

TWAS Research Grants Programme in Basic Sciences

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Where do I find details about the different kinds of research grants?

TWAS offers two kinds of research grants, for individuals and for groups:

Details about 'individual grants' are available at: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-individuals>

Details about 'group grants' are available at: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-basic-sciences-groups>

How do I apply for TWAS Research Grants in Basic Sciences?

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

When is the deadline for 2025?

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

How many grants are awarded per year?

The number of grants varies according to the funds made available by the donor. An average number for each grant type can be found below:

For individuals, 20–25 awards per year

For groups, 10–15 awards per year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Is there an age limit for grants?

There is an age limit for individual grants only, for which candidates must be born on or after 1 January 1980.

What are the minimum requirements for applicants?

TWAS Research Grant Programme offers opportunities both to individual applicants and research units.

In both cases, the minimum requirements are the following:

- Applicants must be nationals of and working in one of the 66 Science and Technology Lagging Countries (STLC) listed here: <https://twas.org/66-countries>
- Applicants must be employed by a university or research institution in one of the eligible countries listed above
- Applicants must hold a PhD

The research proposal must be within the fields of biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics.

Each programme has also specific requirements detailed on TWAS website:

<https://twas.org/opportunities/research-grants>. Please refer to the relevant web page on TWAS website. Your application will be automatically discarded, if you do not 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 the 66 eligible countries.

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

Yes, both individuals and research units 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.

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.