

EMBS 2026 ECR Grants

– Terms and Reference –

EuroMarine will offer a limited number of grants to support Early-Career Researchers (ECRs) attending the 59th European Marine Biology Symposium (EMBS). These grants are intended to help reduce inherent costs and support broader participation in the scientific programme. Under the current scheme, grants will be awarded as a contribution of up to €700 per participant.

1. Purpose

The grants aim to support broader participation and inclusivity in the scientific programme by early-career marine researchers, with priority given to those affiliated with EuroMarine member institutions and actively contributing to the symposium.

2. Eligibility

Applicants must:

1. Qualify as an Early-Career Researcher (student, research fellow, PhD, postdoc, or researcher to a maximum 5 years after PhD completion).
2. Be registered, or planning to register no later than 4th July, for EMBS 2026.
3. Have submitted an abstract.

3. Priority Criteria

Priority will be given to:

1. Applicants affiliated with a EuroMarine member institution.
2. Applicants accepted as oral or poster presenters.

4. Eligible Costs

The grant contributes to:

1. Registration fees
2. Travel
3. Accommodation

The grant is a contribution and may not cover full costs.

5. Application Process

Applicants must submit:

1. Application form with motivation statement
2. Proof of EM member affiliation
3. Proof of career stage
4. Abstract information
5. Acceptance confirmation (e.g. print of the email confirming the acceptance on 59th EMBS)

6. Selection

Selection will consider:

1. Eligibility
2. EuroMarine affiliation
3. Presentation acceptance
4. Motivation
5. Balance across institutions and countries, to ensure fair geographical and institutional representation
6. Financial need, based on justification provided and availability of other funding source(s)

7. Payment

Grants will be reimbursed after participation, upon submission of receipts and proof of attendance (i.e. certificate of participation).

8. Obligations

Recipients must:

1. Attend in person
2. Actively participate in the programme
3. Acknowledge EuroMarine support
4. Submit reimbursement documents no later than 24th July

9. Additional Information

EuroMarine reserves the right to adjust allocations depending on applications and budget.