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## SfN SPOTLIGHT

- ▶ **International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience Congress.** The International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience is hosting their [6th Congress](#) in Sydney, Australia, from Sept 1-4, 2009.
- ▶ **Jekkal Fellowship at Drexel University.** The [Jekkal Fellowship](#) is a \$55,000 opportunity for senior postdocs and junior faculty to train at Drexel University. The award includes salary and research expenses. Application forms, instructions and training faculty described on the Web site.
- ▶ **International Rett Syndrome Foundation Announces Request for Applications.** [IRSF](#) is offering [research grants and post-doctoral fellowships](#) to investigate the neurobiology of Rett syndrome. Deadline for letter of intent is March 2, 2009.
- ▶ **4th Aspen Symposium: Research in the Rockies.** Submit an abstract and attend a conference August 9-12, 2009 on [Brain Tumor Immuno- and Stem Cell Therapy](#).

## MEMBERSHIP &amp; CHAPTERS

- ▶ **Ensure Eligibility to Submit an Abstract in 2009!** Renew your membership starting February 23rd through Feb 28th to guarantee abstract submission eligibility. Visit [www.sfn.org/renewnow](http://www.sfn.org/renewnow) and log in with your e-mail address and your membership ID as your password. You must be an SfN member in good standing to sponsor or submit an abstract for Neuroscience 2009. If you have questions, please contact SfN's Membership & Marketing Department at (202) 962-4000 or [membership@sfn.org](mailto:membership@sfn.org).



## RESOURCES

- [NeuroJobs](#)  
SfN's online neuroscience [career center](#).  
There are currently **65 job openings** posted on NeuroJobs.
- [In the News](#)  
**Optical illusions and the illusion of love - US Study** - *Scientific American*, Feb. 12. [Read this story](#) and others.
- [This week in The Journal of Neuroscience](#) is the Society's official publication and contains the latest research from throughout field.

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› **Encouraging International Participation through Sponsorship.**

Submit applications by April 8. Members of SfN's Membership & Chapters Committee will sponsor applicants from underrepresented countries who are unable to locate the necessary local sponsorship and request membership assistance. Submit applications by April 8 to ensure consideration prior to annual meeting abstract submission. View a [list of eligible countries](#). For questions, contact [membership@sfn.org](mailto:membership@sfn.org).

- › **New Chapter Petitions Due March 2.** Petition to form an SfN chapter in your area by March 2, 2009 and receive a \$500.00 start-up grant when approved! These one-time grants are designed to help new chapters launch initial activities that promote chapter success and contribute to the goals of the Society's Strategic Plan. [Submit a chapter petition form](#) or learn more about the [benefits of chapter membership](#).

## EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

- › **Thank Congress and the President for Supporting Science.** Following the monumental achievement of ensuring a bold investment in science in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, it is essential that SfN members [thank their elected leaders](#) for supporting the legislation. Use the [SfN Legislative Action Center](#) to thank your Senators, Representative and President Obama for their support, or if they did not support the bill, urge them to prioritize funding for biomedical research. Your continued advocacy is necessary to sustain and build upon this recent success. To get more involved, join the [SfN Advocacy Network](#) to stay up to date on what's happening in Washington and learn how you can advocate for science.
- › **2009 SfN Capitol Hill Day - Save the Date, April 22.** All SfN members are invited to the third annual [SfN Capitol Hill Day](#) on Wednesday, April 22 in Washington, DC. Come meet your legislators and their staff to discuss your research and its impact on the nation's economy and health, as well as the importance of NIH and NSF funding to advancing biomedical and neuroscience research. Visit the [Government and Public Affairs web page](#) or contact staff at [advocacy@sfn.org](mailto:advocacy@sfn.org) for more information on attending this important advocacy event!.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- › **Nominations Now Open.** SfN is currently accepting nominations for the [Donald B. Lindsley Prize](#), given each year to an individual for an outstanding PhD thesis in the general area of behavioral neuroscience. Nominations are due March 31, 2009.

SfN is currently accepting nominations for the [Swartz Prize](#), recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to or a noteworthy advance in theoretical or computational neuroscience. Nominations are due March 31, 2009.

SfN is accepting applications for the [Neuroscience Scholars Program](#), a three-year fellowship to enhance career development and professional networking opportunities for undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students underrepresented in neuroscience. The deadline is June 1, 2009.

- › **Named Achievement Awards: Deadline for Nominations: May 29, 2009.** Do you know an individual who promotes the advancement of women in neuroscience while sustaining exceptional personal achievements in neuroscience as well? The Society for Neuroscience is now accepting nominations for the [Career Development Award](#), the [Patricia Goldman-Rakic Hall of Honor](#), the [Louise Hanson Marshall Special Recognition Award](#), the [Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award](#), and the [Bernice Grafstein Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Mentoring](#).

## NEUROSCIENCE 2009

- › **Abstract submission.** Contribute to the Neuroscience 2009 scientific program - [learn about submitting an abstract for 2009!](#) The Call for Abstracts opens on April 23, 2009 and closes May 14, 2009.

made by its members.

- [Gifts in Memoriam](#)  
SfN provides an opportunity to honor a deceased loved one or colleague through the [SfN Memorial Fund](#).

## CONTACT NEXUS

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- Update your contact information and specify whether you want to receive e-mails from SfN at [www.sfn.org/update](http://www.sfn.org/update).

- › **Host a Satellite Event at Neuroscience 2009.** [Satellite event applications](#) will be accepted as of Monday, Feb. 9. Contact Sharon Kerley Bowles at [sharon@sfn.org](mailto:sharon@sfn.org) for more information.
- › **An Easy Way To Stay Informed: Visit [www.sfn.org/am2009](http://www.sfn.org/am2009).** Staying current on news and information about Neuroscience 2009 is easier than ever. Bookmark it today!

#### ACROSS THE FIELD

- › **Stipends Available for the International Congress of the Polish Neuroscience Society.** The [9th International Congress of the Polish Neuroscience Society](#) will be held in Warsaw, Sept. 9-12, 2009 as the first "FENS Featured Regional Meeting." The application period will close on February 15, 2009.
- › **Toward a Science of Consciousness Conference.** The next Toward a Science of Consciousness conference will be held in Hong Kong on June 11-14, 2009. The theme is Investigating Inner Experience: Brain, Mind, Technology. Full details available at the conference [Web site](#).
- › **Nutrition, Metabolism, and the Brain.** The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences is hosting Nutrition, Metabolism, and the Brain in Amsterdam, May 12-14, 2009. Details on the conference are available [online](#).
- › **International Mind, Brain, and Education Society Conference.** The second biennial conference of the [International Mind, Brain, and Education Society](#) will be held May 28–30, 2009, in Philadelphia. The conference provides a forum to explore exciting new advances in the emerging field of Mind, Brain, and Education. The deadline for Proposals for Symposia, Panel Discussions, and Posters is March 1, 2009.
- › **2009 Mind and Life Summer Research Institute.** Applications are now being accepted for the [2009 Mind and Life Summer Research Institute](#) to be held at the [Garrison Institute](#) in New York from June 7-June 13, 2009. The application period will close on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

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