

## SENC Meeting TRAVEL AWARDS 2025

**Objective:** The Spanish Society for Neuroscience (SENC) opens a call for travel award applications to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> SENC Meeting, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, Sept 3-5, 2025 (<https://congresosenc.es/>):

**Funding:** 70 awards for PhD students and early career 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 and to have been a SENC member for at least two consecutive years (for more information please see [Requisitos-solicitudes-de-ayudas-y-becas-SENC.pdf](#)).
- ✓ To be first author of an abstract to be presented at the meeting.
- ✓ For early career postdocs, maximum 8 years from obtaining PhD degree (one year extension for each parental or severe health leave - ≥ 3 months- would apply).

**Deadline:** The call **opens January 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 and closes March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.**

Grants will be announced by **April 15th, 2025.**

### **How to apply:**

Applicants need to access the “Private area” → “Becas Asistencia SENC” 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 as it would be submitted to the meeting.
- ✓ NEW: Two motivation statements:
  - Why do you think attending this conference is important for your career in science? max 500 characters, ~7 lines.
  - What impact do you think your contribution to the conference might have on other attendees and the research community? max 500 characters, ~7 lines
  - *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 Head of Department certifying that the applicant is pursuing his/her PhD.

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

- ✓ For postdocs, date of PhD dissertation and any extension that may apply.
- ✓ For PhD students, number of years in the PhD program.

### **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 Clear priority will be given to unpublished studies (at the time of abstract submission) on timely topics that propose innovative ideas.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 those applicants that have not received similar travel awards from SENC in the recent past.

Go to <https://www.senc.es/ayudas-de-la-senc/> for the General SENC Funding Program rules.

### **Obligations of the awardees:**

- Inclusion of the SENC Award Logo in the presented communication.
- To renounce to the award in case of acceptance of a different support for the same concept.
- To authorize SENC to post name, awarded work, and related info. on SENC social media platforms.

### **Travel awards payment:**

Travel awards will be paid after the meeting completion and submission, by the awardee, of the following documents to [secretaria.tecnica@senc.es](mailto:secretaria.tecnica@senc.es):

- ✓ Certificate of attendance.
- ✓ A statement indicating that he/she has NOT received any other related award.
- ✓ The bank account number.