

FUNDING PROGRAM: TRAVEL AWARDS PROGRAM

Objective: This program is mainly designed to contribute to the education of young investigators (PhD students and postdocs) through travel awards to attend the main Neuroscience meetings: the biennial SENC meeting, the biennial Federation of European Neurosciences Societies (FENS) meeting, and the annual Society for Neuroscience (SFN) meeting.

Funding: The awards will range from 300 to 1.000€ depending on the relevance of the meeting, its location, and the available funds. The allocation of each award and the number of awards per call will be announced timely.

Requisites:

1. The applicant must be a SENC member prior to the application, with up to date payment of annual fees.
2. The applicant must be the first author of an abstract to be presented at the meeting

Evaluation criteria:

1. Scientific excellence of the abstract presented. At the time of abstract submission, the study should not have been previously published, since sharing novelties and work in progress is part of the growth process of young scientists. Preference will be given to those applicants that have not received similar travel awards from SENC in the past.
2. Motivation. A paragraph (max. 300 words) briefly stating:
 - a. The professional skills of the applicant.
 - b. The phase of the scientific education (years of PhD or postdoc experience).
 - c. The reasons for applying to the award.

Procedure:

1. Submission: The proposals will be submitted through the Private Members Area of the SENC website (<https://www.senc.es/private-area/>). The motivation paragraph, to be filled in the web page, must be accompanied by uploading of the following documents:
 - a. A copy of the abstract presented
 - b. For PhD students, a letter from the PhD supervisor or Department Head certifying that the applicant is pursuing his/her PhD.
2. Evaluation: The scientific quality of candidates will be evaluated by the Young Investigators and Education SENC Committee, and the funding will be approved by the Treasurer. The applicants will be notified by email one month after the application deadline. Acceptation of the funding implies that the awardees agree to include the SENC Award logo (cockade) in all the communications presented at the meeting.
3. Payment: a single payment by bank transfer will be done in the account indicated by the applicant after the Technical Secretary (secretaria.tecnica@senc.com) receives the certificate of attendance. Note that candidates may apply to several societies but will not obtain several travel awards.

Deadlines: Deadlines for application to each specific call will be announced timely.