

Motivation for running for SAC

My motivation to join the SAC stems from profound gratitude for the opportunities the InterPore Foundation has provided me. Attending the 2026 annual meeting in Nantes was a life-changing experience made possible entirely by an InterPore grant. I want to engage more deeply with this vibrant community, beyond my current involvement with PMTTT and event attendance. These experiences have shown me the immense impact of a welcoming scientific network. I am running for the SAC to give back, to help ensure that other early-career researchers have access to these same transformative opportunities, and to collaborate in making our community even stronger.

Initiatives and Priorities

Since the next annual meeting will take place in Brazil, I am eager to actively assist in organizing the SAC events for 2027. In Nantes, I attended every SAC event and had a fantastic time, but I also identified areas where we could enhance the experience. The networking night was an excellent, relaxed environment to meet fellow students. However, I believe the career development event could be further optimized. For instance, leveraging the Whova app to create pre-event polls could increase student engagement and help speakers tailor their presentations to the audience's interests. This event is also the perfect occasion to actively promote the "Career & Jobs" board on the foundation's website. Furthermore, throughout the annual meeting, we could encourage senior members to post available positions and guide students toward these resources. Beyond the annual meeting, I believe we can expand the SAC's activities year-round. One specific initiative would be to systematically map and share global and regional funding opportunities, such as the Brazilian government's doctoral sandwich program, which can profoundly change a student's career path. Drawing on my own positive experience transitioning from Brazil to a research stay in the Netherlands, I aim to enhance platforms that help students build meaningful cross-border collaborations and global networks.