

2026 EMN Travel Bursary Award

*Provided by the Early-Career Members Network (EMN)
of the Metabolomics Society*



METABOLOMICS SOCIETY
EARLY-CAREER MEMBERS NETWORK

The 2026 EMN Travel Bursary Awards aim to provide support for Early-Career scientists* to attend and actively participate in the 22nd Annual Conference of the Metabolomics Society in Buenos Aires to promote their professional development. The EMN bursary is intended to support Early-Career members with a special interest in joining the EMN. The Metabolomics Society strives to promote diversity, inclusion, and equality; therefore, we highly encourage applications from low- and middle-income countries.

An eligible applicant must:

- Be within 5 years of obtaining a PhD or similar degree
- **Be a member of the Metabolomics Society by March 21, 2026**
- Register for the conference, submit an abstract for poster or oral presentation and attend in person
- Attend the EMN events at the conference (e.g. EMN Reception, Career Night and Workshop) and be interested in joining the EMN
- Consent to their information being published on Met Soc related platforms

Up to 4 travel awards will be equally distributed between (i) graduate students (master or PhD students) and (ii) post-doctoral researchers to cover conference-related costs (such as registration fees and/or travel/accommodation expenses) up to \$650 USD.

Applicants must be presenting their own metabolomics research and be willing to promote the EMN and Metabolomics Society at the event through the use of logos and acknowledgements. **Both oral presentations and poster presentations** will be considered for the EMN travel award.

Applications will be reviewed by the Early-career Members Network (EMN) Committee following a pre-established scoring system. Scoring criteria can be found below.

The application deadline has been extended to March 12, 2026. All entries must be received before the stated deadline to be considered.

To apply, complete the travel award application form embedded within the abstract form on the conference website. You must select “Yes” for the question “Do you want to apply for the EMN Travel Bursary Awards?” and answer the questions that follow.

The application also requires:

- 1) A short motivation statement (800 characters max) describing the applicant’s motivation to attend the conference and EMN events and/or the EMN committee in the future, upload a short CV of the applicant (1 page maximum, Arial font, 9.5 pt, 400 words max) and the proof of highest obtained degree (with the indicated date) as one single merged PDF document.
- 2) A list of other (potential) funding sources (e.g. mobility awards, travel grants, ...)
- 3) Links to your university profile/ORCID and social networks

Applications that do not meet the above stated requirements will not be considered.

By completing this form, you agree with the outlined requirements.

Decisions will be communicated to all applicants over email by early May, and winners will be announced on the Metabolomics Society website, social media platforms and in the MetaboNews newsletter. The award certificate will be presented at the EMN Reception, where the presence of the EMN Travel Bursary winner is mandatory. Award payment will be via PayPal, after the conference and after receiving all necessary information (confirmation of registration, all expenses receipts and banking information) from **all** EMN Travel bursary awards recipients. We can provide instructions on securing a PayPal account if you do not already have one.

Selected abstracts and conference reports will be published in MetaboNews and/or on the Metabolomics Society website.

*All members of the Metabolomics Society that are graduate students (master's or PhD) or within 5-years post-PhD while being in a training position (e.g. post-doc) are considered early-career scientists. In certain cases where someone may be beyond the 5-year post-PhD limit, exceptions can be made if time off was taken for personal reasons (e.g. family, career break). Any applicants with 5-years full-time work experience (or equivalent) after obtaining their PhD shall not be considered an early-career scientist.

EMN Travel Bursary Award 2026: Evaluation of Applications

The EMN committee members will review all applications, including eligibility for the travel bursary. In addition, each referee will provide three numerical ratings for each category (master student/PhDs and postdocs). The scores from 3 categories are averaged and the candidates ranked based on the highest to lowest scores.

For each applicant, the referees will assign scores in the following areas:

- **Scientific merit** – Rating the applicant's CV in terms of publication record, project participation and other merits in accordance with their career stage.
- **Research project/abstract** – Is there a strong rationale for the study? Does the study add significantly to the existing body of knowledge? Is this a novel question or is a novel technique used to answer the research question? Is the proposed project related to metabolomics?
- **Motivation** – Rating the motivation for attending the conference and their interest in EMN events and/or joining the EMN in the future. As the Metabolomics Society strives for diversity, equality, and inclusion of members from under-represented groups, applications from low- and middle-income countries ([World Bank Country and Lending Groups – World Bank Data Help Desk](#)) are hence encouraged.

Ratings may range from 1 to 5, with 1 being "very weak" and 5 being "very strong."

Any applications that exceed the stipulated maximum page or character limit will not be considered.

If a referee has a relationship with a nominee that may be construed as a conflict of interest, the referee must notify the relationship in the Comments section.

The EMN committee decision is final.