

# 2026

## PLACIDO ILLIANO GRANT



The **BraYn Association** supports and recognizes outstanding early-career researchers through dedicated funding schemes aimed at fostering scientific excellence, professional development, and international mobility. Within this framework, the Association awards the **Placido Illiano Grant** to qualified young scientists committed to advancing their academic and research careers. By enabling access to high-quality training environments and new collaborative networks, the grants aim to strengthen technical expertise, broaden scientific perspectives, and accelerate career progression.

### Financial Support

Financial support of up to € 500 (reimbursed based on receipts) may be used to cover travel costs, accommodation, and registration fees, depending on the nature of the supported activity. Through these initiatives, the BraYn Association actively promotes merit, mobility, and excellence in neuroscience, while honoring the values of rigorous scientific training and dedication to research embodied by the Placido Illiano Grant.

The funding may be used to support:

- Short-term research stays in another laboratory (national or international);
- Participation in advanced scientific or practical training courses or schools.

The grant is intended to activities which may take place either in the applicant's country of employment or abroad and is not intended for conferences or congresses.

### Application Format (Mandatory)

Applicants are required to submit a **single PDF file**. Failure to comply with the instructions below will result in automatic exclusion. The PDF must include all of the following **mandatory elements**:

#### 1 - Motivation and Project Description (Application Letter)

A concise but well-structured application letter describing, **i)** the activity the applicant intends to carry out (research stay, course, or training activity), **ii)** the scientific and professional motivation for applying for the grant and **iii)** the expected benefit for the applicant's

training, career development, and research profile. This section should clearly justify the request for funding and demonstrate the relevance of the proposed activity to the applicant's scientific trajectory. Suggested length: approximately 1–2 pages.

## 2 - Curriculum Vitae (CV)

The CV should clearly report, **i)** full name of the applicant, **ii)** date of PhD award (if obtained), **iii)** date of Master's degree award, **iv)** current position and institutional affiliation and **v)** complete list of publications. The CV should be structured in a clear and readable format, with key academic milestones easily identifiable. Suggested length: approximately 2-3 pages.

## 3 - Abstract of the PhD Thesis or Main Research Activity

A brief abstract summarizing either **i)** the PhD thesis (for applicants who have completed a PhD), or **ii)** the applicant's main current research activity (for PhD candidates or postdoctoral researchers). This abstract should help reviewers quickly understand the applicant's scientific background and research focus. Suggested length: 1 page.

## 4 - Letter of recommendation

Suggested length: 1 page.

## 5 - Letter of acceptance

In the case of a research visit to another laboratory, an acceptance letter from the host institution. In the case of a course or school, official information related to the selected activity (e.g. website link, flyer, or program). Suggested length: 1 page.

**No additional documents, annexes, or separate files will be accepted.**

**Deadline: March 31, 2026**

**The applicant must be a member of the BraYn Association (see [Become a Member web page](#)).**

**Please note that financial support is provided exclusively as reimbursement. Only expenses supported by receipts issued no later than December 20, 2026, will be eligible for reimbursement. Expenses incurred or documented after this date will not be considered.**

Applications must be submitted by email to: [info@braynassociation.com](mailto:info@braynassociation.com)

All applications will be evaluated by the Executive Board of the BraYn Association. Results will be communicated approximately 20–25 days after the submission deadline, following completion of the review process.