

FENS forum TRAVEL AWARDS 2024

Objective:

The Spanish Society for Neuroscience opens a call to apply for travel awards for those attending the FENS Forum of Neuroscience 2024, Vienna, Austria, July 25-29, 2024 (<https://forum.fens.org/>):

- ✓ **40 grants for PhD students and postdoctoral researchers (450€).**

Eligibility criteria:

- ✓ To be a PhD student or a postdoctoral fellow
- ✓ To be a member of SENC at the time of application (for more information please see <https://www.senc.es/senc-requisitos-para-solicitudes-de-ayudas-y-becas-de-la-senc/>).
- ✓ To be first author of an abstract to be presented at the Forum.
- ✓ For postdocs, maximum 8 years from obtaining PhD degree (one year extension for each parental or severe health leave - ≥ 3 months- would apply).

Deadlines: The call will be opened from **January 22nd 2024 to February 9th 2024.**

How to apply:

Applicants need to access “Private area” → “Becas Asistencia FENS” at the SENC website (<https://www.senc.es/en/senc-grants/>) to fill in and upload the following information:

- ✓ A copy of the poster abstract identical to the one submitted to the meeting (abstracts must be the direct copy obtained by the FENS platform).
- ✓ A short (300 words) motivation letter, stating how/why the applicant would benefit from the award. The applicant should also indicate applications to additional funds for the same purpose from other sources.
- ✓ For PhD students, a letter from the PhD Supervisor or Department Head certifying that the applicant is pursuing his/her PhD.
- ✓ For PhD students, state in the web form the number of years in the PhD program.
- ✓ For postdocs, state in the web form the date of PhD dissertation and any extension that may apply. Note: documental proof may be required at a later stage.

Evaluation criteria:

1. Novelty and relevance of the study presented in the abstract (scientific excellence). Clear priority will be given to unpublished studies (at the time of abstract submission) on timely topics that propose innovative ideas.
2. Relevance of the reasons for the application.
3. Preference will be given to applicants who have never received SENC support in the recent past.

Grants will be announced by **March 5th 2024.**

Travel awards will be paid after the FENS Forum 2024. The applicant should send the following documents to secretaria.tecnica@senc.es:

- ✓ Certificate of attendance.
- ✓ Bank account number.
- ✓ A statement that the awardee has NOT received any other related award.
- ✓ Please note that if candidates are awarded by other society or foundation (i.e., FENS), they will be excluded from the SENC call, and new awardees will be chosen in order from the reserve list.