



CALL FOR SIBECOL GRANTS

FOR THE REGISTRATION TO THE SAME18 – SYMPOSIUM FOR AQUATIC MICROBIAL ECOLOGY

1. Introduction

The Iberian Society of Ecology (SIBECOL) aims to promote the multidisciplinary nature of the study of natural systems, and to disseminate the values of Ecology and sustainability, promoting training activities and dissemination of advances in Ecology.

The purpose of this call is to support SIBECOL members who are in the early stages of their scientific career (up to 5 years after their thesis defense) by facilitating their attendance to the **SAME18 – SYMPOSIUM FOR AQUATIC MICROBIAL ECOLOGY** (<https://same18barcelona.com>), which will take place in **Barcelona from 28th of Septmeber to 3rd of October 2025**.

2. Objective

The participation in scientific events is among the research support and dissemination activities carried out by SIBECOL, allocating specific funds for this purpose. The aim is to increase the impact of these events and promote the scientific activity of researchers in early stages of their career in the field of Ecology.

With this purpose, SIBECOL announces **2 grants**, one for **students** and one for **postdoctoral researchers**, to encourage the attendance and participation of young researchers in the **SAME18 – SYMPOSIUM FOR AQUATIC MICROBIAL ECOLOGY**.

3. Applicant requirements

Those who meet the following requirements at the time of application are eligible to apply for this grant:

- Belong to SIBECOL or to the affiliated societies (AIL, AEET, SPECO and SEEED) and are up to date with the payment of the 2025 membership fee as of **June 10th, 2025**.

Those who are not yet members of SIBECOL will also be able to benefit from these **grants** if they register and formalize the payment before June 10, 2025 through the SIBECOL website (<http://www.sibecol.org/forms/haztesociosibecol>).

- Be a student (Bachelor's, Master's or PhD) during the 2024-2025 academic year or have completed the doctoral thesis after **June 10th, 2020**.
- Participate as the first author in at least one communication in the **SAME18: SYMPOSIUM FOR AQUATIC MICROBIAL ECOLOGY**.
- Not having any other type of funding for this same concept.

4. Amount and payment

The grant consists of the payment of the early bird registration fee, either in the **student** or **regular** modality.

Those selected as beneficiaries will receive the registration fee upon presentation of proof of payment, provided that they are up to date with the payment of the 2025 membership fee on the date of the request and before **June 10th, 2025**.

5. How to apply

The application period will begin on **June 11th, 2025, 09:00h (Madrid time)**.

5.1. Form of presentation

To apply for the grant, those interested should send an e-mail with the subject "**SAME18 _Name_ Surname**" to secretariat@sibecol.org, indicating their interest in the grant before **23:59 hours (Madrid time) on June 20th, 2025**. The SIBECOL secretariat will send the notification of the grant to the those who request it, up to a maximum of 2 following the criteria described in point 6.

5.2 Documents

Together with the e-mail addressed to secretariat@sibecol.org, with the subject **SAME18_name_surname**" the following documentation shall be attached in a single file, in PDF format and with the following nomenclature (**SAME18_name_surname.pdf**):

O Application form

O Copy of ID or Passport of the applicant.

O Proof of payment of SIBECOL (or of any of the affiliated societies) membership for the year 2025.

O The abstract of the communication to be presented at the conference, according to the guidelines provided by the conference website <https://same18barcelona.com>

O Document with a declaration of not having received any other financial aid for the same concept as that of the present call, in free format.

6. Evaluation of applications and resolution

The Secretariat of SIBECOL will verify that the data and documents provided are valid and comply with the requirements established in point 3 of this call. The date of the final decision will be June 30, 2025, and the result will be communicated to the applicants via e-mail.

The selection will be made in **strict order of receipt of the application**, as long as all the established requirements are met. If no applications are received for one category (student or postdoctoral), both grants may be awarded to the same category.

7. Obligations of the beneficiaries

- Participate as the first author in at least one communication in the **SAME18 – SYMPOSIUM FOR AQUATIC MICROBIAL ECOLOGY**.
- Include the SIBECOL logo in your communication at the Congress (this logo will be provided by SIBECOL Secretariat if you are selected as a beneficiary of this aid).
- During the conference, send a photo of your presentation to the SIBECOL Secretariat for sharing on social media.

May 26th, 2025

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SIBECOL Secretariat

Application form for the SIBECOL grant call to attend the SAME18 meeting in Barcelona

Documents to send with this form (single PDF):

- ☐ Proof of payment of the SIBECOL (or AIL, AEET, SPECO or SEEED) 2025 membership fee.
- ☐ Document certifying the student status, pre-acceptance in a PhD program or, in case of a post-doc researcher, document certifying that the PhD thesis has been defended after March June 10th, 2020.
- ☐ Abstract submitted.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

Surname:

Name:

Nationality:

Passport/ID:

Gender:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Degree:

Current professional status:

University/Institution:

Department:

Address:

Postal code:

City:

Country:

- What is your status? ☐ Student ☐ Postdoc
- Member of: ☐ SIBECOL ☐ AIL ☐ AEET ☐ SPECO ☐ SEEED
Since when (meaning the latest consecutive period)?

- Have you applied for another grant to attend this meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes and in case you were selected, do you commit yourself to notify SIBECOL?
☐ Yes ☐ No

I, hereby, declare that all the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or misleading statements may result in the rejection of my application.

Name:

Date:

Signature: