



GUIDELINES FOR FAOBMB TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS

Objectives of the FAOBMB Travel Fellowships Scheme

A limited number of FAOBMB Travel Fellowships are awarded to contribute towards the round-trip travel and accommodation expenses of PhD students and early career biochemists and molecular biologists from the FAOBMB region, in order to attend and present a scientific paper or poster at an FAOBMB-sponsored function (Congress, Conference, Symposium or Workshop). Travel Fellowships are intended for those who reside or are working outside the host country of the conference.

Specific objectives of the FAOBMB Travel Fellowships Scheme are:

- to improve research skills, technology transfer and collaboration within the FAOBMB region.
- to enable the Fellowship recipient to gain a wider exposure to, and deeper appreciation of, research in biochemistry and molecular biology at an advanced international level, particularly as carried out in the FAOBMB region.

To achieve the above objectives, FAOBMB has made available the **FAOBMB Travel Fellowships** (the amount to not exceed USD1000 per fellowship) to enable registered PhD candidates and early career scientists of not more than 10 years post-graduate experience from Constituent Member countries/groups [*see Note 1 below*] to attend and present their research findings at an FAOBMB-sponsored Conference, Symposium or Workshop.

Criteria for the award of an FAOBMB Travel Fellowship:

- i. The candidate must be a member of a Constituent Society or Group within FAOBMB. (A certification of membership from the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Constituent Member society must be attached to the application);
- ii. The applicant must be currently (A) registered as a PhD student at an institute of higher learning in an FAOBMB member country, OR (B) holding a position as post-doctoral fellow or researcher (within 10 years of completion of a PhD degree) at an institute of higher learning in an FAOBMB member country [*see Note 2 below*];
- iii. 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;

- iv. The candidate has a proven record of academic and intellectual achievement and shows strong potential for research. The quality of the applicant's CV will be considered in relation to opportunity during the review process.
- v. This fellowship is contingent upon the successful applicant's abstract being accepted by the conference organizers, proof of attendance at the meeting and fulfillment of the requirements as stated above;
- vi. Applications from individuals who have previously received an FAOBMB Travel Fellowship will not be considered.

Note 1: Constituent Members of FAOBMB (as of January 2022) 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, 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.

Note 3: In the years that coincide with the triennial FAOBMB Congress (and from time to time an FAOBMB Conference), FAOBMB General YSP-Travel Fellowships will be offered instead of Travel Fellowships. These fellowships will enable qualified PhD students in their late years of study and postdoctoral scientists of not more than 10 years standing since the award of the PhD degree to attend the Pre-Congress Young Scientist Program as well as the FAOBMB Congress (or other Young Scientist Programs associated with FAOBMB Conferences).

Administration of the FAOBMB Travel Fellowship Schemes

- The awards shall be administered by the [FAOBMB Fellowships Committee](#) which shall also 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. [In the case of educationist applicants, the [FAOBMB Education Committee](#) will be consulted about the application before the evaluation of applicants is finalized.]
- The FAOBMB Executive Committee may limit the number of FAOBMB Travel Fellowships awarded in any one year, subject to availability of funds to support these schemes.

Further Information:

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

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