

Invitation to submit an application for

Support to Young X-ray Spectrometrists for attending the EXRS 2026 Conference

The European X-ray Spectrometry Association (EXSA) is happy to announce that it will provide some support to a limited number of Young X-ray Spectrometrists for attending the EXRS 2026 conference, via the payment of their registration fees.

EXSA (www.exsa.hu) is a non-profit organization, founded and supported by X-ray spectroscopists from science and from industry. Its main aim is to promote innovation and cooperation among spectroscopists and analysts within Europe.

Rules and requirements

The frame:

EXSA and the EXRS Conference Series have, per tradition and since many years, a fruitful relationship. One of EXSA's objectives, is indeed to support the EXRS Conference Series. EXRS is the biennial moment during which EXSA members gather to exchange on science, to discuss on the future of scientific collaboration and research, and during which EXSA bestows its awards (see the current Young Scientist Awards 2026 call for applications at <https://www.exsa.hu>), and organizes its General Assembly. This year, EXSA will support young scientists in the field of X-ray Spectrometry by settling their registration fees (early bird). Only **Ph.D. students, and early career scientists** (e.g., Ph. D. obtained less than 3 years at the time of the EXRS 2026 Conference, 1st post-Doctoral position) **are eligible** for EXSA support.

Time Schedule:

- Online publication of the call for applications: February 9th, 2026.
- **Deadline:** Applications must be received by **March 20th, 2026, 23:59 CET (strict)**.
- Assessment of the applications by April 5th, 2026.
- Final decision and communication by email to the grantees: April 6th, 2026.
- This time schedule may be adjusted, if needed, by EXSA Executive Committee.

How to apply?

Submission of Applications (including all documents): by email to excom@exsa.hu

Deadline: March 20th, 2026, 23:59 CET.

The Candidates should submit their applications and requested documents as a single integrated pdf and by themselves, not via third parties. All communication should be made in English. Incomplete applications will be rejected without notice.

After checking that the application is complete, the documents will be sent to the selection committee, which consists of EXSA Executive Committee and EXSA officials, and/or selected EXSA members, to cover all fields of expertise related to X-ray Spectrometry.

The committee will judge the applications based on tangible aspects such as resume, abstract submitted, and on subjective aspects taking into account personal impression and impact value for the X-ray Spectrometry community.

Content of the application:

- Your Curriculum Vitae (1 to 2 pages maximum, in English),
- Valid contact coordinates (email and postal addresses, etc.),
- A list of publications (published or in print),
- A letter of motivation (1 page maximum), in which the applicant should also cover the following aspects:
 - Description of the current scientific work of the applicant;
 - Relevance of the conference and/or specific sessions for the work of the applicant;
 - How is the submitted abstract a highlight of the work of the applicant?;
 - Impact of attending the conference expected on the applicant career;
- The copy of your student status or a copy of your Ph.D. certificate (whatever applicable),
- The abstract(s) submitted to EXRS 2026, the session(s) selected and the choice oral/poster requested.

Important:

EXSA will pay directly to the EXRS 2026 organizers the registration fees for the grantees. If an applicant is granted and has previously paid the registration fees, EXSA will not reimburse the applicant.

The grantees will acknowledge EXSA support on their presentations (oral and poster).

Contact and further information:

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