

# ***GUIDELINES FOR THE FAOBMB EDUCATION SPECIAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS***

## **Objectives of the FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowships Scheme**

FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowships are awarded to contribute towards the registration, round trip travel and accommodation expenses of early career biochemists, molecular biologists and biochemistry / molecular biology educationists from the FAOBMB region, to attend and present a research paper or poster at an IUBMB or FAOBMB sponsored function (Congress, Conference, Symposium or Workshop) on education (or any other approved Education function or event consistent with the purposes of the scheme).

The specific objectives of the FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowships Scheme are to:

- to improve research skills, innovative educational practice and collaboration on biochemistry and molecular biology education;
- to enable the Fellowship recipient to gain a wider exposure to, and deeper appreciation of, research and scholarship in biochemistry and molecular biology education at an advanced international level.

## **Criteria for the award of an FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowship:**

- i. The candidate must be a member of a constituent Society or Group within FAOBMB [*see Note 1 below*]  
(A certification of membership from the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Constituent Member society must be attached to the application);
- ii. The candidate is at an early stage of his or her career development at an institute of higher learning in an FAOBMB member country, has a proven record of academic and intellectual achievement and shows strong potential for research in the field of biochemical and or molecular biology education;
- iii. For applicants who have already been awarded a PhD, the candidate must have no more than 10 years related work experience [*see Note 2 below*]. The quality of the applicant's career accomplishments in educational practice, innovation and scholarship will be considered in relation to opportunity during the review process;
- iv. The candidate has submitted an application providing all requested information and documentation by the due date set out on the Application Form for the Travel Fellowship;
- v. Applications from individuals who have previously received an FAOBMB Travel Fellowship are not encouraged.

**Note 1: Constituent Members of FAOBMB** (as of January 2017) are the national societies and groups of biochemists and molecular biologists from the following countries or regions in the Asia and Oceania region: Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hawaii, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taipei China, Thailand and Vietnam.

**Note 2:** An application from a person not holding a PhD degree but holding an MSc degree may be considered if the person (i) has an outstanding research record OR (ii) is an educationist and his/her academic or professional position does not require a PhD degree.

### **Application Deadlines**

The deadlines for the receipt of applications each year are:

- 1 April for travel in July – December of the same year
- 1 October for travel in January – June the following year

### **Reports for Travel Fellowships**

Awardees of the FAOBMB Special Travel Fellowship are requested to submit a report suitable for publicity to be provided to the Secretary General within one month of the conclusion of the conference/ workshop.

### **Administration of the FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowship Scheme**

These awards shall be administered by the [FAOBMB Fellowships Committee](#). The FAOBMB Fellowships Committee and the [FAOBMB Education Committee](#) shall be responsible for the selection of the successful applicants, after a proper evaluation of the completed application forms in accordance with the criteria outlined above, for final approval by Council.

The quantum of the award will not exceed USD1500 per fellowship. The FAOBMB Executive Committee may limit the number of FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowships awarded in any one year, subject to availability of funds.

### **Further Information:**

Further information on the FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowships Scheme can be obtained from the [Chair of the FAOBMB Fellowships Committee](#).