SENC Meeting TRAVEL AWARDS 2027

Objective: The Spanish Society for Neuroscience (SENC) opens a call for travel award applications to attend the **21st SENC Meeting, Zaragoza, Spain**, Sept 1st-3rd, 2027 (https://congresosenc.es/):

Funding:

Award	Number	Amount per award
Travel awards for PhD students and early career postdoctoral researchers (SENC members)	80	400 €

Travel awards cover travel, accommodation and/or registration costs.

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. An exception applies to first-year PhD students (documental proof needed), who may apply with only one year of SENC membership.
- ✓ To be first author of an abstract to be presented at the meeting. Co-first authors (equal contribution) are eligible, provided this is clearly stated in the abstract.
- ✓ 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).

For more information, please see SENC_Travel_Grants_PROGRAM.

Compatibility with IBRO–SENC grants: Applicants may also apply to the IBRO–SENC Equitable Travel Grants 2027, but the two travel grants cannot be combined. Applicants awarded both must accept only one of them. Applicants with care responsibilities may also apply to the IBRO–SENC Caregiving Grants 2027, which can be combined with this travel award.

Deadline: The call **opens November 17th, 2026,** and **closes March 5th, 2027**.
Grants will be announced by **April 15th, 2027**.

Awards are conditional upon acceptance of the abstract by the Scientific Committee (expected May 1st, 2027).

How to apply:

Applicants need to access the "Private area" → "Becas Asistencia SENC" at the SENC website (https://www.senc.es/en/senc-grants/) and complete the online application form. As part of the application, candidates will be asked to upload the following documents:

- ✓ A copy of the **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.

- ✓ For **PhD students**, a **letter from the PhD Supervisor or Head of Department** certifying that the applicant is pursuing his/her PhD.

The online form will also request the **following information**:

- ✓ Name of the group's PI and affiliation.
- ✓ Whether the applicant has applied for, or received, additional funding from other sources for the same purpose.
- ✓ For **postdocs**, date of PhD dissertation and any extension that may apply.
- ✓ For **PhD students**, number of years in the PhD program.

****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.

Evaluation committee and procedure:

- Applications will be evaluated by a committee appointed by SENCJ and SENC Board.
- Committee members will abstain from evaluating applications where a conflict of interest exists (e.g., same research group, direct supervision, or close collaboration).
- A ranked reserve list will be published along with the awards. Awardees must confirm acceptance within two weeks of publication, otherwise the award will pass to the next candidate on the reserve list.

Obligations of the awardees:

- Inclusion of the SENC Award Logo in the presented communication, available in the SENC communication toolkit (SENC Communication Tool Kit).
- Additionally, use of the toolkit to share the award on social media is not compulsory but highly recommended (tagging @SENC_, and using #SENC2027).
- To renounce the award in case of acceptance of a different support for the same concept.
- To authorize SENC to post names, awarded work, and related information on SENC social media platforms.

Travel awards payment:

Travel awards will be paid **after the meeting is completed.**

For the payment, the awardee will submit the following documents to secretaria.tecnica@senc.es:

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