



“RAFAEL CRECENTE” AWARDS

INNOVATIVE PROPOSALS ON TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT

The **Rafael Crecente Awards** are aimed at young graduates and seek to foster the design and practical application of innovative ideas related to rural development, environmental conservation, or improved land management in Galicia.

Organized annually since 2017 by the University of Santiago de Compostela through the Institute of Biodiversity and Rural Development (IBADER) and the Land Laboratory (LaboraTe), the awards pay tribute to Dr. Rafael Crecente Maseda. A senior lecturer in the Department of Agroforestry Engineering at the Polytechnic School of Lugo, Dr. Crecente was recognized as one of Galicia’s leading experts in land management.

He was the driving force and coordinator of the research group *Territory – Biodiversity*, which brought together numerous professors and researchers from the Campus Terra in Lugo. He also launched the first technological platform for GIS and territorial information in Galicia: the Territorial Information System (SIT).

The **8th Edition** has been open for submissions until **20 September 2025**. The awards ceremony will take place on **Thursday, 16 October 2025 in Lugo**.

This edition grants two prizes:

- **First Prize:** €2,000 and an official diploma
- **Second Prize:** €1,000 and an official diploma

Applications are to be evaluated on criteria such as practical viability and applicability, impact on territorial sustainability and resource management in Galicia, and elements of social innovation, for example in the field of land ownership management.

Applicants must submit:

- An explanatory report (for academic works such as bachelor’s/master’s theses or dissertations, the original document may be submitted; see details in the guidelines)
- A summary sheet/poster (see examples from previous editions)
- Annex I (application form)
- Curriculum vitae
- Academic degree or certification

Links and documents:

- Guidelines for the 8th Edition of the Rafael Crecente Awards ([Galician](#), [Spanish](#))
- [List of awarded works and proposals from previous editions](#)
- [Awards ceremony of the 7th Edition](#)