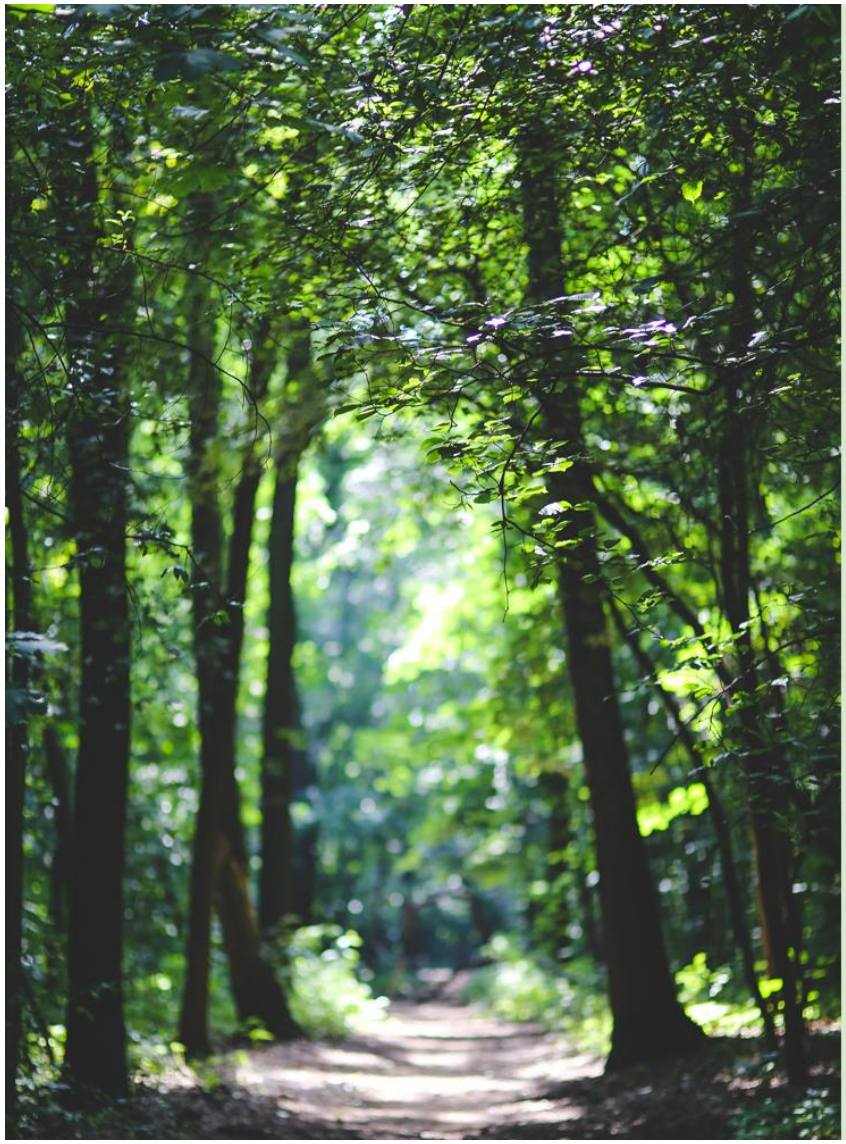


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VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME ON THE CAMINO *UNIVERSITY WALKING COMMUNITY*

I.- OBJECTIVE

The programme *University Walking Community* came into being with the aim of making easier for the university community to volunteer on the *Camino de Santiago* and to promote the European values of cooperation, integration, diversity, tolerance and unity associated with this pilgrimage route. Within the framework of this programme, 40 students from the member universities of the Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) will participate in one-month volunteer actions in municipalities located along the French Route and members of the *Asociación de Municipios del Camino de Santiago*.

II.- PARTICIPANTS

The volunteer programme is open to students from CGU member universities between the ages of 18 and 30, and enrolled in an official graduate or postgraduate programme

People with functional diversity may also participate, as long as it is compatible with the exercise of the specific volunteer activities.

Participating university students must certify communication skills in Spanish and English, as both languages may be used during the period of voluntary work.



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III.- PERIOD

In order to facilitate student participation, the *University Walking Community* volunteer programme will run from 10th July to 10th September 2019.

Two volunteer periods will be established:

- FIRST period: from 10th July to 10th August.
- SECOND period: from 10th August to 10th September.

Each volunteer period has a uninterrupted duration of one month. The participants will have to choose in their application one of the above-mentioned periods or any of them indistinctly, and must commit to full compliance with the period for which he/she is selected as a volunteer.

In the agreements of formalisation of the volunteer activity, the corresponding sanctions will be stipulated in case of non-compliance.

IV.- DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTIVITY

Volunteer actions will be developed mainly in public hostels of the French Route and aimed to assist pilgrims and *hospitaleros*, as well as to cooperate with them in all matters deemed necessary. *Asociaciones de Amigos del Camino de Santiago* will collaborate in supporting and mentoring volunteers.

The students will have to arrive by their own means at the place indicated as a meeting point in each call, covering at their own expense the round trip. In order to facilitate their arrival and departure, the organisers will provide them with the necessary information to prepare the trip.

For the present call, the meeting point is Jaca (Huesca) in Spain.



Upon arrival at the meeting point, the selected participants will attend a volunteer training course. Once completed, they will be appointed a destinations and appointed a mentor during period of voluntary work. The choice of destinations is not allowed.

Travel expenses to the centres where the volunteer action is to be carried out will be borne by the organisers.

During the period of voluntary work, participants will also be covered by a civil liability and accident insurance subscribed by the organisers or their collaborators. However, it will be the volunteers' responsibility to have medical coverage (public or private) during this period.

At the end of the period of voluntary work, students will receive a diploma to certify the activity, subject to satisfactory performance.

V.- GRANTS

The Compostela Group of Universities and *Asociación de Municipios del Camino de Santiago* will award the 40 grants selected candidates. The grants of the programme *University Walking Community* will cover:

- The **volunteer training course**.
- **Accommodation** during the period of voluntary work.
- **Meals** during the period of voluntary work, except for the day of arrival and the day of return that is to be reduced to a meal.
- **Local transport** to the destination points of the voluntary work and from there to the meeting point.



VI.- APPLICATIONS

Those interested in applying for a grant under this programme must submit the following documents:

a) **Online application form.** This form must be compulsorily filled in online and in English for the application to be accepted. This application form can be found here (https://airtable.com/shraOBovoh2EhzuZM)
b) **Certification** that confirms the student is **enrolled** in an official **graduate or postgraduate programme at a member University of the Compostela Group** in 2019 or a letter of support for the application from the home University.
c) **Certification or diploma** of English or Spanish proficiency. The student must prove his/her competence in the language in which he/she is not a native speaker.
d) Certification of **previous experiences in volunteer activities**, if applicable.
e) Certification of **membership in associations or organisations pursuing social or humanitarian objectives**, if applicable.
f) **Joint document of a declaration of responsibility and commitment to a one-month stay**. Available at the website of the Compostela Group of Universities (www.gcompostela.org).
g) Double-sided **scanned copy of ID or passport.**

The deadline for the submission of applications is **1st April 2019** (23:59 PM GMT).

Any questions relating to this call should be addressed to grupocompostela@usc.es.



VII.- SELECTION CRITERIA

a) **Certification or diploma of English or Spanish proficiency.** Level A (0,25 points), level B (0,75 points) and level C (1 point).
b) **Previous experience in volunteer activities.** Up to two activities (0,50 points) and more than two (0,75 points).
c) **Membership in associations or organisations pursuing social or humanitarian objectives.** One association/organisation (0,50 points) and two or more (0,75 points).

In addition to the above-mentioned criteria, objective criteria such as gender parity, the inclusion of people with functional diversity and geographical distribution will be taken into account during the selection process.

VIII.- PUBLICATION OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution of the grants of the *University Walking Community* programme will be published on 19th April 2019 on the website of the Compostela Group of Universities (www.gcompostela.org).

IX.- AWARD OF THE GRANT AND ACCEPTANCE

In order to be awarded the grant, the selected candidates must follow the following steps:

a) Accept explicitly the grant by sending an email to grupo.compostela@usc.es.
b) Provide an invoice or proof of the booking of the trip to the meeting point and payment in this same email.



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Candidates will have until 3rd May 3 2019 (inclusive) to complete these steps. If this documentation is not submitted by the deadline, it will be deemed that they have lost their right to be awarded the grant and their vacancies will be filled with alternates.

Once the grants have been awarded, participants will sign an agreement in which the rights and duties they have to assume during the period of volunteer work and the sanctions derived from their non-compliance will be established.

X. – ACCEPTANCE OF THE GUIDELINES OF THIS PROGRAMME

Participation in this programme implies acceptance of all its terms and conditions. In accordance with Organic Law 3/2018 on the protection of personal data, the participants, by signing the application form, consent to the processing of their personal data, related to the programme procedures, to the Compostela Group of Universities.

For all those matters not included in this resolution, the Spanish legislation in force at the time of publication of this call shall apply.

To ensure the proper implementation of the volunteer program, the Compostela Group of Universities reserves the right to interpret any questions or gaps that may arise in the implementation of this call.



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XI. - RESPONSIBILITY

The Compostela Group of Universities shall not be responsible for any technical, hardware, software or other problems, of any kind, nor for any loss, electronic failure, or incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate or delayed communications caused by the user or by any associated or used equipment or programming, or by any human error, or other, that may occur during this programme.

**Note: The call of this programme has been edited in English and Spanish. In case of any discrepancy or misunderstanding in their interpretation, the Spanish version shall always take precedence over the English version*

In Santiago de Compostela on 1st March 2019

