

TRAVEL AWARDS

FENS forum 2026 + ENCODS 2026

Objective:

The Spanish Society for Neuroscience (SENC) opens a call for travel award applications to attend **FENS Forum of Neuroscience 2026, Barcelona, Spain**, July 6-10, 2026 (<https://forum.fens.org/>), and, additionally, **ENCODS European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students, Barcelona, Spain**, July 4-5, 2026 (FENS Satellite meeting; <https://www.fens.org/careers/networks/encods/>).

✓ To attend **FENS 2026: 50 grants** for PhD students and postdocs (**450€**)

✓ To attend **ENCODS 2026: 15 grants** for PhD students and postdocs (**150€** would be added to the **TOP 15 awardees** for the FENS travel grants (10 PhD students and 5 junior postdocs (less than 2 years from PhD)).

Note: Attendance to *ENCODS 2026* only will NOT be considered for travel awards.

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](#)). ****NEW: An exception applies to first-year PhD students, who may apply with only one year of SENC membership.**
- ✓ To be first author of an abstract to be presented at the FENS Forum.
- ✓ For postdocs, maximum 8 years from obtaining PhD degree (excluding documented parental or medical leave).

Deadlines: The call **opens December 22nd 2025 and closes January 31st 2026.**

Grants will be announced by March 25th, 2026.

How to apply:

Applicants need to access the "Private area" → "Becas Asistencia FENS Regional Meeting" 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.
- ✓ **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.

- ✓ *Whether the applicant is planning to attend ENCODS 2026*

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:

- ✓ To include the SENC Award Logo in the presented communication. Additionally, use of *Communication Tool Kit_SENC* is not compulsory but highly recommended.
- ✓ To renounce 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:

- ✓ Certificate of attendance.
- ✓ A statement indicating that he/she has NOT received any support for the same concept.
- ✓ Bank account number.