

FUNDING PROGRAM: TRAVEL AWARDS PROGRAM

Objective: This program seeks to foster the participation of early career researchers (PhD students and first years' postdoctoral fellows) to relevant Neuroscience meetings such as the biennial SENC and FENS meetings or the annual Society for Neuroscience (SfN).

Funding: The awards range from 300 to 1.000 €, according to the estimated travelling cost and funds' availability. Each call will indicate the number of available awards and their amount, upon approval of the SENC Treasurer.

Requisites:

1. The applicant must be a SENC member prior to the application, with up to date payment of annual fees for the two consecutive years prior to the application (the requirement for two-years membership will be waived during 2024)".
2. To submit an abstract as first presenting author.
3. To be within the period of 7 years after the PhD degree.

Submission of the application:

The proposals will be submitted through the Private Members Area of the SENC website (<https://www.senc.es/private-area/>). Each candidate will need to upload the following documents:

- a. A copy of the abstract to be presented.
- b. A short (300 words) motivation letter, stating how/why the applicant would benefit from the award, or any information specific to each call. The applicant should also indicate applications to additional funds from different sources for the same purpose.
- c. For PhD students, a letter from the PhD Supervisor or Department Head certifying that the applicant is pursuing his/her PhD.

In addition, the following information will be requested in the web form:

- For postdocs, state the date of PhD dissertation.
- For PhD students, state the number of years in the PhD program.

Evaluation procedure:

The Young Researchers' and Education Committee will be responsible for evaluating the applications according to the criteria below, comparing applicants at the same stage of their scientific career. A provisional list of awardees (including reserve candidates) will be posted in the SENC web page, and the applicants will be notified by email by the date indicated in each call.

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 recent past.
2. Motivation. A paragraph (max. 300 words) briefly stating:
 - a. The professional skills of the applicant.
 - b. The reasons for applying to the award.

Obligations of the awardees:

- Inclusion of the SENC Award Logo in the presented communication.
- Renounce to the award in case of acceptance of a different support for the same concept.

Deadlines: Deadlines for application to each call will be announced in advance.