

TWAS Fellowships for Postdoctoral Research

APPLICATION FORM

BEFORE SENDING YOUR APPLICATION:

Please read the TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Application Guidelines for information on how to apply for the different TWAS postdoctoral programmes.

The application guidelines are available at <http://twas.ictp.it/prog/exchange/fells/fells-overview> or can be obtained from fellowships@twas.org

FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION BY EMAIL, PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENT AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED, SAVED AND RETURNED AS A WORD DOCUMENT AND NOT AS A PDF DOCUMENT OR EMBEDDED JPEG.

Please save the completed application form as an MS Word document with both your surname and the Fellowship's acronym in its file name. Example: If your name is John DOE, name the file "DOE_DBTPDoc.doc" or "DOE_CASPDdoc.doc" as appropriate.

To which TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme does this application apply? (Please tick one box only). For CNPq, please refer to the online application at www.cnpq.br/editais/ct/2011/twas.htm .		
<input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-CAS (China) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-CSIR (India) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-DBT (India)	<input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-SN Bose (India) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-IACS (India) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-ICIPE (Kenya) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-USM (Malaysia)	<input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-CONACYT (Mexico) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-CEMB (Pakistan) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-ICCBS (Pakistan) <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS-BIOTEC (Thailand)
For our records, please also indicate the scientific field in which you work. (Please tick one box only)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Structural, Cell. & Molecular Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Systems & Organisms	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical & Health Sciences, including Neurosciences <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy, Space & Earth Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematical Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Physics

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please remember to attach a photo of yourself as a separate JPEG file and copy of your passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details is required. In completing this form, please provide your surname and name exactly as they are indicated in your passport.		
Surname (family name):		First name(s):
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Passport No:	
Nationality:	Date and place issued:	
Date of birth:	Expiry date:	
Place of birth (country):		
Applicant's contact address:		Name and contact details of a person to be contacted in case of an emergency:
Tel:		Tel:
Fax:		Fax:
E-Mail:		E-Mail:
Accompanying dependents. NB: The Fellowships do not provide support for family members		
Name	Relationship (mother, son...)	Period of stay

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

HOST INSTITUTION		
<p>Ensure you indicate the name and address of at least one HOST research institution where you have applied and have been accepted to do your postdoctoral research (depending on the programme). Please attach official letter of acceptance signed by the head of the department or programme's contact person (as specified in the application guidelines for each specific fellowship programme) at the host institution.</p>		
1. Host institute, Name and Address:		
Tel:	Fax:	E-mail:
Name and Surname of Host supervisor:	Position:	E-mail:
Reasons for selecting this institution and supervisor:		
2. Host institute, Name and Address:		
Tel:	Fax:	E-mail:
Name and Surname of Host supervisor:	Position:	E-mail:
Reasons for selecting this institution and supervisor:		
HOME INSTITUTION		
Name and Address of home institution:		
Tel:	Fax:	E-mail:
Name and position of supervisor in your home country.		
Name:	Surname:	Position:
RESEARCH DETAILS		
Area of proposed research/study		
<p>Research proposal. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed postdoctoral study/research plan. NOTE: The project's title must be the same as in the preliminary acceptance letter.</p>		
Title:		
Project details (Use separate sheet, if necessary)		
<p>Expected benefits. Please provide a short account of the benefits the Fellowship will provide to you and your home institution.</p>		

Applicant's acceptance of conditions governing the relevant TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme. Please note that unsigned applications cannot be accepted. If you are unable to send a scanned version via e-mail, please send the page with the signature by fax.

I accept the terms and conditions governing these Fellowships and I confirm that I shall return to my home country upon completion of my Fellowship.

Signature : Date:

N.B. The application form cannot be accepted without a signature.

PLEASE ONLY RETURN THE COMPLETED PAGES AND THE FOLLOWING ENCLOSURES

ENCLOSURES CHECKLIST

Important: Ensure that ALL relevant enclosures are included with the completed application form!

- Passport size photograph as a separate JPEG file.
- A copy of passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details is required.
- Detailed description of the proposed postdoctoral study/research plan.
- Curriculum Vitae and complete list of publications (do not send papers).
- University degree certificates and relevant university transcripts of advanced courses for all academic degrees.
- Official letter of acceptance of a HOST institution as per sample attached. The acceptance letter must be signed by a head of department, postgraduate studies coordinator or programme partner's contact person as specified in the application guidelines for each specific fellowship programme. The starting date on the acceptance letter must be the year following the application, e.g. If you apply for a fellowship in 2011 the acceptance letter should show the starting date as 2012.
- Reference letters: Referees must send SIGNED letters as attachments via e-mail directly to TWAS and the relevant programme partner (except in the case of S.N. Bose, India; CONACYT, Mexico and ICCBS, Pakistan). The subject line must contain the name of the Fellowship programme and the candidate's surname. Alternatively, letters should be sent in sealed envelopes by post. N.B. Only signed reference letters can be accepted.
- Supporting statement from the head/director of the applicant's HOME institute on headed paper.
- Certificate of proficiency in English or language of country to be visited.
- Certificate of good health from a qualified medical doctor (for ICCBS only).

OTHER INFORMATION

How did you find out about TWAS Fellowship Programmes? (Please choose one only)

- Direct mailing [to institution].
- TWAS website.
- Word of mouth/email from colleague.
- Other (please specify):

END OF APPLICATION FORM

SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR HOST INSTITUTIONS

It is important to note that applicants **MUST** already be accepted by a host institution in Brazil, China, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan or Thailand to be eligible for a TWAS Postdoctoral Fellowship.

How to obtain the preliminary acceptance letter:

- 1) Identify a suitable host institution from the lists provided (see "additional information" sections).
- 2) Contact your selected host institution or a potential host supervisor, providing your CV, research proposal and a copy of the sample acceptance letter (see below).

Signed acceptance letters must be sent to TWAS and the relevant programme partner (except in the case of S.N. Bose, India; CONACYT, Mexico and ICCBS, Pakistan). The head of department or programme partner's contact person (as specified in the guidelines for each specific fellowship programme) at the HOST institution must sign the letter. Informal communication exchanged with potential host supervisors can be submitted, but it will **not** be considered as formal evidence of institutional acceptance.

<p>HOST INSTITUTION'S LETTERHEAD</p> <p>Department's name Institutional address Tel and fax numbers E-mail address</p> <p>[Place and Date]</p> <p>Dear _____ [candidate's name and surname] - _____ [country of citizenship],</p> <p>This is to inform you that, as a candidate for a postdoctoral fellowship under the agreement established by TWAS and _____ [programme partner], you have been accepted for a _____ [length of time in months please specify*] postdoctoral programme in _____ [field of specialization/academic programme], at this department/institution.</p> <p>If subsequently selected for a TWAS-_____ [programme partner] Fellowship, you should begin your studies/research in the _____ [month and year following year of application] and expect to conclude by _____ [month and year]. While researching at this institution, you will be under the supervision of Professor _____ [name and surname of supervisor] to be contacted at _____ [email address]. The topic for which you have been accepted to study at this institution is:</p> <p>_____.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature and name of head of department or programme partner's contact person (as specified in these guidelines for each specific fellowship programme)</p> <p><i>N.B. The letter cannot be accepted without a signature.</i></p>
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** Please verify the minimum and maximum duration of the postdoctoral programme in these application guidelines (under the "additional information" section of each programme partner).*

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The starting date on the acceptance letter must be the year following the application e.g. If you apply for a fellowship in 2011 the acceptance letter should show the starting date as 2012.