

AnaEE Environmental Rising Star Award

1. ABOUT THE AWARD

The AnaEE Environmental Rising Star Award recognizes outstanding early-career researchers contributing to functional and experimental ecology. This prestigious award celebrates innovative research that aligns with AnaEE's mission to advance our understanding of ecosystem responses to environmental change.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Postdoctoral researchers within 4 years of PhD completion (as of October 1, 2026)
- Research must focus on functional and experimental ecology, excluding purely observational studies
- Work should demonstrate relevance to AnaEE-ERIC's infrastructure and scientific mission

3. HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit:

- **Extended abstract** detailing research context, quality, originality, and significance
- **Dedicated section** explaining alignment with functional and experimental ecology and relevance to AnaEE
- **Curriculum vitae**
- **List of publications**

When registering for the conference, tick the competition box and upload your materials.

4. APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **Registration opens:** January 11, 2026
- **Deadline for submissions:** June 14, 2026
- **Winner announcement:** 2 months before the conference (public announcement during the event)

5. AWARD BENEFITS

1.1.1. GRAND PRIZE WINNER

- **Featured presentation slot** in a dedicated session at the conference
- **Certificate of achievement**
- **Funded research visit** to an AnaEE facility in another member country (up to one week)
 - Travel and accommodation budget up to €1,500
 - Opportunity to present research at the host facility
 - Applicants may indicate preferred country or facility
- **Conference travel allowance** of €500
- **Media recognition** through AnaEE press releases and social media channels

1.1.2. OTHER COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- **Best Poster Award** – Certificate of recognition (announced on final conference day)
- **Best Oral Communication Award** – Certificate of recognition (announced on final conference day)
- **Participation certificate** for all competition applicants

6. SCIENTIFIC SCOPE

Research submissions should encompass themes relevant to AnaEE's mission, including but not limited to:

- Ecosystem responses to environmental change
- Climate change impacts on ecosystems
- Experimental approaches to ecological questions
- Functional ecology and ecosystem services
- Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning

Note: Purely observational studies are not eligible. All submissions must demonstrate an experimental or functional ecology component.

7. QUESTIONS?

For more information about the AnaEE Environmental Rising Star Award, please contact contact@anaee.eu

The AnaEE environmental rising star award is part of our commitment to supporting the next generation of environmental researchers and fostering international collaboration in experimental ecology.