



ESN-ISN Neurochemistry School

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Last-minute Call for Applications to ESN-ISN Neurochemistry School 2023

*Targeting molecular mechanisms underlying neurodegeneration:
focus on advanced therapies*

ESN in collaboration with ISN is pleased to announce the applications to the ESN-ISN Advanced School 2023. This event will take place in Faro, Portugal, welcomed by the Algarve Biomedical Center Research Institute and the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University of Algarve, from October 29th to November 4th, 2023.

Opening date: **5th of September 2023**

Closing date: **24th of September 2023**

Selection: **End of September 2023**

Notification of the selected candidates: **Beginning of October 2023**

Application requirements:

Eligibility:

- PhD students, especially on the second and third years.
- Young postdocs with PhD degree obtained in the last three years.
- Special acceptance of young principal investigators or senior postdocs, depending on motivation.
- Participants should come from European countries and neighbor countries, especially from widening countries.

Application documents:

1. **Application form** in which candidates will be required to provide:
 - a. a scientific abstract for a poster presentation at the school (length: 200-250 words);
 - b. candidate CV (including academic qualifications; professional experience; award and honors; list of publications);
 - c. a letter stating the motivation for applying and how attending the Advanced School will impact your research work and/or career (max. 450 words).
2. **Student status confirmation** for PhD students; PhD degree certification and **postdoc status confirmation** for postdocs.
3. Applicants must select 9 hours of hands-on laboratories*.

* *Please note that hands-on laboratories will only work with a minimum of attendees.*

Selection:

Main selection criteria:

A total of approximately 20 participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Eligibility (PhD students or PhDs holding a degree for less than 3 years)
2. Potential impact of the participation in their research work and/or career

3. Potential for dissemination of knowledge in less favorable regions/institutes

Additional selection criteria

Priority will be given based on additional criteria in case of draws:

1. Gender balanced participation
2. Participation from widening countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia) and additionally Ukraine.

Less priority will be given to applicants that:

1. Originate from the same Institute/laboratory
2. Have participated in similar events recently (First ESN-ISON Advanced school, Athens, Greece, 2021)

Exclusion criteria:

1. Applicants who show advanced knowledge in most of the methods to be included in the ESN Advanced School 2023 will be excluded.
2. Limitation to about 30% of Portuguese participants to prevent overrepresentation from the host country.