

CALL FOR ATTENDANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL GEOTRACES SPAIN

1. Subject

The purpose of the call is the participation in the International Summer School GEOTRACES SPAIN, which will take place from September 23rd to 28th, 2019 in Cádiz, on board the School Ship Intermares A- 41, in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence and the General Secretary of Fisheries of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of the Government of Spain.

The summer school is organized by the International GEOTRACES program, the University of Cádiz (UCA), the Andalusian Institute of Marine Sciences of the Spanish National Research Council (ICMAN-CSIC), and the International Campus of Excellence of the Sea (CEI-MAR); with funding from the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR), GEOTRACES, the General CSIC Foundation, the International Doctorate School of Marine Studies (EIDEMAR), and CEI-MAR.

It offers 36 places, and it will be recognized as 50 hours of training for postgraduate students. The maintenance and lodging on board of the Intermares school vessel during the course will be covered for all students.

The provisional program of the summer school is available on the web <https://geotraces.uca.es>

2. Requirements of applicants

The course is aimed to MSc students, PhD students, and Postdoctoral researchers with no more than 2 years of postdoctoral experience from anywhere in the world.

3. Course fee and Scholarship Program

The course fee is 100€. The course has the following Scholarship program so far:

- 4 free tuition aids for students belonging to EIDEMAR and CEIMAR.
- 6 travel grants of € 200 for Zone 1 *
- 5 travel grants of € 400 for Zone 2 *
- 3 travel grants of € 800 for Zone 3 *

* Zone 1: Spain (except Andalucía), Portugal (except Azores and Madeira) and Morocco; Zone 2. Rest of Europe (including Canary Islands, Azores and Madeira and North Africa (except Morocco), Zone 3: Rest of the world.

This figure of scholarships may vary according to the demand for those grants. Scholarships will be awarded by the evaluation committee according to the score assessment of the applications, the employment status of the student (grant, contract), and the existence of alternative sources of funding for the course attendance.

Once accepted in the course, the applicant will have to register through the platform <https://celama.uca.es> in a maximum period of 10 days (exact link to be specified). The registration will be guaranteed when the payment is made.

In the case of students granted with scholarships, an advance payment of the aid awarded will be made, after sending the form of acceptance of the scholarship (Annex I) and proof of enrolment to the course by the beneficiary to the email geotraces@campusdelmar.com.

Additional funding schemes are being searching by SCOR to increase the funding for students from emerging countries.

4. Applications

The deadline for submitting applications will start the day following the publication of this call on the web pages, until 23:59 hours on May 15th, 2019.

The application will be completed and submitted electronically by the e-form: <https://bit.ly/2WbhivN>, email contact for queries geotraces@campusdelmar.com.

The application must include the following documentation, CV form hosted in the web pages <https://geotraces.uca.es>, internationalsummerschool.uca.es, and www.campusdelmar.com:

- Copy of the ID card or Passport of the applicant.
- Abbreviated curriculum in standard format. Max. 4 pages
- One page abstract about his/her current research. Each selected participant is required to prepare a 5 minutes presentation of his/her current research.
- Motivation letter (max 3,000 characters), in which the candidate explains the reasons and interest of the course for the development of his/her research.
- Letter of recommendation for attending the course.

5. Evaluation of applications and resolution

The selection process will be carried out by an Evaluation Committee whose function will be to carry out a prioritized selection of the applications received, by application of the scale established in point 5.1. The Evaluation Commission will be constituted by the course coordinators: Antonio Tovar, Titular Scientist of ICMAN-CSIC; José Antonio López López, Associate Professor of the UCA, Fidel Echevarría, Director of EIDE-MAR and Juan J. Vergara, Coordinator of CEI-MAR, and under GEOTRACES Summer School Scientific Committee supervision.

Once the applications have been received, the Evaluation Committee will verify that they meet the basic requirements of the call, and will publish if necessary a list of admitted and excluded applicants to the call, indicating the reasons for the exclusion and offering a period of 5 working days for correction and, in case, allegation of what you deem convenient, with delivery of the corresponding documentation. This communication will be made to the email account provided by the applicant. Said documentation should be sent by email to geotraces@campusdelmar.com. If the applicant does not complete the documentation or does not correct the deficiencies in the granted period, the request will be considered as abandoned.

Afterwards, the Evaluation Committee will be in charge of evaluating and resolving the applications submitted, publishing the final list of accepted and excluded applications after their evaluation in the

web pages of the course (see above), as well as by email notification to applicants. Rejected applications will constitute a reserve list for the case of waivers of successful applicants.

5.1. Selection criteria

The process of selection for the GEOTRACES course will be done under a competitive concurrency regime and it will be adjusted to the principles of equality, merit and ability, establishing an order of priority of the selected ones until the 36 places are exhausted. The following evaluation criteria have been established:

- Adequacy of the CV of the applicant to the course: maximum 50 points.
- Interest of the course to the project or research line of the candidate: Letters of motivation and of recommendation: maximum 50 points.
- The selection process will favour applicants from different groups/labs.
- The evaluation will consider the gender balance.

Three places are reserved for applicants enrolled in the EIDEMAR Doctorate School and three places for applicants of the CEI-MAR Campus of Excellence, as long as they reach the minimum score of 70 points.

6. Justification of the scholarships

Within a period not exceeding 15 calendar days after the completion of the activity, beneficiaries must submit by email to geotrases@campusdelmar.com, the following documentation:

- Economic justification of expenses (round trip).
- Sworn statement responsible for not having justified the expenses financed by this aid through another source of financing.

7. Obligations of the beneficiaries

The beneficiaries of the scholarships are obliged to:

- To allocate the aid to the purpose that was granted, the assistance to the GEOTRACES course.
- Documentary justification of the aid within the deadlines set in the call.
- Reimburse the amounts paid in advance and not justified.

8. Appeal against the call

Against the resolutions of the Evaluation Commission, which do not exhaust the administrative procedure, an appeal may be lodged with the Rector of the University of Cádiz, as the coordinating entity of the CEI-MAR, within a month counted from the day following the notification in accordance with articles 121 and 122 of the Spanish Law 39/2015, of October 1, on Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, against the resolution of the concession, which exhausts the administrative remedy, a contentious-administrative appeal may be filed before the Cadiz Contentious-Administrative Court within a period of two months counted from the day following the notification of the same in accordance with the provisions of the Spanish Law 29/1998, of July 13, governing the Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction or, alternatively, optional appeal for reinstatement before the

same body that issued it within a period of one month, without in the latter case, a contentious-administrative appeal can be filed until its express or presumed resolution in accordance with the provisions of articles 123 and 124 of the Spanish Law 39/2015, of October 1, on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations.

9. Entry into force

The call will take effect from the day after its publication on the web pages geotraces.uca.es and www.campusdelmar.com

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Coordinators of International GEOTRACES Summer School