

## TWAS Maintenance Grant Programme

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

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

TWAS offers four kinds of research grants: grants for individuals, groups (for research units), collaborative (for two collaborating PIs) and maintenance grants. Details about 'maintenance grants' are available at: <https://twas.org/opportunity/twas-research-grants-programme-maintenance>

##### **How do I apply for TWAS Maintenance 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.

##### **When is the deadline for 2022 TWAS Maintenance Grant?**

The deadline to submit applications for 2024 is **3 April 2024**

##### **How many maintenance grants are awarded per year?**

A total of 10 grants per year will be awarded.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

##### **Is there an age limit for TWAS Maintenance Grant?**

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 requirements:

- The applicant **must** be a previous recipient of a TWAS Research Grant (either Individuals or Groups)
- The applicant **must** be employed by a university or research institution in one of the [66 science- and technology-lagging countries](#)
- The applicant **must** operate within the same university or research institution s/he was operating at the time of the previous grant
- The equipment for which funds are requested should have been purchased through TWAS Research Grants Programme.

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

TWAS has identified 66 countries (STLCs) in which capacity in science and technology is significantly behind. The list includes the 45 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, 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.

### **I am a past grantee, but I am currently living and working at a different institution. Can I still apply?**

No, you cannot apply, because the equipment previously purchased with a TWAS grant remains property of that institution. If you are no longer there, you are not eligible to apply.

### **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 the Maintenance Grant, provided that they have already submitted a satisfactory final report. In this case, you must insert your previous Research Grant code in the application form.

### **I am a past grantee, but I still have to submit the final report. If I need money to repair equipment bought at the beginning of my grant, may I apply?**

You may submit an application form after submitting your final report.

### **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 Maintenance Grant too?**

No, applicants may submit only one application at a time in a given year, across all 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.