

- **Name of the Programme:** TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences for Research Units
- **Founding institution:** The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)
- **Eligibility partner and partnership criteria:**
 - ❖ **Eligibility partner:** Research Units from developing country
 - ❖ **Partnership criteria:**
 - The Research units led by a renowned researcher who is a national of a developing country, who holds a PhD and who has good research experience.
 - The research unit operated within a university or a research institution in one of the Science and Technology-Lagging Countries (S&LCS)
 - The research unit included a minimum of the Principle Investigator (group leader), plus at least two PhD-qualified researchers and a number of PhD and MSc students, technicians, etc.
- **Objective/Priorities of the programme:**
 - To encourage the pursuit of scientific excellence in S&TLCs by identifying and supporting the best scientists in these countries;
 - To reinforce and promote scientific research in the S&TLCs;
 - To strengthen the endogenous capacity in science and technology; and
 - To counteract the brain-drain thus reducing the exodus of scientific talent from the S&TLCs
- **Financed Activities and eligible costs:**
 - ❖ **Financed Activities:** Provided by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Italian government
 - ❖ **Eligible costs:** Equipment, consumables and literature including textbooks and proceedings only
- **Budget size:** A maximum of US\$ 30,000 & additional funds to support for full-time MSc student(s).
- **Deadline:** By 14 April 2021 (16:00 pm Italian time)
- **Web site:** <<https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-groups>>
- **Main instructions to apply:**
 - To apply via the online form portal from the TWAS website.
 - To apply one kind of grant at a time
- **Annexes (project guidelines, project application form, other docs)**
 - [twas_research_grants_group_guidelines_2021.doc](https://twas.org/sites/default/files/research_grant/twas_research_grants_group_guidelines_2021.doc) <https://twas.org/sites/default/files/research_grant/twas_research_grants_group_guidelines_2021.doc>
 - [research_grants_form_research_units.pdf](https://twas.org/sites/default/files/research_grant/research_grants_form_research_units_0.pdf) <https://twas.org/sites/default/files/research_grant/research_grants_form_research_units_0.pdf>
 - A Global Network of Researchers: AuthorAID <<https://www.authoraid.info/en/resources/>>

- **Any preliminary consideration: top down/bottom up, budget size, key issues**
 - **Key Issues for Consideration**
 - ❖ Office space and facilities for the laboratory
 - ❖ Salaries for permanent staff of the laboratory