

TWAS Fellowships for Research and Advanced Training

APPLICATION FORM

TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world – www.twas.org – is an autonomous international organization founded in Trieste, Italy, in 1983. TWAS represents the best of science in the developing world. Its principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the South. Since 1986, TWAS has been supporting scientists and institutions in developing countries through a wide range of programmes that focus on scientific capacity building largely through South-South cooperation.

The administration and financial operation of TWAS is undertaken by UNESCO in accordance with an agreement signed by the two organizations.

The Research and Advanced Training Fellowship is offered to young scientists in developing countries to enable them to spend between three and twelve months at a research institution in a developing country other than their own. The purpose of these fellowships is to enhance the research capacity of promising scientists, especially those at the beginning of their research career, helping them to foster linkages for further collaboration.

ELIGIBILITY

- The fellowships are for research and advanced training. They are offered to young scientists holding at least an MSc or equivalent degree.
- Eligible applicants for the fellowships are young scientists working in any area of natural sciences who are citizens of a developing country and are employed by a research institution in a developing country.
- There is no age limit. However, preference is given to young scientists at the beginning of their research career and those working in Least Developed Countries (LDCs). A list of LDCs is available at www.twas.org.
- Institutes of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China, are not eligible host institutions under the programme. Applicants interested in conducting a fellowship in China are required to check whether their chosen host is a CAS institute. For a complete list of CAS institutes, see: english.cas.ac.cn/eng2003/dmk01a/institutes.asp. Applicants wishing to attend a CAS institute should apply to either the TWAS-CAS Postgraduate or the TWAS-CAS Postdoctoral Fellowship programmes. For additional information, see: www.twas.org, under the 'Programmes' tab.
- Women scientists are especially encouraged to apply.

TERMS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- The fellowships are offered for a minimum of three months and a maximum of twelve months.
- TWAS covers international low-cost airfare plus a contribution towards subsistence amounting to a maximum of US\$ 300 per month. No other costs will be provided by TWAS.
- The host institution is expected to provide accommodation and food as well as research facilities.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Fellowships are awarded by the TWAS Fellowships Committee on the basis of scientific merit.
- Applications should be completed in English.
Part 1 of the application form should be completed by the applicant and the head of the applicant's HOME institution, and sent to the TWAS secretariat. Material requested:
 - (a) the completed application form
 - (b) passport-size photograph as a separate JPEG file
 - (c) copy of passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details is required
 - (d) the applicant's curriculum vitae
 - (e) full list of publications (do not enclose reprints of articles)
 - (f) letters of recommendation, which must be submitted separately to TWAS by two referees who are familiar with the applicant's work
 - (g) proforma airfare quotation from a local travel agency for flights with the most direct and economic route**Part 2** must be sent by the applicant to the head of the institution s/he intends to visit, together with a completed copy of Part 1. Part 2 should then be completed by the head of that institution and sent to the TWAS secretariat.
- The deadline for receipt of all applications (Parts 1 and 2) is 1 October of each year.
- Applicants must apply to only one TWAS Fellowship Programme per year. For example, applicants to the Research and Advanced Training programme cannot also apply to other TWAS Fellowship Programmes, including those provided through CAS (China), CNPq (Brazil), CEMB, ICCBS (Pakistan), IACS, DBT, CSIR and S.N. Bose (India), USM (Malaysia), CONACYT (Mexico) and TWOWS Postgraduate Training Fellowships.
- TWAS shall be entitled to a repayment of all or part of any funds paid to an applicant hereunder, in the event that the applicant intentionally or negligently fails to fulfil any or all of the present conditions. The applicant agrees to pay any reasonable legal and/or collection costs incurred by TWAS to obtain the repayment.

IMPORTANT

- Incomplete/unsigned applications will NOT be accepted.
- **Applications cannot be considered unless Part 2 has been completed by the head of the host institute.**
- Please send the application to:

TWAS Fellowships Office
ICTP campus, Strada Costiera 11
34014 Trieste, Italy

Tel: +39 040 2240 687
Fax: +39 040 2240 689
E-mail: fellowships@twas.org

PART 1 - APPLICANT

PERSONAL INFORMATION Please remember to attach a photo of yourself as a separate JPEG file and copy of passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details is required.			
Family name (Surname)		Given name(s)	
Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof)			
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	Passport Number	Attach passport-size photo (if you intend to send the application by post)	
Date of birth	Date of issue		
Place of birth	Place of issue		
Nationality	Date of expiry		
Name and mailing address of home institution			
Phone		Fax	E-mail
ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION			
Degree Awarded	Year	Field/Discipline	University
Previous and present employment			
Name and address of employer		Position	From – To
Field of specialization			
Honours / awards / scholarships received, if any			
List of ten of the applicant's most recent and important publications (also enclose curriculum vitae and full list of publications with this application)			
HOST INSTITUTION INFORMATION			
Name and mailing address of host institution in a DEVELOPING COUNTRY to be visited:			
Phone		Fax	E-mail
Name of the head of the host institution to whom a copy of this application will be sent			
Previous visits to the host institution (give dates and purpose)			
Details concerning the visit for which the applicant is requesting support			
Length of stay (min. 3 and max 12 months)	Expected date of arrival in host country	Expected date of return to home country	
Accompanying dependants, if any (NB: The Fellowships do not provide support for family members. This information is provided for the host institution only)			
Name	Relationship	Period of stay	
PROJECT INFORMATION			
Purpose of visit and brief outline of the research project. (Use separate sheet, if necessary)			

PREVIOUS SUPPORT RECEIVED BY THE APPLICANT	
From	Please indicate the type of support received and the programme under which the support was granted
<input type="checkbox"/> TWAS	
<input type="checkbox"/> TWOWS	
<input type="checkbox"/> IFS	
<input type="checkbox"/> ISP	
<input type="checkbox"/> ICTP	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT:	
Signature	Place Date
SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF THE APPLICANT'S HOME INSTITUTION	
Name and position of the head of the institution	
Statement in support of the applicant's visit (<i>indicating benefits expected from the visit</i>)	
SIGNATURE OF THE HEAD OF HOME INSTITUTE:	
Signature	Date

ENCLOSURES

Important: Ensure that ALL relevant enclosures are included with the completed application form
<input type="checkbox"/> The completed application form
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport size photograph
<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details is required
<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae and complete list of publications (do not send papers)
<input type="checkbox"/> Reference letters: Referees must send signed letters as attachment via e-mail directly to TWAS (fellowships@twas.org), the subject must contain the candidate's surname OR letters must be sent in sealed envelopes by post
<input type="checkbox"/> Proforma airfare quotation from a local travel agency

OTHER INFORMATION

How did you find out about TWAS Fellowship Programmes?
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct mailing [to institution]
<input type="checkbox"/> TWAS website
<input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth/email from colleague
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):

PART 2 - HEAD OF HOST INSTITUTE

HOST INSTITUTION INFORMATION		
Name and mailing address of host institution receiving the visitor	Phone	
	Fax	
	E-mail	
	Homepage	
Name / position of head of the host institution	Name of prospective visitor	
Facilities available at the host institutions (equipment, field centres, literature, etc.)		
Local support offered other than accommodation and meals*		
List below the facilities/support that the host Institution will offer in addition to accommodation and meals:		
Individuals in the host institution who will collaborate with the visitor		
Name and position	Research interests	Contacts with prospective visitor established (yes/no)
Benefits for the host institution likely to be derived from the visit		
Signature of the head of the host institution, with place and date		
Signature		Date

* Please note that the host institute is expected to provide at least meals and accommodation.

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