The Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board is inviting applications to enter for its award for the best research project within the sphere of tourism and its social, economic and territorial context in the Girona counties. The award sets out to recognise the geographer Yvette Barbaza's pioneering studies on tourism in our land, with the objective of promoting the scientific knowledge of that activity applied to the Girona counties.

Characteristics of the award

The award will consist in a grant for the best research project in the sphere of tourism and its social, economic and territorial context in the Girona counties. The project will have to be original and not previously published, though it may be compatible with other forms of assistance.

Amount

The award will be 6.000 euros. Payment will be made as follows: 25% upon issuing of the award to the winning entrant; 25% six months later, subject to presentation of a report on the stage reached in the research; and the rest once the project is delivered.

Duration

One year will be allowed for carrying out the research, extendible at the request of the grant-holder and with the authorisation of the Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board.

Candidates

Applicants can enter for this competition individually or as a group. Group entries must be headed by one person only in representation of the group.

Documentation

Candidates shall have to send the Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board (Patronat de Turisme Costa Brava Girona), Av. de Sant Francesc, 29, 3r, 17001 Girona – Spain, the following documentation:

- · Personal particulars and curriculum vitae of the candidate or of each of the members of the candidacy.
- · Research project, comprising: objectives, working methodology, sources, basic bibliography and working calendar. This project should be a document five to ten pages long.

One copy on paper shall have to be presented for each member of the jury, plus one copy in digital format.

Period for presenting the documentation

The presentation deadline is 30 September.

Composition of the jury

The jury, whose verdict shall be final, shall be made up of seven persons designated by the Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board and the University of Girona. The members of the jury may call upon the collaboration of experts or of institutions in order to determine the interest and scope of the project. They may also ask candidates to provide clarifications about the project presented. The jury reserves the right to designate a tutor to carry out follow-up of the research work and to assess the degree of fulfilment of the project.

Verdict

The verdict of the jury shall be made public at the award ceremony for the Girona Counties G! Awards for Tourism Communication, to be held in December.

Lapsing of the right to grant

The right to grant shall terminate in the following situations:

- · If the periods laid down are not complied with.
- · If the winners do not comply with any of the rules and/or obligations assumed.

Ownership of the work

Ownership of the research lies with its author(s). However, publication, exhibition and dissemination thereof shall be subject to express authorisation from the Costa Brava Girona Tourism Board and must include a statement that the research was carried out with the support of the Board.