



SfN Meeting TRAVEL AWARDS 2026

Objective: The Spanish Society for Neuroscience opens a call for travel award applications to attend the **Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience: NEUROSCIENCE 2026**, Washington D.C., Nov 14-18, 2026.

(<https://www.sfn.org/meetings/neuroscience-2026/>)

****NOTE:** *Awardees will be nominated BEFORE the deadline for abstract submission.*

Funding: Up to **10 awards for PhD students and early career Postdoctoral Researchers** (Up to 1500€).

Eligibility criteria:

- ✓ To be a PhD student or a Postdoctoral fellow
- ✓ To be first author of an abstract to be presented at the SfN meeting.
- ✓ To be a member of SENC at the time of application and to have maintained membership for at least two years (for more information please see [Requisitos-solicitudes-de-ayudas-y-becas-SENC.pdf](#)).
- ✓ For Postdocs, maximum 8 years from obtaining PhD degree (excluding documented parental or medical leave).
- ✓ PhD students must be in their second year of study or above.

Deadline: The call **opens April 16th 2026 and closes May 10th 2026.**

Grants will be announced by May 27th, 2026

How to apply:

Applicants need to access the “Private area” → “Becas Asistencia SFN” 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** including the following information:
 - Full name of the applicant, name of the group’s PI, and affiliation.
 - **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 in his/her second year of PhD studies or above.

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

- ✓ Name of the group’s PI and affiliation
- ✓ For **PhD students**, number of years in the PhD program.
- ✓ For **Postdocs**, 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 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 (go to https://www.senc.es/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Communication-Toolkit_SENC_Travel-Grant-Awardees_2025.pdf)
- 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 information 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.technica@senc.es:

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

