

FAOBMB EDUCATION SPECIAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

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 and must hold a position of researcher/educationist and be actively engaged in teaching and learning programs in the disciplines of biochemistry and molecular biology in either undergraduate or postgraduate levels at an institute of higher learning in an FAOBMB member country. Applicants must hold a PhD or Masters degree or equivalent and be within 15 years of completion of their postgraduate degree [*see Notes 2 and 3 below*];
- iii. 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 Education Special Travel Fellowship;
- v. Applications from individuals who have previously received an FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowship will not be considered;
- vi. Applications from individuals who have previously received an FAOBMB Travel Fellowship are not encouraged.

Note 1: Constituent Members of FAOBMB (as of February 2024) 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: While PhD candidates are not normally eligible for the award of an Education Special Travel Fellowship, applications may be considered from exceptional PhD candidates whose topic is educational research or scholarship in the disciplines of biochemistry and molecular biology, in addition to their being actively engaged in teaching and learning programs at undergraduate or postgraduate levels.

Note 4: There are two types of Education Special Travel Fellowships:

- **Generic Fellowships**, for participation in a Congress, Conference, Symposium or Workshop that is **not** organised by FAOBMB as an annual FAOBMB Congress or Conference.
- **Congress-specific or Conference-specific Fellowships**, for participation in a specified FAOBMB Congress or FAOBMB Conference

Application Deadlines

The deadlines for the receipt of applications each year are:

Generic Fellowships

1 April for travel in July – December of the same year

1 October for travel in January – June of the following year

Congress-specific or Conference-specific Fellowships

The deadline will be set each year in good time before the date on which the particular FAOBMB Congress or Conference will take place that year.

The maximum funding available for each FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowship

Generic Fellowships

The quantum of the award will not exceed USD \$1,500 per fellowship.

Congress-specific or Conference-specific Fellowships

The quantum of the award will not exceed USD \$1,000 per fellowship (in exceptional circumstances no greater than USD \$1,250).

The registration fee is waived for awardees of the Education Special Travel Fellowship specific to a particular FAOBMB Congress or Conference

The FAOBMB Executive Committee may limit the number of FAOBMB Education Special Travel Fellowships awarded in any one year, subject to the availability of funds.

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.

Further Information:

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