

TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Programme

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of India and UNESCO-TWAS have established a number of fellowships for foreign scholars from developing countries, who wish to pursue research toward a PhD in emerging areas of science and technology, for which facilities are available in CSIR laboratories and institutes.

Extended Deadline

03 June 2026

Partner Organizations

[Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, India](#)

Eligible nationalities

[Developing countries in the South](#)

Host countries

[India](#)

Level

PhD

Minimum degree held

MSc

Duration

Up to 4 years

Field

01-Agricultural Sciences

02-Structural, Cell and Molecular Biology

03-Biological Systems and Organisms

04-Medical and Health Sciences incl. Neurosciences

05-Chemical Sciences

06-Engineering Sciences

07-Astronomy, Space and Earth Sciences

08-Mathematical Sciences

09-Physics

Age limit

35

Sandwich option

YES

Applications can only be submitted via online portal once the call is open.

Please use the “apply now” button at the bottom of this page to start your application *once the call is open*.

Opening date of this fellowship: **6 March 2026**

Closing date of this fellowship: 6 then 20 **May 2026 now extended until 3 June 2026**

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the preliminary acceptance letter as early as possible, even before the opening date of the call. Keeping in mind that only Acceptance letters dated the same year as the year of application are eligible.

Programme Details

- TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowships are tenable in CSIR research laboratories and institutes in India for a maximum period of four years.
- Applicants may be registered for a PhD degree in their home country, or may enrol in a PhD course at any University in India.
- Eligible CSIR institutions: Information on CSIR laboratories and institutes can be obtained by following the links here: <https://www.csir.res.in/about-us/csir-network-map>. Alternatively, a list of eligible institutes is available at the bottom of this page as a Word document.
- SANDWICH Fellowships (for those registered for a PhD in their home country): The Fellowship may be granted for a minimum period of 6 months and a maximum period to be decided by the host institute, but no greater than 3 years.
- FULL-TIME Fellowships (for those not registered for a PhD): The Fellowship may be granted for up to a maximum duration of 4 years.
- CSIR will provide a monthly stipend to cover for living costs, food and health insurance. The monthly stipend will not be convertible into foreign currency. In addition, Fellowship awardees are entitled to subsidized accommodation.
- The language of instruction for foreign scholars in CSIR laboratories/institutes is English.

Eligibility

Applicants for these fellowships must meet the following criteria:

- Be a maximum age of 35 years on 31 December of the application year.
- Be nationals of a developing country (other than India).
- Must not hold any visa for temporary or permanent residency in India or any developed country.
- Hold a Master's degree in science and technology.

- Be regularly employed in their home country and hold a research assignment there.
- SANDWICH Fellowships: Be registered PhD students in their home country and provide the "Registration and No Objection Certificate" from the HOME university.
- FULL-TIME Fellowships: Be willing to register at a university in India within the first year, if agreed to by CSIR.
- Be accepted at a CSIR laboratory/institution and provide an official acceptance letter from the host institution (see sample Acceptance Letter that can be downloaded below or included in the Application Form). *NB: Requests for acceptance must be directed to the chosen CSIR host institution(s);*
- provide evidence of proficiency in English, if medium of education was not English;
- provide evidence that s/he will return to her/his home country on completion of the fellowship;
- not take up other assignments during the period of her/his fellowship;
- be financially responsible for any accompanying family members.

Submitting your application

- If already registered for a PhD in their home country, applicants should ensure that the Vice-Chancellor or Registrar of the HOME university signs a copy of the "Registration and No Objection Certificate" (*see sample included in the Application Form*), a copy of which should be sent to *both* CSIR and TWAS.
- Applicants should submit the acceptance letter from a CSIR institution when applying or by the deadline at the latest. Without preliminary acceptance, the application will not be considered for selection.
- Applications for the TWAS-CSIR Postgraduate Fellowship Programme can ONLY be submitted to TWAS via the online portal. A tutorial on how to use the online application form is available below for download.
- Please be advised that 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. One exception: The head of an institution who invites an external scholar to share his/her expertise under the [TWAS Visiting Professor](#) programmes may still apply for another programme.

Results of the fellowship selection should be available in at the end of 2026 or early 2027 and selected candidates will be able to start their fellowship NO earlier than 2027.

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