

# Why your MSc or PhD programme should join NENS?



Higher Education  
& Training

**Network of European Neuroscience Schools (NENS)** brings together over 190 graduate schools and programmes across 30 European countries that offer MSc, PhD and MD-PhD degrees in neuroscience. Through the NENS exchange grants, students can gain methodological and practical experience in another European laboratory, part of the NENS platform. It also provides stipends and awards to MSc and PhD students.

## Benefits to graduate school programmes registered with NENS

- Exchange best practices with other NENS programmes by participating in [NENS General Meetings](#)
- [Receive regular updates](#) on higher education, training activities and support provided by FENS and its partners announced via the FENS website
- Eligibility to apply for yearly FENS and IBRO-PERC financial support to organise a course (a call for course proposals is launched among NENS programmes every fall);
- Eligibility to apply for the [Call for Educational and Training clusters](#);
- Feature the programme to a wide international audience by participating in the [NENS Graduate School Fair](#) at the FENS Forum.

## How to register with NENS?

To become a member of NENS and be included in the NENS Programme Directory, you just have to:

- [Fulfill the NENS eligibility criteria](#);
- [Submit an online programme request to join NENS](#).

The [CHET Committee](#) will assess your programme request based on the NENS eligibility criteria, and you will receive a response to your application within maximum 2 weeks.

**No membership fee is required.**

## Benefits to students enrolled in a NENS school programme

- Join and gain experience from NENS exchange visits in the laboratory of another NENS programme through the [NENS Exchange Grant initiative](#)
- Become part of the [NENS Alumni students](#):  
Aiming to encourage and coagulate a network among alumni students, the NENS Alumni page lists students' publications in association with the awarded NENS exchange grants, as well as their final reports following their awarded training stays.



MSc students exchange from the Max Planck Research School Neurosciences (Göttingen, Germany) to the EDNE Doctoral Program in Neuroscience (Lausanne, Switzerland) in 2019.

- Participate in the [Best NENS Poster Awards competition](#): 10 NENS students benefit from waived registration at the Forum, and are invited to present their posters during the NENS Graduate School Fair at the FENS Forum.  
[Best Poster Award](#) (1 MSc, 1 PhD student)  
Prize amount: **1.000 EUR/awardee**, FENS/NENS certificate



Best Poster Awards for the NENS Graduate School Fair, at the 11th FENS FORUM (Berlin, Germany), in 2018.

Do you have any questions about NENS?

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