## How we will assess your application

All applications will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

## Pre-screening:

Based on eligibility criteria mentioned in the Call Doc, the proposals will be shortlisted for further consideration.

## Scientific evaluation:

The shortlisted applications will be evaluated by the Indian Technical Evaluation Committee. After technical assessment, all the applications will be graded with score in the scale of 1 to 10 (minimum to maximum).

The assessment of the application includes an overall evaluation of the applicant and his or her qualifications. Significant importance is given to the project proposal, the grades obtained by the applicant in their educational study cycle thus far.

The selection process is based on standard academic assessment criteria, with emphasis on assessing the applicant's academic qualifications and the merit of the proposed PhD proposal.

The committee will also take the applicant's publications (national regional or international) and experiences abroad into consideration. In assessing the PhD proposal, emphasis will be placed on the originality of the proposal, its practical and theoretical reliability, the potential impact of the proposal to the development of the proposed scientific field, as well as the feasibility of the proposal being completed within the given time frame. Also taken into consideration will be the overall integration of the proposed proposal within the wider research environment and the needs of it in his or her country.

DBT and TWAS will assess the applications and compile a list of awardees.

Once a consensual decision has been reached, DBT and UNESCO-TWAS will follow their organization's standard processes to notify applicants about their funding decisions.