TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPOSAL OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES 2027

The Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs of the Embassy of Spain in the United Kingdom wishes to know of proposals to collaborate financially in activities and projects that promote Spanish Culture and Science in the United Kingdom in 2027.

Key facts

- This call is open to cultural and scientific persons and institutions, both Spanish and British, with projects to be implemented across the United Kingdom.
- The collaboration of the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs in projects would be the adequate considering their nature, distribution and other contributions obtained from public or private institutions.
- Application deadline: Sunday, 22nd November 2026.
- Implementation dates: between 15th February and 15th December 2027.
- Activities taking place in the first half of the year (February through June 2026) are subject to the financial availability of this office.
- Applicants must ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria (point 2) to participate in this call and fill in the application form completely.

1. Introduction

The Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs of the Embassy of Spain in the United Kingdom recognizes the value of cultural engagement and scientific exchange. The general objectives are:

I. To strengthen Spain's cultural presence in the United Kingdom by the communication of elements identified with the importance of its tradition, as well as with the contemporaneity, innovation, diversity, professionalism and creativity of the Spanish cultural and scientific sectors.

II. To expand the knowledge of Spanish languages as major assets of economic value and tool to promote the publishing, film and musical industries and their implementation in digital environment.

III. To project Spanish culture and science through the organization of unique cultural and scientific activities, ensuring the regular presence of Spanish artists and cultural industries or Spanish scientists and scientific institutions, in international and renowned forums.

IV. To promote cultural tourism, highlighting the elements of excellence and quality of Spanish cultural and heritage assets for their special contribution to our cultural identity abroad, as well as for our production system and economic structure.

V. To promote cultural and scientific exchange as a key factor of international cooperation, considering culture as a resource in its own right, whose access, diversity, heritage preservation, training, trade and industrial development should be given priority in our development policies.

Priority will be given to those projects addressing the following:

- Contribute to the promotion of Spanish cultural and scientific activities in the United Kingdom.
- Organize scientific meetings, debates, seminars or single lectures on priority issues such as biomedicine, climate change, emerging technologies, fundamental sciences, energy, global challenges, open science, artificial intelligence, etc.
- Promote Hispanic Studies present at UK universities.
- Work with major British cultural and scientific institutions and relevant festivals.
- Encourage dialogue between generations and plurality of cultural expressions.
- Reference special commemorations, to develop projects with greater reach and wider dissemination to the general public.
- Reinforce multimedia creation and digital communication.
- To seek public/private co-operation, particularly with Spanish companies in the UK.

As a result, the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs in London welcomes proposals to promote the above-mentioned priorities.

2. Eligibility criteria

We are looking for proposals that are:

- Organized by those with an established track record in putting on well-supported cultural and scientific projects
- Highly visible, including a plan of communication and promotion, as a part of the application, with the aim of evaluating the future coverage in local and national media, and the impact of the project in the audience. The organizers must be well embedded within their communities in order to increase the coverage of the project in local and specialized media.
- Be open to the widest possible audience
- Emphasize the collaboration/sponsorship between the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs of the Embassy of Spain and the applicant during the project, as well as in the communication and marketing plan included in the proposal
- Be clearly related to Spain in the chosen policy area(s) above mentioned
- Be opened to the collaboration with other Spanish institutions

3. Authorized costs

Collaborations with the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs will be mainly formalized by the signing of a Sponsorship Contract. Other ways of collaboration can be explored as long as the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs deems it appropriate, depending on the nature of the project.

The funds provided by the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs must be directed towards the organization and celebration of cultural and scientific activities, such as exhibitions, theatre and dance performances, festivals, conferences, congresses, seminars, etc. Authorized costs include:

- Production and preproduction expenses
- Venue hiring
- Translation costs
- Fees for artists, speakers or similar
- Promotional expenses

The funds provided by this call **will not be directed** towards any of the following:

- Restoration of art pieces
- Installation of commemorative plaques
- Awards, grants and scholarships
- Publications

- Private receptions, including lunches and dinners
- Research and development of projects
- Salaries of employees

The amount of the financial collaboration requested must be stated in GBP.

4. Applications

- Applicants are welcome to submit proposals for individual events or a series of activities related to these priority issues above mentioned

- A single applicant can submit more than one proposal

- The application form should be filled entirely including the estimated budget. This process should be repeated for every single application

- Applicants must ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria to participate in this call

- The deadline to send all application forms and all required additional documentation is Sunday 22nd November 2026.

- The form will be sent to this Embassy email address: **emb.londres.ofc@maec.es**

- The Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs will not be responsible of any proposal that is not delivered to the aforementioned email address.

- The Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs will register the arrival of the proposals according to the date stated on the email. Applicants will receive a knowledge receipt once the application has been registered.

- All projects supported by the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs will have to complete a report once the activities have taken place. This report shall include details of the development and results of the event, activity or project.

5. Resolution of Applications

- The Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs reserves the right to exclude any applications which are incomplete.

- Only the successful contenders will be notified personally of the confirmation of the collaboration.

- Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs reserves the right to refuse collaboration to those activities where costs are not justified.

- Those proposals selected for the first half of the year (February to June 2026, both included) will be notified a month in advance from the date stated in their application form, depending on budget availability. For these proposals, payment of our contribution will be made once this office has received its funds, which may be later than initially expected.

- Those proposals selected for the second half of the year (July to December 2027, both included) will be notified from May 2027, depending on budget availability.

If you have any questions about your proposal, you can contact the Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs at emb.londres.ofc@maec.es at least one week before the submissions deadline.

Please read these terms and conditions carefully, as well as all the points included in the application form, before submitting any queries. Requests for pre evaluation of projects or assistance to fill out the form will not be considered.