

# CNPq-TWAS\* Fellowships for Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Research

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## APPLICATION FORM

### BEFORE SENDING YOUR APPLICATION:

Please read the TWAS-CNPq [Postgraduate](#) and [Postdoctoral](#) Fellowship Application Guidelines for information on how to apply for this programme.

Please save the completed application form as an MS Word document with both your surname and the Fellowship's acronym in its file name. Example: If your name is John DOE, name the file "DOE\_CNPQPG.doc" or "DOE\_CNPQPD.doc" as appropriate. **The form must NOT be filled out in upper case.**

<b>To which CNPq-TWAS Fellowship Programme does this application apply? (Please tick one box only). For CNPq, please also refer to the online application at <a href="http://www.cnpq.br/web/guest/chamadas-publicas">http://www.cnpq.br/web/guest/chamadas-publicas</a></b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate fellowship in Brazil	<input type="checkbox"/> Postdoctoral fellowship in Brazil	
<b>For Postgraduates only: Please specify ONE of the following options (Please tick only one box)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> FULL-TIME (if you intend to register for a PhD in the host country)	<input type="checkbox"/> SANDWICH (if you are already registered for a PhD in your home country)	
<b>For our records, please also indicate the scientific field in which you work. (Please tick one box only)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Agrarian Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical & Health Sciences	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics & Probability and Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy and Geosciences
		<input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Please remember to attach a photo of yourself as a separate JPEG file and copy of your passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details is required. <b>In completing this form, please provide your surname and name exactly as they are indicated in your passport.</b>		
Surname (family name):		First name(s):
Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Passport No:	
Nationality:	Date and place issued:	
Date of birth:	Expiry date:	
Place of birth (country):		
Applicant's contact address:		Name and contact details of a person to be contacted in case of an emergency:
Tel:		Tel:
Fax:		Fax:
E-Mail:		E-Mail:
<b>Accompanying dependents. NB: The Fellowships do not provide support for family members</b>		
Name	Relationship (mother, son...)	Period of stay

**ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

<b>Higher education</b> Please enclose copies of all degrees awarded and university-issued transcripts.												
Degree awarded	Grade	Year	Field/Discipline	University								
Date of commencement of PhD studies <b>(for Sandwich Postgraduates only)</b>												
<b>Academic/professional employment</b>												
Name and address of employer(s)	From	To	Position									
<b>Have you applied for TWAS programmes in the past? If so, specify which programme and date of application.</b>												
<b>Previous TWAS awards/fellowships received</b>												
<b>Referees.</b> Names, addresses and contact details of two senior scientists familiar with applicant's work; their reference letters must be on letter-headed paper and signed.												
<b>Referee 1</b>			<b>Referee 2</b>									
Name:			Name:									
Surname:			Surname:									
Address:			Address:									
Tel:			Tel:									
Fax:			Fax:									
E-Mail:			E-Mail:									
Relationship to candidate:			Relationship to candidate:									
<b>Language skills</b>												
	Understanding spoken language			Reading			Speaking			Writing		
	Excellent	Good	Poor	Excellent	Good	Poor	Excellent	Good	Poor	Excellent	Good	Poor
ENGLISH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FELLOWSHIP DETAILS****HOST INSTITUTION**

<b>Ensure you indicate the name and address of the HOST research institution where you have applied and have been accepted for all or part of your PhD research or Postdoctoral research (depending on the programme applying to).</b> Please attach official letter of acceptance signed by the head of department, postgraduate programme coordinator or programme partner's contact person (as specified in the application guidelines for each specific fellowship programme) at the host institution.			
Host institute, Name and Address:			
Tel:		Fax:	
Name and Surname of Host supervisor:		Position:	
E-mail:		E-mail:	
Reasons for selecting this institution and supervisor:			

**HOME INSTITUTION**

<b>ONLY complete this section if registered for a PhD in your HOME country</b>			
<b>Name and Address of Home Institute. You must submit a supporting letter from the Director of your HOME institution.</b>			
Name:		Address:	
Tel:		Fax:	
E-mail:		E-mail:	

<b>Name and position of PhD supervisor in your home country.</b> <b>N.B.: The PhD supervisor cannot be enlisted as one of your referees and s/he must submit a separate supporting letter in addition to the two required reference letters.</b>	
Name:	Surname:
Email:	Position:

**RESEARCH DETAILS**

<b>Area of proposed research/study</b>
<b>PhD project or Postdoctoral research proposal.</b> Please provide a detailed description of the proposed doctoral study/research plan or postdoctoral research proposal. See sample on the last page. <b>NOTE: The project's title must be the same as in the preliminary acceptance letter.</b>
Title:
Project details
<b>Expected benefits.</b> Please provide a short account of the benefits the Fellowship will provide to you and your home institution.
<b>Applicant's acceptance of conditions governing the CNPq-TWAS Fellowship Programme.</b> <i>Please print this page, sign in original and send as scanned attachment. Do note that unsigned applications cannot be accepted.</i>
I accept the terms and conditions governing these Fellowships and I confirm that I shall return to my home country upon completion of my Fellowship. Moreover, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information above is true and correct.
Signature: _____ Date: _____
<i>N.B. The application form cannot be accepted without a signature.</i>

**CHECKLIST FOR MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION:**

<b>Important: Ensure that ALL relevant enclosures are included with the completed application form!</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> A copy of passport, even if expired. Only the page with personal details and validity (if separate) is required. <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed description of the proposed doctoral study/research plan (see sample on last page). <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae and complete list of publications (do not send papers). <input type="checkbox"/> University degree certificates and relevant university transcripts of advanced courses for all academic degrees. <input type="checkbox"/> Official letter of acceptance of a HOST institution as per sample attached. <b>The acceptance letter must be signed by the head of department, postgraduate studies coordinator or programme partner's contact person (as specified in the application guidelines for each specific fellowship programme).</b> The starting date on the acceptance letter must be the year following the application, e.g. If you apply for a fellowship in 2015 the acceptance letter should show the starting date as 2016. <input type="checkbox"/> Reference letters must be on letter-headed paper, SIGNED are complementary and will help support your application. <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting statement from the head/director of the applicant's HOME institute on headed paper (for Sandwich PhD and Postdoctoral applicants ONLY). <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of proficiency in English, Spanish or Portuguese. <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Registration and No Objection Certificate, if applicable. <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting letter of PhD supervisor, if registered in the HOME country.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

<b>How did you find out about TWAS Fellowship Programmes? (Please tick one only)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct mailing [to institution]. <input type="checkbox"/> TWAS website. <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth/email from colleague. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

## SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR HOST INSTITUTIONS

It is important to note that applicants **MUST** already be accepted by a host institution in Brazil to be eligible for a TWAS Postgraduate / Postdoctoral Fellowship.

How to obtain the preliminary acceptance letter:

- 1) Identify a suitable host institution from the lists provided (see accompanying application guidelines).
- 2) Contact your selected host institution or a potential host supervisor, providing your CV, research proposal and a copy of the sample acceptance letter (see below).

Signed acceptance letters may be sent to TWAS ([fellowships@twas.org](mailto:fellowships@twas.org)) prior to submitting their application online in order to ensure that all information is in the correct format. The head of department, coordinator of postgraduate studies or programme partner's contact person (as specified in the application guidelines for each specific fellowship programme) at the HOST institution must sign the letter. Informal communication exchanged with potential host supervisors can be submitted, but it will **not** be considered as formal evidence of institutional acceptance.

**Applicants with acceptance letters from private institutions MUST have it mentioned on the letter that they will be exempt from tuition fees at the institute.**

<p>HOST INSTITUTION'S LETTERHEAD</p> <p>Department's name          Postgraduate programme's name          Institutional address          Tel and fax numbers          E-mail address</p> <p>[Place and Date]</p> <p>Dear _____ [candidate's name and surname] - _____ [country of citizenship],</p> <p>This is to inform you that, as a candidate for a postgraduate / postdoctoral fellowship under the agreement established by TWAS and CNPq, you have been accepted for a _____ [FULL-TIME or SANDWICH, please specify*] postgraduate / postdoctoral programme of the duration of _____ [length of time, months/years, please specify] in _____ [field of specialization/academic programme] at this department/institution _____ CAPES List _____.</p> <p>If subsequently selected for a TWAS – CNPq Fellowship, you should begin your studies/research in the _____ [first or second] academic semester of 2016 and expect to conclude by _____ [month and year]. While researching at this institution, you will be under the supervision of Professor _____ [name, and surname of supervisor] to be contacted at _____ [email address].</p> <p>The topic for which you have been accepted to study at this institution is:          _____.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Signature</b> and name of head of department, postgraduate / postdoctoral studies coordinator or programme partner's contact person as specified in the guidelines for each specific fellowship programme  <i>N.B. The letter cannot be accepted without a signature.</i></p>
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\* The FULL-TIME Fellowship applies to candidates who intend to register for a PhD in the host country. The SANDWICH Fellowship entails one research visit at the host institute for applicants who are already registered for a PhD in their home country. Please verify the minimum and maximum duration of the sandwich programme in the application guidelines (under the "additional information" section of each programme partner).

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

The starting date on the acceptance letter must be the year following the application e.g. If you apply for a fellowship in 2015 the acceptance letter should show the starting date as 2016.