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SPANISH MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY (SEM) FUNDING PROGRAMS TO BOOST SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Spanish Mineralogical Society (*Sociedad Española de Mineralogía*, SEM) has reaffirmed its commitment to scientific education and public engagement by announcing several funding schemes:

1 The Program for the Social Promotion and Dissemination of Scientific Knowledge

Designed to bridge the gap between complex Earth sciences and the general public, this funding line specifically targets non-university educational communities, aiming to inspire the next generation of researchers in mineralogy, petrology, geochemistry, and ore deposits.

The primary objective of the program is to increase public awareness of Earth sciences and encourage young students—specifically in primary and secondary education—to explore careers in scientific research. Recognizing that early exposure to practical science plays a crucial role in academic development, the SEM seeks to fund initiatives led by non-profit entities in collaboration with active society members.

Under the provisions of the scheme, an overall budget allocation of **up to €3,000** has been dedicated to support qualifying proposals. More information at <https://www.semineral.es/>.

2 Grants to fund specific training activities in university programs

Continuing its support for academic growth, the SEM has detailed a specialized funding initiative under its Training Program for Early-Career Researchers. The primary goal is to enhance higher education by offering university students practical, hands-on experience with fundamental methodologies and modern analytical techniques essential for geological research.

For 2026, the SEM has allocated a total budget of **€1,500** to fund selected proposals. Interested coordinators can submit their applications directly to socmineralogia@semineral.es.

3 Travel grants to support early-career researchers at scientific conferences

To foster academic mobility and support the professional growth of young scientists, the SEM also funds active participation in scientific seminars, congresses, courses, and workshops.

Operating under the Training Program for Early-Career Researchers, this grant scheme is designed to help early-career researchers present their findings and engage in scientific debates within the fields of mineralogy, geochemistry, petrology, and ore deposits.

The SEM has allocated a total fund of **€6,000**, offering individual grants of **up to €600 per applicant**. These funds can cover conference registration fees, as well as documented travel, accommodation, and allowance expenses.

Interested candidates must email to socmineralogia@semineral.es by **November 15, 2026**. Submissions must include an abridged CV, proof of early-career status, and the signed declaration of veracity. Resolutions will be announced within two weeks after the deadline.

4 Grants for scientific sessions at international conferences to strengthen global presence

In a strategic effort to enhance its international presence and foster global academic partnerships, the SEM announces its International Outreach Program. This scheme aims to support the organization of specialized scientific sessions at major international conferences—such as the European Mineralogical Conference and the Goldschmidt Conference—consolidating SEM's ongoing collaborations with international bodies and publications, including the *European Journal of Mineralogy* and *Elements*.

For 2026, the SEM has allocated a total budget of **€2,000** for this grant scheme. Funding is specifically intended to support:

- Travel and attendance expenses for invited keynote speakers.
- Sponsorship of awards for outstanding scientific communications.

Organizers can submit their proposals to socmineralogia@semineral.es.

5 Financial support to cover publication costs in high-impact scientific journals

In line with its commitment to advancing geological research its Program for the Promotion of Society Publications aims to cover publishing expenses for SEM members contributing to prominent international Journal Citation Reports (JCR) titles—specifically the *European Journal of Mineralogy* (EJM) and *Elements*—in which the society co-participates alongside partner mineralogical organizations from Germany, France, and Italy.

For the 2026 fiscal year, a total budget of **€3,500** has been allocated to support eligible authors.

▪ Eligible Costs

Funding covers publication fees required by *EJM* or *Elements* for standard journal articles or special collections, provided that at least one of the main authors is an active member of the SEM.

▪ How to Apply

Applicants must email a formal request along with proof of incurred publication expenses to socmineralogia@semineral.es.

▪ Deadline

The application process remains **permanently open** throughout the year until available funds are fully allocated for the current fiscal period.



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