



Dear Sir or Madam,

Enclosed you will find information about the IV Sammic Scholarship for BasqueStage. This grant is an opportunity for young cooks to stage for six months, from July 2012 through December 2012, in the three-Michelin-star restaurant Martín Berasategui, in San Sebastián (Basque Country), Spain. The winners receive transportation to Spain, housing for six months, and a 500 euro/month stipend.

In this packet, you will find:

- a poster to put up at your school
- the rules and terms of the grant
- cards describing the grant for interested students

**The application process has been broken into two stages for the IV Scholarship.**

Applications for the first application stage **open on February 20** (and only require the completion of a simple form and a resume). Then, 30 candidates will move on to the second stage, and will have from April 1, 2012 to April 22, 2012 to complete a series of requirements including blog post and video. All the information is available in the rules of the scholarship included in this folder.

You can direct any interested students to our website, [www.basquestage.com](http://www.basquestage.com). There they will find instructions for application.

For any questions, concerns, or comments, please don't hesitate to email me at [marti@basquestage.com](mailto:marti@basquestage.com) or call me at +34 676 040 129.

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# COOKING WITH THE STARS

“Win an exclusive opportunity to  
cook with 3 Michelin Star Chef  
Martín Berasategui”



# BasqueStage

BasqueStage™ is an educational project that seeks culinary field training for young professionals and recent graduates among the star chefs in the Basque Country – which is one of the world's culinary epicenters. This initiative has been driven by **Sammic**, the European Manufacturer of Quality Foodservice Equipment. Since the first edition, we have been honored to have the collaboration of world-acclaimed chef Martín Berasategui, who boasts three Michelin stars at his restaurant of the same name in Lasarte, Gipuzkoa.

## IV Sammic Scholarship

Thanks to Sammic, BasqueStage will grant the two winners of the contest with a six-month, all-expense-paid stage, working under the direction of a Basque chef of the highest category as well as the opportunity to tell about their experience to other chefs through the website and blogs created for this purpose.

Since January 2011, we have had collaboration of 3 Michelin Star and world acclaimed chef Martín Berasategui. The two chosen candidates will have the opportunity to learn from him and his team during a stage in his restaurant in Lasarte, near San Sebastian in the Basque region of Spain.

In this, the fourth edition, the Sammic scholarship will be open to persons of all nationalities, as long as they comply with the requirements described in the terms and conditions.

## Basque Cuisine

Nestled on the northern coast of Spain, where the Pyrenees meet the Cantabric Sea, The Basque Country is regarded as one of the world's top culinary destinations, that has witnessed the birth of some of the best of the world's culinary vanguard.

Capital of the Basque province of Gipuzkoa, beautiful San Sebastian is a true city of food lovers. With a population of 180,000, the area boasts hundreds of private gastronomic societies, an endless amount of bars serving a limitless array of "pintxos" (Basque for tapas), and plenty restaurants ranging from just old fashioned good eating to the world's best haute cuisine, with 15 Michelin stars to choose from.

Aside from its culinary attributes, San Sebastian is known for its Belle-Époque Architecture, beautiful beaches, and vibrant musical and cultural and surf scene. This is where Basque Stage takes place.

## The Sponsors

Basque Chef Martín Berasategui has earned almost every international culinary award, including 3 Michelin stars. He has also taken part in over 10 culinary publications. In fact, the Basque Country of Spain has the highest ratio of Michelin stars-to-population in the world, partially due to his nurturing of other young chefs.

Sammic is one of Europe's leading designers and manufacturers of Foodservice Equipment, specializing in Food Preparation, Food Preservation and Hot Temp Ware Washing. Long time technological partner of Chef Martín Berasategui and based only 30 Km. away from his restaurant, this 50 year old company has just started operations in the US.

# Bases de la IV Beca Sammic

## 1. Requirements for participants

- Candidates can be of any nationality.
- Candidates must be of legal age with culinary studies.
- Knowledge of English is mandatory and Spanish will be appreciated.
- Candidates must demonstrate communication skills.
- Capacity for utilizing multimedia tools will be taken into account for the selection of candidates.
- Availability of a computer with an Internet connection will be necessary to apply for the scholarship.

## 2. Resources of the Sammic Scholarship

- In the 4th round of the Sammic Scholarships two candidates will be selected.
- The Sammic Scholarships consist of a stage lasting six months at the Martín Berasategui Restaurant (3 Michelin Stars), during the second semester of 2012.
- The cost of travelling from their home to Lasarte and the housing costs of the selected candidate during the work practice are included in the Sammic Scholarships.
- The housing consists of a shared apartment.
- In addition the selected candidate will receive an economic contribution of €500/month during the stage.
- The selected candidates will also receive health insurance through a travellers' insurance agency.
- After completing the scholarship the candidate may receive the title of "Ambassador of Sammic" -depending on their compliance with the conditions established by Basque Stage- thanks to which they may enjoy special conditions when buying Sammic equipment if they set up their own business. These conditions will be described in detail to the pre-selected candidate before awarding the scholarship.
- At the end of the scholarship, the scholar will receive a diploma certifying the experience and knowledge acquired

Apart from the opportunity to be part of the Berasategui team, candidates will have the option of participating in different activities, both in their free time and on the job:

- Free time activities: visit creameries, txakoli bodegas, traditional markets such as those in Tolosa and Ordizia, typical meals in cider houses, etc. They will be accompanied by the BasqueStage coordinators.
- Professional activities: the possibility of the coordination of other professional development opportunities for the stages. The options are varied-- for example, an internship in a butchery across the border in Hendaye, France, where stages can learn to work with meat; an internship in a creamery, where they can learn to make cheese; working with an artisan bakery, and even staging in other restaurants.

### **3. The jury**

The jury will be formed by Martín Berasategui, members of Sammic and by experts in gastronomy and communication designated by the sponsors of Basque Stage.

### **4. The selection process**

The process of selection for the IV Sammic Scholarship will be divided into two stages:

#### STAGE 1:

The first stage will take place between February 20, 2012 and March 30, 2012, after which the applications for the scholarship will no longer be accepted.

To apply, candidates should fill out the form found on the website ([www.basquestage.com](http://www.basquestage.com)), where they will be asked to submit:

- Personal Information
- A document in PDF format with their resumé including personal, academic and work experience data, and any other relevant information.
- The address of their personal blog, including other social networks' URLs and usernames if they desire to do so.
- Answer a short question the organizers pose.
- *Candidates accept that their information may appear online.*

April 1, 2012, the names of 30 candidates chosen to proceed to STAGE 2 will be published on the website ([www.basquestage.com](http://www.basquestage.com)) as well as via email.

## STAGE 2:

In the second stage, the two winning candidates will be chosen.

The second stage will take place between April 1, 2012 and April 22, 2012, at which time the application process will be closed.

To present themselves for the second stage of the selection process, the 30 candidates should present:

- A post in the candidate's blog (if the candidate has no blog, in his/her newly created blog), in which (s)he shows how to cook a dish chosen by him/her. The post should include at least three photographs taken by the candidate, showing the process of the plate's creation.
- A video, between one and two minutes, in which the candidate explains who (s)he is, why (s)he wants to participate in BasqueStage, and any other things considered interesting and relevant. The video, a part from being uploaded to Vimeo and Youtube, should be posted in the candidates blog.
- A document in PDF format with an essay extending to a maximum of 1000 words outlining their motivations to present their candidacy to receive the Sammic Scholarship.
- *Candidates accept that the content they submit may be used by BasqueStage to promote the scholarship.*

The two winners of the IV Sammic Scholarship will be announced via internet on May 1, 2012.

## **5. Obligations of the selected candidates**

- The selected candidate must comply with the work program of the Martín Berasategui Restaurant, in Lasarte.
- Meanwhile, the selected candidate must carry out the communication plan established by Basque Stage.
- These obligations will be described in detail to the pre-selected candidate before awarding the scholarship.
- The selected candidates will be held solely responsible for obtaining the visa and any incidental costs incurred while doing so.

## 6. General conditions

- Sammic guarantees the privacy of the information provided in the resumé. The rest of the content provided will be considered as the property of Sammic and shall be treated under the Creative Commons, Attributive, Non commercial, Share alike license.
- Depending on the candidacies received, the sponsors of the project reserve their right to modify the selection criteria of the scholarship without prior notice. Likewise, the scholarship offer may be considered void if the sponsors consider that the minimum established requisites are not met by candidates.
- The sponsors reserve their right to reject any material received if it is considered to be inadequate for the purpose established.
- The scholarship sponsors are not responsible for the content of the material submitted by candidates.
- In the event that a scholarship holder fails to fulfil their obligations, the scholarship sponsors may interrupt the program.
- The sponsors of the Scholarship are Sammic, S.L. and Martín Berasategui.