

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 350 to 1.500 €, 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. Applicants must be SENC members at the time of application and must have held continuous SENC membership for **two or more consecutive years** at the time of application.
****NEW: An exception applies to first-year PhD students, who may apply with only one year of SENC membership.**
2. To present an abstract as first presenting author.
3. For postdocs, maximum 4-8 years (depending on the call) from obtaining PhD degree (one year extension for each parental or severe health leave - ≥ 3 months- would apply).

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 (format will be indicated in each call).
- b. Motivation statements indicating why attending the conference is important for the applicant's career in science and what impact his/her contribution might have on other attendees and the research community (length and other details would be specified in each call).
- c. 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 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. Only one Travel Grant could be received per year.
2. Relevance of the reasons for the application.

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.
- Authorization for SENC to post name, awarded work, and related information on SENC social media platforms (details will be specified in each call).

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