

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) PhD and postdoctoral fellowships applications now open

The new call for TWAS Fellowship applications opened in April 2013, and all the new application forms are now currently available at:

<http://twas.ictp.it/prog/exchange/fells/fells-overview>.

About the fellowships:

TWAS has initiated various new fellowship programmes for PhD, Postdoctoral and Advanced Research grants together with various countries in the South, including Brazil, China, India, Iran, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Thailand and Kenya. The fellowships allow scientists from developing countries to study or do research in other developing countries and then to return home to continue their careers. Please note that most of the fellowships are tenable at specific institutions in these countries.

South African students are eligible for all the TWAS Fellowship programmes. The programmes are tenable in the following countries Brazil, China, India, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan and Kenya where we have established agreements with our programme partners.

The only programme that has South Africa as a host country is the OWSD Fellowship for Women, but in this case South African students would not be eligible to apply to study in South Africa (any other developing country could be picked).

It is important to note that applicants cannot apply for fellowships tenable in their home country eg. an Indian applicant applying for a fellowship tenable in India will be considered ineligible as will applicants already in the host country or having temporary or permanent residence in the host country or be living in a developed country.

Furthermore, do note that the minimum requirement for our PhD programmes is an MSc and a PhD for our postdoctoral programmes. Please note that the only PG fellowship programme that requires the applicant to be employed is the CSIR Fellowship in India.

Our latest addition to the fellowship programme is the CIIT Fellowships (PG, PDoc and Visiting Scholar) in Pakistan.

There are no PhDs via correspondence available, but there are both FULL-TIME and SANDWICH PhD fellowships available in some of our programmes.

How to apply:

It is up to the applicant to choose the best suited fellowship programme and after checking that the applicant fulfils ALL the eligibility criteria of the chosen programme a preliminary acceptance letter must be obtained from an eligible institution. See the attached guidelines for complete information and guidance.

It is recommended that the applicant contacts potential supervisors in one or more eligible institutions and that copy of the applicant's CV and proposed research plan is sent in order to obtain preliminary acceptance. Only once the applicant has received the preliminary acceptance should s/he submit the application form, acceptance letter and all other required enclosures as indicated on the application forms. This may be done via e-mail, fax or by post for most programmes.

Do not hesitate to contact TWAS office if you have further queries and kindly disseminate this information in your country and region.

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