

The Jaén School of Engineering of the University of Jaén (Spain) announces the launch of the 25th edition of the Francisco Coello International Award. In homage to Mr. Francisco Coello de Portugal y Quesada (Jaén, 1822 – Madrid, 1898), a prominent cartographer who introduced modern Cartography in Spain, this award celebrates excellence in the discipline of Geomatics. The award is open to students who have successfully completed their Bachelor or Master Final Projects/Theses in the field of Geomatics Engineering.



ELEGIBILITY

The scope of the award encompasses all areas of Geomatics ranging from Cartography, Geodesy, Surveying, Photogrammetry, Cadastre, Geographic Information Systems, to Remote Sensing, Land Management and Instrumentation, among others, and is open to students worldwide who have completed their Bachelor or Master Final Projects/Theses in one of these areas.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROJECT/THESIS

- The Project/Thesis to be evaluated must be the original submitted for the Bachelor or Master degree.
- Only Projects/Theses presented from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025 will be eligible for the 2026 award.
- It can be written in Spanish, English or Portuguese.
- Candidates may include in the manuscripts the personal or academic details previously specified in the original. Project/Thesis: author(s)'s name, address, country, telephone number, e-mail address, University, supervisor(s)' name, etc.
- The manuscript must be presented in electronic form (PDF). If applicable, graphic documents must be included in the PDF, at the appropriate scale in a separate annex.

SUBMISSION

Manuscripts will be submitted through the following link:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ujaen2026coelloaward>

The deadline is 12th April 2026, 11.59 pm. (Central European Time).

AWARD JURY AND DECISION

The Award Jury will be composed of University professors and experts in the field of Geomatics Engineering. The Award Jury is the final decision-maker.

The following criteria will be taken into account: (1) scientific and technical rigor, (2) innovative aspects in methodology and technology, (3) interest for the scientific and technological community, as well as for the administrative community related to these disciplines and (4) formal aspects of the presentation: structure, exposition, writing, annexes and bibliography.

Award winners will be publicly announced in a press conference at the University of Jaén. The date of the press conference will be announced on any of the websites used to advertise the award. Once this event is over, the final decision will be announced on the websites for the award and winners will be informed by e-mail or telephone.

PRIZES

Prizes are awarded in one category only, irrespective of the university degree (Bachelor, Master or equivalent).

Three prizes are established:

- First prize: €1,500 and a commemorative trophy.
- Second prize: €1,000.
- Third prize: €500.

In addition to the above, prizewinners may receive materials provided by the different sponsors.

The prizes will be awarded to the Projects/Theses, regardless of the number of co-authors. Any of the three prizes may be declared void should the Jury consider that none of the submitted Projects/Theses meet the required standards. The Jury can also recommend the conferment of honourable mentions to those high-quality Projects/Theses that have not been awarded the prize.

Award-winning authors will receive a certificate.

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY

The prize-giving ceremony will be held at the University of Jaén on May/June 2026. The date of this ceremony will be announced on the websites of the prize and the winners will be notified.

Award-winning authors are recommended to attend the ceremony. They will have to cover their travel expenses. Should attendance be impossible, any other person can collect the prize on behalf of the winner. To do so, a statement signed by the author must be submitted prior to the ceremony, accompanied by a copy of the ID card or passport of each author. In any case, the organization will guarantee that prizes are sent to the winners.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Enquiries concerning the submission of manuscripts should be addressed to:

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OTHER RULES

- Candidates eligible for the award must submit a Project or Thesis that meets the requirements specified above. The manuscript and the necessary additional documents must be submitted through the link included under the heading of “submission”. Only Projects/Theses submitted in due time according to the guidelines and including all the additional documents will be accepted. All documents should be submitted in trouble-free readable files.
- Participation in this competition implies the complete acceptance of the terms and conditions of the award. By entering the competition, candidates renounce to any kind of legal proceedings or out-of-court action against the Jury’s decision.
- Participation in this competition implies that candidates guarantee the authorship and originality of their Projects/Theses contents. In this respect, the University of Jaén declines every responsibility.
- If a Project/Thesis has multiple authors, any of them can apply for the Award. In that case, a written authorization signed by all authors is a requirement
- The award is not open to previous award-winning Projects/Theses.
- Submitted manuscripts should be accompanied by the following additional documents in PDF format:
 - The authenticity of the manuscript must be validated by the University to which it was presented (official stamp required). The date of the presentation of the Project/Thesis must be stated in this document.
 - A document containing the personal details of each author of the Project/Thesis: author(s)’s name, address, city, postcode, country, telephone number, e-mail address.
 - Scanned copy of the ID card or passport of each author.
 - Scanned copy of the diploma (Bachelor, Master or equivalent).
 - If applicable, written authorization signed by all authors when a Project/Thesis is submitted by only one of them.
- The organizing committee and the Jury shall have access to the submitted manuscripts, which will become part of the Jaén School of Engineering Library’s Collection.



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