

SENC FUNDING PROGRAMS

1. Scientific activities program

Objective: This program is designed to contribute to the funding of technical and scientific activities such as talks and meetings, as well as outreach and science dissemination activities with public engagement (including those of the Brain Awareness Week), which contribute to increase the public visibility of Neuroscience and SENC members. The range of activities funded includes local activities on specific topics to multidisciplinary activities with a strong international participation.

Funding: The maximum amount funded is 2.000€ for scientific activities and 500€ for outreach activities, depending on the available funds and the outcome of the evaluation.

Exceptionally, activities of Special Interest with a particularly broad impact and significance will be considered for additional funding.

- Eligible expenses: speaker travel and housing, equipment renting, etc.
- Non eligible expenses: catering, allowances, or gifts.

Requisites:

- The principal applicant must be a SENC member prior to the application, with up to date payment of annual fees.
- The main topic must be Neuroscience
- These requisites must be met until the activity is finished and all payments settled.
- SENC members can only apply as principal applicants once per year.

Evaluation criteria:

1. Scientific/technologic excellence: the scientific experience of the applicant/s, proposed speaker/s, and members of the Scientific Committee (if any) of the proposal will be evaluated. Prior experience in organizing events will be considered but is not a requisite.
2. Scientific program: the focus of the activity will be evaluated based on the topic, its timeliness, and the multidisciplinary of the proposal. A well-defined scientific program is required. Confirmation of speakers' participation will be especially considered.
3. Education and outreach: proposals including educational activities for PhD students and postdocs will be highly considered. Similarly, outreach efforts are strongly encouraged.
- d. Territorial scope: activities with a wide range of impact will be positively evaluated.
4. Time scope: activities taking place in a well-defined period of time will be positively evaluated. In case of activities regularly scheduled, the excellence, prestige, and outcome of prior editions and future perspectives will be taken into account.
5. Budget and administration: the availability of co-financing by other sources and a good administrative structure will be positively evaluated. In addition, proposals including travel awards for PhD Students and postdocs will be prioritized.

Procedure:

1. **Submission:** the proposals will be submitted to the SENC Secretary (senc@senc.es) and the Technical SENC Secretary (secretaria.senc@kenes.com) including the following data:

- a. Activity title
- b. Date and place
- c. Summary of the activity, stating scientific, educational, and outreach goals, as well as the target audience. Describe the international relevance of the proposal.
- d. Scientific program
- e. List of members of the Organizing Committee. Scientific committee (if any)
- f. Short CV of members of the Organizing Committee (1 page maximum), including the 10 activities or publications which are most relevant for the proposal.
- g. Brief summary of speaker/s' accomplishments
- h. Educational impact on PhD students and postdocs, including travel awards
- i. Outreach strategies proposed to increase the visibility of the activity on society and the media.
- j. Budget: detailed full budget of the activity as well as those to be financed by SENC. Co-finance sources that ensure the financial viability of the proposal should also be described.

2. **Evaluation:** the scientific quality of proposals will be evaluated by the SENC board of directors, and the funding approved by the Treasurer. The applicants will be notified by email one month after the application deadline and will explicitly accept or reject the funding. If no response is obtained within 15 days, the proposal will be rejected.

Acceptation of the funding implies that the awardees agree to:

- Include the SENC logo in all merchandising, advertising, and media communication.
- Compile a report of the activity that includes pictures, to be uploaded in the SENC website

3. **Payment:** a single payment by bank transfer will be done in the account indicated by the principal solicitant to the Technical Secretary (secretaria.senc@kenes.com).

4. **Justification:** the activity report should be send to the SENC Secretary (senc@senc.es) one month after the completion of the activity. In addition, the corresponding invoices should be sent to the Technical Secretary (secretaria.senc@kenes.com).

Deadlines: the program is open year-round and evaluated every four months. The submission deadlines are April, August, and December 15th.

2. Travel awards program

Objective: This program is mainly designed to contribute to the education of young investigators (PhD students and postdocs) through travel awards to attend the main Neuroscience meetings: the biannual SENC meeting, the biannual Federation of European Neurosciences Societies (FENS) meeting, and the annual Society for Neuroscience (SFN) meeting.

Funding: The awards will range from 300 to 1.000€ depending on the relevance of the meeting, its location, and the available funds. The allocation of each award and the number of awards per call will be announced timely.

Requisites:

1. The applicant must be a SENC member prior to the application, with up to date payment of annual fees.
2. The applicant must be the first author of an abstract to be presented at the meeting

Evaluation criteria:

1. Research experience and publication track of the applicant.
2. Scientific excellence of the abstract presented

Preference will be given to those applicants that have not received similar travel awards from SENC in the past.

Procedure:

1. Submission: the proposals will be submitted to the SENC Secretary (senc@senc.es) and the Technical SENC Secretary (secretaria.senc@kenes.com) including the following documents:

- a. Brief CV (1 page max). For postdocs, state the date of the PhD dissertation
- b. A copy of the abstract presented
- c. For PhD students, a letter from the PhD supervisor or Department Head certifying that the applicant is pursuing his/her PhD.

2. Evaluation: the scientific quality of candidates will be evaluated by the Young Investigators SENC Committee and the funding approved by the Treasurer. The applicants will be notified by email one month after the application deadline

3. Payment: a single payment by bank transfer will be done in the account indicated by the applicant after the certificate of attendance is received by the Technical Secretary (secretaria.senc@kenes.com). Note that candidates may apply to several societies but will not obtain several travel awards.

Deadlines: deadlines for application to each specific call will be announced timely.