

# TWAS MAINTENANCE GRANTS PROGRAMME

## IN SCIENCE-AND TECHNOLOGY-LAGGING COUNTRIES

### GUIDELINES

*Applicants are advised to read carefully these guidelines to ensure that they fulfil all the requirements and are familiar with TWAS general policies concerning grants.*

#### **General Information**

- [The World Academy of Sciences \(TWAS\)](#) *for the advancement of science in developing countries* is an international organization founded in Trieste, Italy, in 1983. TWAS represents the best of science in the developing world. Its principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence in the South
- The administrative and financial operation of TWAS is undertaken by [UNESCO](#), in accordance with an agreement between UNESCO and the Italian Government
- Since 1986, TWAS has been supporting scientists and institutions in developing countries through a wide range of programmes that include merit-based grants to research projects
- TWAS Research Grants Programme for Maintenance Grants was established in July 2022 in response to the need of researchers in developing countries to ensure that equipment provided through grants do not remain unused due to minor servicing or repairs
- Under this scheme, grants are thus awarded to past grant recipients to maintain and repair existing equipment previously purchased through TWAS Research Grants programmes, and does not cover the purchase of new equipment
- The programme is generously supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), amounts to a maximum of \$3,000 per award, and is provided for a period of 12 months.

#### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be previous recipients of a TWAS Research Grant (either individual or for groups)
- The equipment requiring repair or servicing must have been bought through this previous grant award
- Cost estimates must be submitted with the dully filled application form.

#### **Agreement**

- If selected, a trilateral written agreement will be drawn up between TWAS, the applicant and his/her home institution
- Grant funds for the maintenance and servicing of the equipment are administered by UNESCO-TWAS.
- Grant recipients are required to submit proforma invoices (quotations) for repairing services in accordance with the approved itemized budget for TWAS approval.

- The repairing and maintenance services should be undertaken within one year from the start of the grant

### ***How to apply***

- The application must be submitted via the online form portal, the link to which can be found on the TWAS [website](#).
- A researcher may only submit one application at a time and for only one kind of grant (e.g. individual, research unit, collaborative, or [SG-NAPI Programme](#)).
- For any queries please contact:  
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### ***When to apply***

- The deadline for receiving applications is **3 April 2025**. It is, however, strongly recommended not to wait until the deadline to submit applications, as no support can be provided after 4 p.m. (Italian time) on the day of the deadline.

### ***Notification of TWAS decision***

- The Selection Committee of TWAS Research Grant programmes will meet by the end of 2025. Applicants will be notified of the outcome shortly thereafter.