**SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR HOST INSTITUTIONS**

It is important to note that applicants **MUST** already be accepted by a host institution in Brazil, China, India, Malaysia, Mexico or Pakistan to be eligible for a TWAS Postgraduate Fellowship.

How to obtain the preliminary acceptance letter:

1) Identify a suitable host institution from the lists provided (see following pages).

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 must be sent to TWAS and the relevant programme partner. The head of department or the coordinator of postgraduate studies 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.

HOST INSTITUTION'S LETTERHEAD Department’s name

Postgraduate programme’s name

Institutional address

Tel and fax numbers

E-mail address

[Place and Date]

Dear [candidate’s name and surname] - [country of citizenship],

This is to inform you that, as a candidate for a postgraduate fellowship under the agreement

established by TWAS and

[programme partner], you have been

accepted for a FULL-TIME [or SANDWICH] FELLOWSHIP of [length of time, months/years (please be sure to indicate] postgraduate programme in

 [field of specialization/academic programme], at this department/institution.

If subsequently selected for a TWAS-\_ [programme partner] Fellowship, you should begin your studies/research in the [first or second] academic

semester of

(year) 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]. The topic for which you have been accepted to study at this institution is:

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Yours sincerely,

**Signature** and name of head of department or postgraduate studies coordinator

*N.B. The letter cannot be accepted without a signature.*