

Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre)

And

Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)

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Joint NAM S&T Centre - ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme

Announcement for 2019

In line with its resolute efforts to promote South-South cooperation in science and technology, the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre) has instituted a number of Fellowship schemes that are aimed at supporting the deserving young scientists and researchers in the developing countries for their research capacity building and to establish closer linkages with the Centres of Excellence located in various countries.

The NAM S&T Centre [www.namstct.org] is now pleased to announce yet another scheme, titled “*Joint NAM S&T Centre - ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme*” jointly with the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), Egypt. The objective of the Joint Fellowship is to provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries for working in the laboratories of ASRT and its associate institutions and centres in the fields of Medical, Microbial and Plant Biotechnology.

Under this Joint Fellowship Scheme, the Centre will sponsor up to five scientists during the year for short-term affiliation at ASRT and its associate institutions and centres for a period of six weeks. Only one scholar from any particular country will be considered each year for the Fellowship Award with preference to the scholars from the member countries of the NAM S&T Centre, and the selection would be made purely on the basis of the applicant’s academic and professional background, proposed plan of work and the mutual research interests of the applicant and the ASRT.

ASRT, Egypt will provide an allowance in local currency equivalent to @US\$600 for accommodation, meals, transportation, and other expenses for six weeks’ stay to each scientist selected under the Fellowship programme, and also an amount in local currency equivalent to @US\$150 as contribution towards training costs to be paid to the host institute (laboratory). The NAM S&T Centre will pay the return international airfare from the home country to Egypt only to the selected Fellows from those member countries of the NAM S&T Centre or members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network, which have no outstanding dues towards the annual membership subscription to the Centre. Researchers from the countries which are not the members of the NAM S&T Centre, or which have outstanding dues against their membership, will be required to bear their own international fare. Preference in selection will, however, be given to the applicants from the member countries of the NAM S&T Centre.

Only the scientists and researchers from the developing countries excepting Egypt are eligible to apply for the fellowship.

Copies of the guidelines for the Fellowship and the application form are **attached** (and are also available at the Centre's Website www.namstct.org). Applications recommended by the parent institution of the applicant and endorsed by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in the country may be submitted to the Centre by email (namstcentre@gmail.com). The list of member countries and members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network and the contact details of the Focal Points of the NAM S&T centre in its member countries may be seen in its website www.namstct.org.

Applications are invited in the prescribed format for the **Joint NAM S&T Centre – ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme** for the year 2018-19. **The last date for submitting application for the Fellowship is March 31, 2019.**

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GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

The NAM S&T Centre is implementing a **Joint NAM S&T Centre – ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme** in association with the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT), Egypt to provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries for working in the laboratories of ASRT and its associate institutions and centres in the fields of **Medical, Microbial and Plant Biotechnology**.

Objectives

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme are:

- ❖ To provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with senior researchers and faculty members in ASRT and its associate institutions and centres for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to Medical, Microbial and Plant Biotechnology agreed upon by ASRT authorities.
- ❖ To facilitate the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at ASRT and its associate institutions and centres.
- ❖ To provide a mechanism to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility in ASRT and its associate institutions and centres for their research activities on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- ❖ To facilitate the exchange of information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Egypt and other developing countries.

Number of Fellowships

Not more than 5 scientists/researchers from the developing countries will be sponsored each year by the NAM S&T Centre to work at ASRT and its associate institutions and centres under the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme.

Duration of Fellowship

The Fellowship will be for six weeks duration.

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Eligibility

- ❖ Scientists and researchers having academic qualification of at least M.Sc. or equivalent and engaged in research and development or management of scientific programmes on the identified subjects.
- ❖ Applicant's age should not exceed 40 at the time of application; however, if qualifications are same, younger scientists will be preferred.
- ❖ Only scientists and researchers from the developing countries excepting Egypt will be eligible. Only one scholar from any country will be considered each year for the Fellowship Award with preference to the scholars from the member countries of the NAM S&T Centre.
- ❖ Scientists/researchers nominated by NAM S&T – Industry Network members will also be eligible for similar award as per guidelines under the Network Programme.

Participating Laboratories

For the ASRT-NAM Fellowship, the training programs will be offered in the following research groups located in the Central Laboratories Network at the National Research Centre of Egypt:

- ❖ Immune and Bio-markers for Infection
- ❖ Embryo and Genetic Resources Conservation Bank
- ❖ Plant Biotechnology and Genetic Resources
- ❖ Chromatography
- ❖ Investigation of Surface Properties of Nanomaterials
- ❖ Liquid Crystals

Financial and Other Terms

- ❖ The NAM S&T Centre will be responsible for the return international travel of the Fellows from their home countries to Cairo, Egypt.
- ❖ ASRT, Egypt will provide an allowance in local currency equivalent to @US\$600 for accommodation and living expenses for six weeks' stay to each scientist selected under the Fellowship Programme, and also an amount in local currency equivalent to @US\$150 as contribution in training costs to be paid to the host institute (laboratory).
- ❖ ASRT will provide all possible facilities and access to various instruments and equipment in its constituent laboratories that may be required by the Fellows for implementing their agreed upon research activity.
- ❖ Individual Fellows or their governments / institutions shall be required to bear the following costs:
 - All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for passport and visa, required medical examinations and vaccinations and

miscellaneous expenses such as internal travel to/from the airport of departure in the home country.

- Salary and other related allowances for the Fellows during the Fellowship.
 - Cost of medical insurance to cover the period of Fellowship in Egypt.
- ❖ The NAM S&T Centre and ASRT, Egypt shall not assume responsibility for the following expenditure in connection with the Fellowship of a particular scientist/researcher:
- Insurance, medical bills or hospitalisation fees.
 - Compensation in the event of death, disability or loss of personal belongings or compensation for damage caused by climatic or other conditions.
 - Travel or other costs incurred by the dependents, who might accompany the Fellows.

Submission and Selection of Applications

- ❖ The NAM S&T Centre will issue the announcement inviting nomination of scientists and researchers in a prescribed format.
- ❖ There will be a cut off date for receiving the applications under the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ASRT, Egypt Fellowship Programme.
- ❖ Applications in prescribed format should be submitted to the NAM S&T Centre.
- ❖ A *Statement of Purpose* giving a brief write-up on the work to be carried out at ASRT should be attached with the application.
- ❖ The NAM S&T Centre, after brief scrutiny, will forward the appropriate applications to ASRT for their consideration. In matter of final selection, the decision of ASRT shall be final.

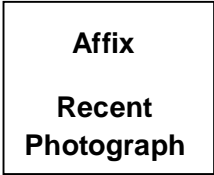
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APPLICATION FORM



(Please TYPE or use BLOCK capitals; No column should be left blank)

SECTION - A

(To be filled in by the Applicant)

1. Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms):.....
(As in Passport)
2. Designation (Position held):.....
3. Nationality:.....
4. Date of Birth:..... Place of Birth (City) (Country).....
5. Passport No:Place of issue:
Date of Issue: Valid up to:
(Please enclose a copy of your Passport)
6. Name of the Parent Organisation/Employer:
Full Address (Office):
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Phone (With Country/Area/City Code): Mobile:
Fax:E-mail:
7. Full Address (Home):
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Phone (With Country/Area/City Code): Mobile:
Fax: E-mail:
8. Educational Qualifications:
Highest Degree:Year of Award:

University:.....Field of Study:

9. Brief Curriculum Vitae (including Professional and Research Experience and a List of Papers Published, if any)

(To be attached on a separate sheet).

10. What in your opinion qualifies you for the Fellowship?

(To be attached on a separate sheet)

11. Statement of Purpose/Plan of Work

(To be attached on a separate sheet)

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

SECTION -B

RECOMMENDATION OF PARENT INSTITUTION

(The Candidate must get the application recommended by his/her Parent Institution/Employer).

(Signature)

Name (in full):

Designation:

Date:

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SECTION -C

ENDORSEMENT BY NOMINATING AUTHORITY

(The applicant residing in a member country of the NAM S&T Centre may get the application endorsed by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre or the concerned Scientific Ministry / Government Agency in his/her country, if he/she wishes to receive the support of his/her air travel. For name / address of the Focal Points please visit Centre's website www.namstct.org)

(Signature)

Name (in full):

Designation:

Date:

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Check List for Enclosures to be attached:

- i) Brief Curriculum Vitae (including Professional and Research Experience and a list of papers published, if any).
- ii) Purpose of the Visit to ASRT -Plan of Work along with the Title of the proposed work (~500 words).
- iii) A write up on what qualifies you for the Fellowship.
- iv) A copy of the relevant pages of the Passport
