



CALL TO SELECT THE JON BILBAO VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO

The Etxepare Basque Institute (Etxepare) and the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), in the name of the University of Nevada, Reno, have signed an agreement to collaboratively support research about the Basque Diaspora.

In this cooperation framework, Etxepare and the NSHE are opening this call "Jon Bilbao Visiting Research Fellow 2024" which will be published on the [Etxepare](#) Basque Institute website, and [University of Nevada, Reno Libraries](#) website, the [H-Announce](#) platform and the website of the [Society of American Archivists](#).

The 2025 edition will prioritize works that will analyse artists such as Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea, or Remigio Mendiburu and the diaspora. Likewise, in accordance with the general objective of the Jon Bilbao Chair, works that study the Basque diaspora in general also be accepted within the framework of this call.

1. OBJECT

The object of this call is to select the Jon Bilbao Visiting Research Fellow for 2025, who will design a research project about the Basque Diaspora based on the life and work of Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea or Remigio Mendiburu and stay for a month at the University of Nevada, Reno.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH STAY

The one-month stay will be happening between 27st August and 30th November 2025.

Program Description:

- To implement the proposed research project
- To develop collaboration opportunities in the Basque Diaspora research field and this year specifically in the Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea or Remigio Mendiburu research field, to identify new collaboration opportunities, as well as opportunities to include them in American research institutions and groups.
- To take steps to develop and strengthen the research network on the Basque Diaspora and Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Grave or Remigio Mendiburu in American academia.
- To organize talks and conferences to increase awareness about the Basque Diaspora in the American society.
- To develop a communication strategy in conjunction with the Center for Basque Studies and the Basque Library to increase the visibility of the research project and to strengthen its divulgation.
- Any other action agreed upon by the three parts directed to research the Basque Diaspora and Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea or Remigio Mendiburu and to increase its divulgation.

3. RESEARCH STAY'S GOAL

With the general goal of developing spaces for research on the Basque Diaspora and Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea or Remigio Mendiburu and to complete and reinforce the research network on the Basque Diaspora and Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea or Remigio Mendiburu in the American academy, during the research stay in 2025 to organize conferences and activities to increase the awareness about the Basque diaspora in academia and society in the United States.



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4. APPLICATION

4.1 **Required documentation:** the following documents will be sent along with the application:

- CV
- Photocopy of ID or passport
- Photocopy of the Ph.D. Diploma
- Current employment contract
- Research and knowledge transfer project (at most, four pages with 1.5 line spacing, and text set in 12-point Times New Roman type.)

4.2. **Application deadline:** application deadline is May 2nd, 2025. Applications without the required documentation will not be assessed.

4.3. **Applying:** Priority will be given to submitting the application (Annex I) and supporting documentation by email to the following address: arrieta@unr.edu.

It is also possible to send the application by mail to the following address:

Jon Bilbao Basque Library
1664 N Virginia St
University of Nevada, Reno / MS 0322
Reno, Nevada 89557

The application form is available at the [Etxepare Basque Institute](#) website and the [University of Nevada, Reno Libraries](#) website in Basque, Spanish, and English.

5. APPLICANTS ELIGIBILITY Applicants must:

- Hold a Ph.D. Diploma
- Be a university professor or researcher.
- Be experienced in research about the Basque Diaspora.
- Not be receptors of the grant for the Jon Bilbao Fellowship research stay in the last four years.

- Be proficient in English (at least B1)

6. AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The Fellow will receive up to 5,000 euros from the Etxepare Basque Institute. This amount will cover the Fellow's travel (between Europe and North America, including the USA and Canada), his/her lodging, and subsistence while abroad. It will also cover the expenses related to the organization of an annual scientific forum (summer course, seminar, conference, or workshop) or the costs related to the participation of the Fellow in an international academic forum.

The CBS will cover the cost of the Fellow's visa up to \$800, as well as the cost of the Fellow's insurance up to \$1,000. The CBS will provide an equipped office for the Fellow on its premises and research assistance by a CBS graduate assistant for up to twenty hours per week during the academic year. The CBS will also create and maintain a webpage dedicated to the project on the CBS website.

The JBBL will provide the researcher access to the collections hosted by the library, advise on collections related to the Basque Diaspora hosted at other memory institutions throughout the US, and support on the organization of research materials gathered by the grantee during his or her project.



The JBBL shall be the repository of materials (recordings, surveys, etc.) gathered during the research project, as well as the primary platform for the diffusion of this research collection.

7. SELECTION COMMITTEE

A selection committee will analyze and assess the proposals. Its members will be:

Chair: Monika Madinabeitia Medrano, director for the promotion and dissemination of the Basque Language of the Etxepare Basque Institute.

Members:

- Xabier Irujo, director of the Center for Basque Studies
- Iñaki Arrieta Baro, head of the Jon Bilbao Basque Library
- Secretary: Eneko Agirre Maiora, Basque Language and Culture Technician at the Etxepare Basque Institute, or a substitute, with voice but without a vote.

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of the grantee will be based on the following criteria. Each application will receive up to 100 points.

CV: 40 points. Applicant's academic career in connection to proposed actions, experience in international projects, experience in international research stays, and experience in collaborative research projects during the previous ten years will be evaluated.

Research project: 60 points. Project's suitability in regards to the Basque Diaspora research field, quality, interest (in regards to Basque Studies and specifically to those research lines developed at the University of Nevada, Reno), viability, gender equity, and innovativeness will be evaluated.

In the Research Project section, projects about Jorge Oteiza, Bixente Larrea or Remigio Mendiburu and the diaspora will be valued with 5 additional points.

9. SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants meeting the required qualifications will be assessed according to the selection criteria. Research projects will be listed ordered by highest scoring. The selection committee will propose a candidate.

The fellowship will not be granted in any of the following cases: -If the candidates obtain less than 50 points. -If, after publishing the call, the agreement between the University of Nevada, Reno and the Etxepare Institute is withdrawn.

10. NOTIFICATION

The list of the grantees and substitutes will be published on the page of the University of Nevada, Reno and the Etxepare Institute. The substitutes list will serve as a replacement in the event of rejection by the grantee.

Once the list is published, the Etxepare Institute will contact the grantee to facilitate the procedure.

11. REJECTION AND REPLACEMENT

If the selected person rejects the stay before arriving in the University of Nevada, Reno, the Etxepare Institute and the University of Nevada, Reno will choose a new person following the order of the list of substitutes.

When no applications are submitted or do not meet the established minimum requirements, the IVE may contact candidates from previous calls, as long as they meet the established requirements. In this case, priority will be given to the one who obtains the highest score



according to the criteria included in this call. If it is not possible to fill the position, a new call for the process will be held.



12. OBLIGATIONS OF THE FELLOW

12.1. To accept the fellowship: the grantee shall accept the fellowship and its obligations in writing ten days after being notified. If this condition is not met, it will be understood that the grantee has rejected the fellowship.

12.2. To stay for a month at the University of Nevada, Reno, between **August 27st and November 30th, 2025.**

12.3. To expend the received grant for developing the research project and provide the justification for expenses.

12.4. The selected researcher accepts to share the research process or its outputs, in whole or in part, through a talk or conference, in a manner agreed with the Etxepare Institute. An evaluation report of the research stay shall be sent.

12.5. The University of Nevada, Reno, and the Etxepare Institute are entitled to share the research output through their platforms without commercial use.

12.6. The copyright of the research output from the research stay belongs to the researcher, but during any communication action, it shall be acknowledged that it was developed during a stay promoted by the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Etxepare.

13. PAYMENT

The payment to the researcher will be made by the Etxepare Basque Institute as follows:

-50%: No more than 15 days after accepting the grant.

-50%: after the research stay and fulfilling the obligations of point 12, no later than December 31, 2025.

The corresponding deductions and payments on account will be applied to this amount in accordance with tax regulations. If applicable, the deduction for the commencement of activity must be requested by the grantee. This request shall be submitted at the time of accepting the grant.

14. NON-COMPLIANCE

In the event of not fulfilling of the obligations of point 12, the grantee will be obliged to return to the Etxepare Institute the payments received plus legal interest.

15. PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION

Following the legal framework for the Personal information protection, it is acknowledged that the personal information sent to take part in this call will be added to the "Euskal Hizkuntza eta Kultura Irakurleak eta Katedretako Irakasle Gonbidatuak" database and will be used only for this call. The Etxepare Institute is the responsible party for personal information treatment. Unless legal requirement, or contacting the applicants' universities, the personal information shall not be shared with third parties.

The interested parties are entitled to access, correct, and erasure the provided personal information, as well as to oppose and limit the transmission, data treatment, and individualized automatic treatment of their personal information. To exercise their rights, the interested parties shall contact Etxepare Euskal Institutua, Andre Zigarrogileen plaza, 1, Tabakalera eraikina, 20012 Donostia, or alternatively: dpd-dbo@euskadi.eus