

# Higher Education & Training

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FENS actively supports graduate education, postgraduate training and professional development in neuroscience in Europe.

Higher education offered by FENS includes high-level schools, advanced training courses, travel grants, webinars and online education, as well as programmes for student exchange and short visits. FENS also connects neuroscience graduate school programmes in Europe, providing a platform for interaction and exchange of best practices.

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## ⊕ FENS Schools

FENS offers an annual programme of two high-level neuroscience schools: the “FENS Summer School” in collaboration with [Society for Neuroscience \(SfN\)](#) and the “FENS Winter School” in collaboration with the [Hertie Foundation](#).

Run within an intimate setting by leading scientists around novel concepts in neuroscience, they allow informal interaction between students and faculty, and provide participants with a broad perspective on a dedicated field.

## ⊕ Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS)

NENS brings together over 190 graduate schools and programmes that offer MSc, PhD and MD-PhD degrees in neuroscience across 30 European countries. Through the NENS exchange grants, students can gain methodological and practical experience in another European laboratory, that is part of the NENS platform. NENS also offers stipends and awards for MSc and PhD students.

## ⊕ The CAJAL Advanced Neuroscience Training Programme

Supported by FENS, the [International Brain Research Organization](#) (IBRO), the [Gatsby Charitable Foundation](#), the [University of Bordeaux](#) and the [Champalimaud Foundation](#), the CAJAL Programme is the European hub for hands-on training with state-of-the-art technology across disciplines in modern neuroscience.

Dedicated to PhD-students and post-docs, the CAJAL courses are project based and combine lectures by renowned scientists with experimental sessions.

## ⊕ European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students (ENCODS)

ENCODS is a European training network for PhD students in neuroscience. It holds an annual cross-disciplinary conference to prepare early neuroscientists to meet the challenges in the field of neuroscience today and in the future.

## ⊕ Grants and Stipends

FENS has several programmes offering travel grants and stipends to young researchers. These aim to facilitate mobility and scientific exchange, and to provide early career scientists with an opportunity to attend FENS and international partner meetings, training courses and schools.

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