

TWAS Research Grants Programme in Interdisciplinary Research

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How do I apply for TWAS Collaborative Grant?

Applications must be submitted through TWAS online forms portal, accessible by clicking on the “Apply Now” button at the bottom of the relevant webpage.

Where do I find details about the TWAS Collaborative Grant?

Details about the Collaborative Grant are available at: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-interdisciplinary-research-collaborative>

When is the deadline for 2025?

The deadline to submit applications for 2025 is **3 April 2025**

How many grants are awarded per year?

A total of three grants per year will be awarded to six Individual Principal Investigators (PI), two per grant.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Is there an age limit for grants?

There is no age limit for this grant.

What are the minimum requirements for applicants?

Please see below a list of some of the mandatory requisites for this grant.

- The applicants **must** be previous recipients of TWAS Research Grants (either for Individuals or Groups).
- The grant must include two PIs submitting one combined application.
- One Principal Investigator (PI) **must** be from an LDC and the other PI from any other country from the list of countries lagging in science and technology.
- The two PIs must be working in two different countries; either both from an LDC or one from an LDC and the other from the remaining the list of countries lagging in science and technology.
- Applying *Principal Investigators* **must** be two well-established researchers who are nationals of a developing country, who hold a PhD and have a good track record of publications in international journals.
- The grant **must** operate within a university or a research institution in one of the Science and Technology Lagging Countries (STLCs) and should include two Principal Investigators submitting one combined application.

- Both PIs **must** work in different fields to ensure the research project is interdisciplinary.
- To ensure gender balance, PIs jointly applying for one grant must be one female and one male.

Detailed information can be found on the programme web page on TWAS website indicated above. Your application will be automatically discarded, if you don't meet the requirements.

Why is my country not listed in the list of eligible countries?

TWAS has identified [66 countries](#) (STLC) in which capacity in science and technology is significantly behind. The list includes the 44 Least Developed Countries (LDC) identified by the United Nations and some low- to middle-income countries requiring support in building research capacity.

Do I have to be a resident in one of the eligible countries?

Yes. Additionally, applicants must hold an employment contract at a university or research institution in one of the eligible countries.

I am a national of an eligible country, but I am currently living and working at an institution in a non-eligible country. Can I still apply?

No, you cannot apply if you are currently working at a university or research institution outside one of the 66 eligible countries.

Can both PIs be from a non LDC?

No, one of the two PIs **MUST** be from an LDC.

I submitted a satisfactory final report on a previous grant, may I apply?

Yes, both PIs may apply for a renewal provided that they have already submitted a satisfactory final report. In this case, you must insert your previous RG code in the application form.

I have not received a TWAS Research Grant before may I apply?

No, this particular grant is specifically for scientists who already received a TWAS Individual or Group grant in the past. No such limitations are in place for the Individual and Group grants, you may choose to submit an application for one of those.

APPLICATION FORM

Can each of the PIs submit separate application forms?

No, only one joint application form must be submitted. The PI from the non LDC must be the one submitting the application in the system. If both PIs are from non LDC either one may submit the application form.

Is there a section in the form where to insert details of both PIs?

Yes, the form clearly states "Principal Investigator 1" where the details of the PI submitting the application form should be included and Principal Investigator 2 whose details will be inserted by PI1.

Should two separate research proposals be included in the application form?

No, the research proposal must be a joint project clearly outlining the roles of each PI in her/his home country.

May I submit one application form as PI1 and be included in other(s) as PI2?

No, you may be present in only one application regardless of whether your role is of PI1 or PI2.

Should I upload quotations as supporting document for the amount I request?

You are strongly encouraged to upload a quotation from a suitable supplier for each piece of equipment above 5,000 USD. In case of equal scoring, priority will be given to applicants who upload a valid quotation for instruments above 5,000 USD.

Should I upload a tentative timeline for the research activities included in my proposal?

You should carefully plan the research activities at the application stage (you can use the uploaded Gantt chart). It is crucial to stick to the timeline in order to fully benefit from all Grant components (procurement, conference participation, publications) and avoid any unspent funds at the end of the 24 – month grant period.

MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS WITHIN THE SAME YEAR

I have already submitted an application for another TWAS programme this year, for which I do not have the outcome yet. Can I apply to TWAS Research Grant Programme too?

No, applicants may submit only one application at a time for a given year, and only for one kind of grant of all the grants available at: <https://twas.org/opportunities/research-grants>.

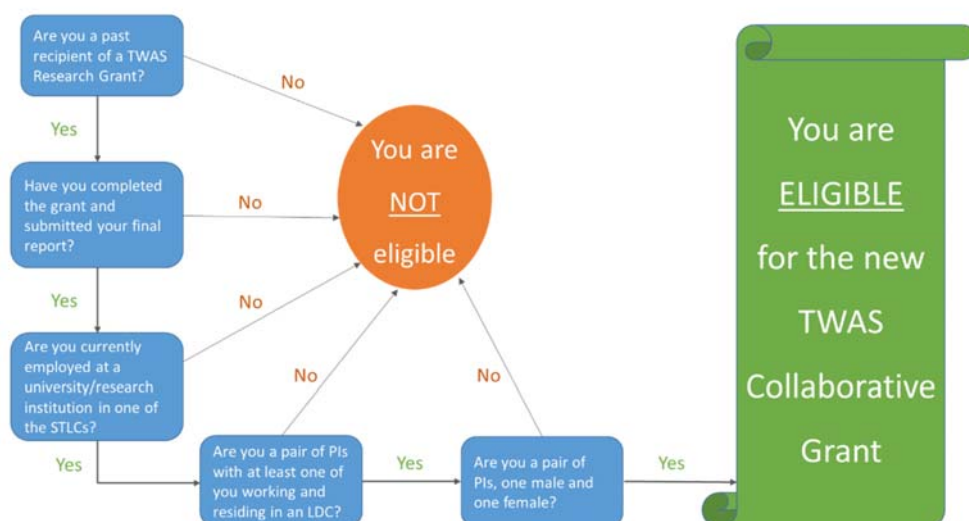
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SUBMITTING MY APPLICATION

I applied to the Research Grant programme this year, when will I be informed of the outcome?

TWAS Research Grants Selection Committees will meet by the end of the year to finalize the list of awarded grants. Notification of the results will be provided shortly after.

The below grid will help you identify whether you are eligible or not.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE TWAS COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT?



*STLC – Science & Technology Lagging Country

*LDC – Least Developed Country

*PI – Principal Investigator