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esGLEON and Ens d'Abastament d'Aigua Ter-Llobregat (ATL)  
Announce the **Freshwater Futures Fellowship** Call for Grant  
Applications to Support Participation in the **GLEON26 Meeting in  
Lake Banyoles**

GLEON is a global, grassroots network of scientists, educators, and community members dedicated to understanding and predicting how lakes respond to natural and human-driven change, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration across continents and cultures. Attending a GLEON meeting offers early-career researchers a uniquely supportive and collaborative environment where they can join interdisciplinary Working Groups to co-develop research ideas, participate in hands-on skill-building workshops, and benefit from mentorship, which helps newcomers integrate into the international lake-science community while expanding their professional network and gaining experience in global, team-based research.

The [esGLEON network](#), in association with [ATL Water Supply Company](#), offers 12 individual grants to attend and present a poster at the GLEON26 All Hands meeting in Lake Banyoles (Catalonia, Spain) from August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 (<https://gleon.org/event/gleon-2026-all-hands-meeting/>). Meeting grants can cover registration, meeting package (including accommodation, meals, and social activities), and travel.

#### **CANDIDATES**

- Early-Stage Career researchers are graduate students pursuing a PhD and post-doc researchers who have defended their PhD thesis up to five years before August 29<sup>th</sup> 2026.
- The candidate must be the first author and presenter of a poster at the meeting.
- The candidate will need to testify the absence of any other support to attend the meeting or, if receiving support, the amount contributed by other sources of funding in a written and signed statement. If receiving additional support, the amount of the grant will be reduced in correspondence to the other funding available to the candidate.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The application form and associated documents need to be sent by this [online form](https://saco.csic.es/apps/forms/s/XbetiQxfR7z8ApP8tffxAQYY) (<https://saco.csic.es/apps/forms/s/XbetiQxfR7z8ApP8tffxAQYY>) by **April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026**. If you have queries about the call or the submission procedure, you can contact the esGLEON Secretariat for this call (Enrique Moreno-Ostos) at [quique@uma.es](mailto:quique@uma.es). Candidates should register to the GLEON 2026 All Hands meeting in Lake Banyoles **without** processing any payment, using the

forms provided at the GLEON webpage ([www.gleon.org](http://www.gleon.org)). For the Meeting Package, the option with accommodation at the Banyoles Hostel (6 nights) is compulsory.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

Eight grants will be reserved for students and four for post-student researchers. In case there are not enough candidates in one category, the remaining grants in that category will be transferred to the other. The selection of candidates within each category will be done based on the following criteria:

1. Candidates who at the time of the GLEON 2026 meeting work in countries with the lowest Human Development Index 2023 (as published by UNDP and accessible [here](#)) will be prioritized.
2. Candidates who have not benefited from past GLEON grants to attend meetings or courses, up to 5 years before this call opens, will be prioritized.
3. Candidates who are unemployed at the time of the application will be prioritized (a document certifying this condition needs to be submitted together with the application).
4. Motivation letter (maximum 750 words) detailing how does your research interest relate to GLEON; how would you benefit from participating in the GLEON All Hands' Meeting; and informing if you have previously attended a GLEON meeting, working group meeting or other GLEON activity (e.g. GLEON sessions at ESA, SIL, ASLO, JASM or other workshops), and how that experience has affected you and your research.
5. Current CV (2 pages maximum length) listing publications, presentations, scholarships/honors, colleges/universities attended and degrees achieved and/or expected.
6. Statement of Need: If you have applied for or been awarded funding from other sources, please document these details in your application, as these efforts will be taken into consideration when applications are evaluated. If you do not have access to other sources of travel support, please explain.
7. Diversity: GLEON has a goal of supporting attendees from diverse backgrounds, disciplines and geographies. Please note how you can contribute to diversity within the GLEON community.
8. If the candidate is a PhD student, a letter of recommendation from your thesis advisor. Please contact your advisor to email the letter of recommendation directly to [quique@uma.es](mailto:quique@uma.es), no later than **April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

No more than 2 grants will be awarded to people from the same institution (students and post-docs together).

## **OBLIGATIONS OF THE SELECTED CANDIDATES**

The selected candidates must:

### **Before the meeting:**

- Inform the esGLEON and GLEON 2026 secretariat if additional financial support from other sources is received to cover costs for the meeting, in which case the grant will be reduced accordingly or fully transferred to the next candidate on the waiting list.
- Inform the esGLEON and GLEON 2026 secretariat in case of impossibility to attend the meeting so that the grant can be transferred to the next candidate on the waiting list.
- Make the necessary arrangements to have the VISA and any other documents necessary to attend the meeting. The grant will cover official VISA fees up to the equivalent of 150 EURO, but will not cover travel or other costs related to obtaining a VISA.
- Provide all details necessary for booking hotels and flights on time and without delays.

The esGLEON secretariat may unilaterally decide to revoke the grant in case these conditions are not met.

### **During the meeting:**

- Acknowledge the grant in the poster by showing the esGLEON and ATL logo and mentioning this call.
- Participate in a volunteer effort during the meeting, which will be announced before the meeting.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF esGLEON**

- Clearly specify the deadline (day and hour) for the submission of applications in the edict.
- Constitute the evaluation commission just after the end of the call.
- Publish the list of selected candidates in advance of the deadline for registration for the meeting.
- Clarify any doubts that arise from the application of this edict.

## **RESOLUTION AND PAYMENT OF THE GRANTS**

- The evaluation commission will be formed by members of the esGLEON network, except in cases where a conflict of interest exists. In this situation, the affected person will be replaced by another to be designated by the esGLEON coordinator.
- The decision of the selection board will be final and without possibility of appeal.
- esGLEON will cover registration, Meeting Package (accommodation, social activities) and travel for the grantees. esGLEON will book flights and will transfer the cost of registration and meeting package to the GLEON and GLEON 2026 secretariat. No money will be directly transferred to the grantees, except for VISA fees up to 150 euros, which will be reimbursed after presentation of an official invoice.