

TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO SUPPORT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE BASQUE COAST GEOPARK

CALL FOR 2024

Every year, the Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark provides a grant for scientific research within the Geopark.

The following establishes the terms and conditions of the call for applications and regulates grants awarded during 2024:

- 1) The Board of Directors, in its meeting on 16 October 2020, agreed to establish a research grant governed by a contract for up to €3500 (taxes included).
- 2) Grants will be funded by the Geopark's budget for 2024.
- 3) The following Terms and Conditions and Call for Applications for Grants to Support Scientific were approved.

FIRST. GRANT RECIPIENTS

Natural persons and legal entities may apply for grants. This includes legally-constituted associations or research teams which can issue invoices. Under no circumstances will a natural person be provided with an employment contract.

Each applicant may submit a maximum of two research projects.

SECOND. PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS

These terms and conditions regulate the grants for research into the Geopark's natural and cultural heritage, particularly its geological heritage. Priority areas in addition to geology are ecology, protected natural areas, prehistory, intangible cultural heritage and maritime heritage.

THIRD. PROJECT DURATION

Projects may be one or two years in duration. All projects are subject to the Geopark's annual budget and contracts will therefore be issued on a yearly basis as per the calendar year.

The results from the projects in any particular year must be presented before 30 November.

FOURTH. DEADLINE AND HOW TO APPLY

1. Applicants should download the application form at www.geoparkea.eus and sent it together with the requested documentation to flysch@gipuzkoa.eus, and in print format to the address below, before 30 January 2024.

Geoparkea
Debako turismo bulegoa.
Ifar kalea, 4
20820 Deba, Spain

FIFTH. GRANT AMOUNT AND INVOICING

1) Grants will have a maximum value of €3500 (taxes included). The grant will be distributed in two equal parts:

- The first payment (50%) will be made in February 2024, once the recipient has formally committed to delivering their completed work within the deadline and as per the conditions set out.
- The second payment (50%) will be made upon delivery of the project (this must take place before 15 November 2024) and after approval from the Geopark.
- If the second payment needs to be paid in advance to cover only necessary costs to finalize the project in time, it should be stated before September 31.

2) The grant amount will be paid by bank transfer and must be invoiced to:

Geogarapen, Asociación para la Gestión del Geoparque de la Costa Vasca,
Ifar Kalea, 20820 Deba, Spain. CIF: G 75018705

3) The grant will be governed by a contract and will be subject to VAT and income tax (no exemptions) as well as any retentions which apply. This is because the grant does not meet the requirements for inclusion in the general registry of research grant programmes governed by the regulations on research staff.

SIXTH. DELIVERABLES

- The results of the project must be reported before November 30.
- The report should be provided in both print and digital format.

- It should include a proposal for how to disseminate the results of the project in Geoparkea.
- Reports may be submitted in Basque, Spanish or English.

SEVENTH. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND AWARDS

Grant applications will be assessed by representatives from the scientific advisory committee, the scientific management team and the Geopark management. The latter will convene the Geoparkea Board of Directors to approve the grant awards before the end of the year.

Special attention will be paid to the following:

1. THE TOPIC (25 points). Whether the proposal aligns with the updated themes of interest of the Geopark
2. THE TEAM (25 points). The scientific experience of the team and its knowledge of the Geopark
3. METHODOLOGY (20 points). The proposed methodology to achieve the goals of the project and the expected scientific results (publications, data bases, maps...)
4. DISSEMINATION (30 points). The usefulness of the results to the Geopark's interpretative work and the proposal for disseminating the results.

EIGHTH. DUTIES OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant recipients must comply with the following conditions:

1. They accept the grant awarded and agree to the conditions associated with the grant award upon signing the contract in January.
2. They will reference the Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark in any publications related to the research.
3. They agree to provide a partial report at three months about how the work is progressing, and agree to deliver the final report before 30 November, as stipulated in the sixth clause.
4. They assign non-exclusive rights to the Geopark to use the contracted work. The Geopark may edit and exploit said work in accordance with the provisions of

Legislative Royal Decree 1/1996 of 12 April which approves the Consolidated Text of the Intellectual Property Act.

5. They agree to participate in dissemination initiatives organised by the Geopark (talk, excursion, workshop, etc.) in the two years following conclusion of the research and to advise the Geopark on educational material that can be created from the research results.

NINTH. CANCELLATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

The grant will be cancelled and any amounts paid out will be reimbursed to the Geopark in the following circumstances:

- Failure to meet the requirements set out.
- Failure to provide evidence of the work carried out.
- Breach of the purpose and conditions of the grant award.
- Breach of any of the conditions in the eighth clause.

TENTH. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION

By submitting a grant application, applicants consent to storage of their data and declare that they meet all the requirements in the call for applications and furthermore accept all terms and conditions.

They consent to the collection of the personal data contained in their application and accept that said data may undergo automated processing. They authorise the processing of their data exclusively by the local authority and consent to their data being shared with or communicated to public administrations and related bodies if required under the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, article 6.1 e.

ELEVENTH. APPLICABLE LAW

Act 38/2003 of 17 November on grants (Official State Bulletin 18/11/03) and Royal Decree 887/2006 of 21 June approving the regulation arising from the Grants Act (Official State Bulletin 25/07/06), exclusively regarding the management principles contained in the Grants Act and the information principles referred to in article 20, all by virtue of article 3.2, second paragraph of the same act, which determines its application.

Otherwise, the Grants Act and its regulation shall only apply where these terms and conditions reference them directly.