cunha

## **REGULATION**

### **ALMEDINA PRIZE**

#### **Article 1**

The Almedina Bookshop annually grants the Almedina Prize to students most in need from the University of Minho in order to promote academic merit.

#### **Article 2**

Eleven prizes are annually granted as scholarships in the form of an Almedina Gift Voucher, which is valid for one academic year. Each voucher has a value of 455 euros in books, plus a book published by the Almedina Bookshop relevant to the student's field.

#### **Article 3**

The prizes are granted to 11 students, one from each Teaching and Research Unit of the University.

#### **Article 4**

1. The award-winning students are amongst those that also received a scholarship from the Social Action Services of the University of Minho, within the two categories that correspond to students most in need or, in case there are no students in these categories, within the following category that additionally meets the following conditions:

- a) In the academic year in which the prize is awarded, students must have the best classification within all undergraduate or integrated master's degrees in each Teaching and Research Unit;
- b) Students must have successfully completed the academic year prior to the awarding of the scholarship;
- c) Students must not have received the prizes in the previous edition of the Almedina Prize.

2. In the event of a tie, the following criteria are successively taken into account: best average grade rounded to the nearest thousandths; the lowest number of course units completed through equivalence.

#### **Article 5**

Every year in January, the Social Action Services send the Academic Services a list of scholarship holders that are amongst the students most in need in that academic year. The Academic Services will then publish the final list of eligible students for the Almedina Prize, based on the application of the established criteria for academic success, and submit it to the Teaching and Research Units and the Almedina Bookshop.

#### **Article 6**

The prizes will be awarded by a representative from the Administration of the Almedina Bookshop in a public session organised by each Teaching and Research Unit, preferably within the celebrations of the School/Institute's Day.