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TWAS–Department of Biotechnology [of the Ministry of Science and Technology of India] fellowship programme gave me the opportunity to pursue my PhD at a premier institute in India. I gained professional skills, and unlocked my potential.

Vishaka Dey, Molecular Parasitologist, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Amadou Dicko, Assistant Professor, University of Sciences and Technologies, Bamako, Mali
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