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 2027" which will be published in the Etxepare Basque Institute website, and Reno Nevada University Library website, the H-Announce platform and the website of the Society of American Archivists.

1. OBJECT

The object of this call is to select the Jon Bilbao Visiting Research Fellow for 2027, who will design a research project about the Basque Diaspora and stay for a month at the University of Nevada, Reno.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH STAY AND RESEARCH STAY'S GOAL

The one-month stay will be happening between January 20th, 2027, and April 30th, 2027, or between August 25th, 2027, and December 10th, 2027.

Program Description:
-To implement the proposed research project
-To develop collaboration opportunities in the Basque Diaspora research field and to identify new collaboration opportunities, as well as opportunities to include it in American research institutions and groups.
-To take steps to develop and strength the Basque Diaspora research network in the American academia.
-To organize talks and conferences to increase the awareness about the Basque Diaspora in the American Diaspora and 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 strength its divulgation.
-Any other action agreed by the three parts directed to research about the Basque Diaspora and to increase its divulgation.

-Being the general goal of this call developing collaboration opportunities in the Basque Diaspora research field and identifying new collaboration opportunities, as well as opportunities to include it in American research institutions and groups, for 2027 to organize talks and conferences to increase the awareness about the Basque Diaspora in the American Diaspora and 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 strength its divulgation.

3. APPLICATION

3.1 **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.)

3.2. Application deadline: the first day for submitting the applications is November 23, 2026, and the application deadline is December 23, 2026. Applications without the required documentation will not be assessed.

3.3. 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 on the Etxepare Basque Institute website and the University of Nevada, Reno Library website in Basque, Spanish, and English.

4. APPLICANTS ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

-Hold a Ph.D. Diploma

-Be university professors or researchers.

-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)

5. 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 The CBS will supply up to $1800 to offset demonstrated additional costs of the visit.

Depending on the project and availability of students and/or student workers, some hours of research assistantship may be available to support the proposed project.

The JBBL and CBS will maintain a webpage about the Jon Bilbao Etxepare Fellowship with a list of Chairs/Fellows and descriptions of their projects.

The JBBL and CBS will facilitate appropriate connections with and across different departments, faculty members, and community members during the visit.

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.

6. SELECTION COMMITTEE

A selection committee will analyse 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:

-Jennifer M. Hill, professor Dr., Director of 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 vote.

7. 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 regarding the Basque Diaspora research field, quality, interest (regarding Basque Studies and specifically to those research lines developed at the University of Nevada, Reno), viability, gender equity, and innovativeness will be evaluated.

8. 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.

9. NOTIFICATION

The list of the grantee and substitutes will be published in the page of the University of Nevada, Reno and the Etxepare Institute. The substitutes list will serve for 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.

10. 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.

11. OBLIGATIONS OF THE FELLOW

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

11.2. To stay for a month in the University of Nevada, Reno between January 20th, 2027 and April 30th, 2027 or between August 25th, 2027, and December 10th, 2027.

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

11.4. 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.

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

11.6. 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.

12. 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, 2027. The corresponding deductions and payments on account will be applied to this amount in accordance with tax regulations. If applicable, the deduction for commencement of activity must be requested by the grantee. This request shall be submitted at the time of accepting the grant.

13. NON-COMPLIANCE

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

14. 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, 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