

Exercise 2: GROUP WORK

You are in charge of examining a call for proposals and inform your colleagues about this funding opportunity. Please, read the documents concerning the call for proposal so as to identify key information and fill in the call fiche (use template). Please, enclose also a brief report on the positioning of the call in the top-down/bottom-up diagram (see slide)

CALLS:

-Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development – APPEAR

<https://appear.at/en/application/>

-NORPART - Norwegian Partnership Programme for Global Academic Cooperation

<https://diku.no/en/programmes/norpart-norwegian-partnership-programme-for-global-academic-cooperation>

-TWAS RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAMME IN BASIC SCIENCES for RESEARCH UNITS

<https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-groups>

Call Fiche template

- **Name of the Programme**

TWAS RESEARCH GRANTS programme in basic sciences for research units in science and technology-lagging countries (S&TLCs)

- **Founding institution**

World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Italian government.

- **Eligibility partner and partnership criteria**

- 1) Applying *research units* must be led by a renowned researcher who is a national of a developing country, who holds a PhD and who has good research experience. There is no age limit for unit leaders.
- 2) The research unit should operate within a university or a research institution in one of the S&TLCs
- 3) The research unit should include 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.
- 4) Applicant must at the time of application NOT have an active research grant with TWAS or OWSD Early Career Women Scientists (ECWS) Fellowship.
- 5) Each applicant must have at least one MSc student under his/her supervision.

- 6) Applications from women scientists and those working in Least Developed Countries are especially encouraged.

- **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**

Support given for research projects in the following fields of **basic sciences**:

Chemistry

Mathematics

Physics

Basic biology.

Grant is provided for a period of 24 months.

Grant may be used to purchase scientific equipment, consumables and specialized literature (textbooks and proceedings only).

The grant does **not** cover:

Salaries of researchers and/or students,

Field expenses

Purchase of laptop computers, tablets

Purchase of laboratory animals.

- **Budget size**

A research grant to a research unit amounts to a maximum of US\$ 30,000.

Additional funds available for support to full-time MSc student(s).

- **Deadline**

14 April 2021 16.00 hours Italy Time

- **Web site**

<https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-groups>

- **Main instructions to apply**

To submit a strong Research Proposal, find further information on how to write a strong proposal by visiting [AuthorAID](#).



The application must be submitted via the online form portal

Research unit leaders who submit a satisfactory final report on a previous grant may apply for a renewal.

Research unit leaders are required to submit a final report within one year of receipt of the last items purchased.

- **Annexes (project guidelines, project application form, other docs)**

https://twas.org/sites/default/files/research_grant/twas_research_grants_group_guidelines_2021.doc

https://twas.org/sites/default/files/research_grant/research_grants_form_research_units_0.pdf

- **Any preliminary consideration: top down/bottom up, budget size, key issues:**

This is a top-down type grant as both applicable subject areas and amount of funding is fixed.

Applicants may apply for only one programme per calendar year in the TWAS and OWSD portfolio.

Applicants will not be eligible to visit another institution in that year under the TWAS Visiting Professor programmes.

On selection for grant, a written agreement is made between TWAS, the grantee and his/her institute.

Research grant funds are kept at TWAS for the purchase of all items requested by the grantee, and TWAS contacts the supplier(s) upon receipt of proforma invoices submitted by the grantee