

# UNESCO-L'ORÉAL For Women in Science International Fellowships

FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE



**International  
Fellowships of up to  
US\$40,000 each  
open for application.**

**For doctoral or  
post-doctoral research  
in the Life Sciences.**

**Women scientists  
who are UK citizens  
to submit applications  
through the UK  
National Commission  
for UNESCO.**

**UK Deadline:  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2011**

**Further information  
and application forms:**  
[www.unesco.org.uk](http://www.unesco.org.uk)  
[www.forwomeninscience.com](http://www.forwomeninscience.com)

**Application for the 2012 cycle of the UNESCO-L'ORÉAL For Women in Science International Fellowships is now open.**

## **What are the UNESCO-L'ORÉAL For Women in Science International Fellowships?**

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The Fellowships are jointly offered by UNESCO and L'ORÉAL, as part of the For Women In Science Programme, to support and promote women in scientific research all over the world.

**The international Fellowships are awarded to promising young women scientists, at the doctoral or postdoctoral level, to undertake a research project in the life sciences which has been accepted by a reputable institution outside their home country.**

15 international Fellowships are awarded each year. Each Fellowship is worth a maximum of US\$40,000 to cover a research period of up to 24 months.

The international Fellowships aspire to support the scientific vocations of young women, to give them the opportunity to build international networks in the scientific community, and to gain crucial experience that they can bring back and share with others in their home countries.

The Fellowship beneficiaries are geographically spread, three Fellows being selected from each of the following regions: Africa; Arab States; Asia & the Pacific; Europe & North America; and Latin America & the Caribbean.

## **Eligibility**

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- Candidates must be female and no more than 35 years old (born after 1 January 1977).
- Preference will be given to candidates already possessing a PhD degree (or equivalent) in the field of life sciences at the time of application. However, applications from doctoral students will be considered.
- Candidates must be proficient in reading and writing the language of instruction in the proposed country of study.
- Candidates must already be engaged in and undertake research in one or allied fields of life sciences, including biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, agriculture, medicine, pharmacy and physiology. Projects involving animal models (i.e. experimentation using vertebrate laboratory animals) will not be accepted; and preference is given to non cosmetic researches.
- Applications must be submitted through and endorsed by the UNESCO National Commission of the Candidate's home country.

## **Procedure and Deadlines**

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The deadline for submission to UNESCO headquarters is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Applications from UK citizens must be submitted through the UK National Commission for UNESCO and received by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2011**. The UK National Commission will consider and evaluate the applications and submit selected applications to UNESCO headquarters with its endorsement. Each National Commission can select and submit a maximum of **four** candidates.

After submission to UNESCO, the applications will be considered by a special Selection Committee, comprising representatives of UNESCO, L'ORÉAL and Life Sciences research communities & institutions.

Completed applications, together with supporting documentation, should be submitted by post to (UK citizens only): UK National Commission for UNESCO, c/o UNA, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL.

Non-UK citizen applications should be submitted to the UNESCO National Commission of the Candidate's home country. For a list of the 195 National Commissions around the world, visit UNESCO's website at:

[www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)

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**UNESCO - L'ORÉAL For Women In Science International Fellowships (2012 cycle): More Details**

<b>Field of study</b>	Life Sciences, including biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, agriculture, medicine, pharmacy and physiology.
<b>Place of study</b>	Host Institution outside of the Candidate's home country.
<b>Duration of study/research</b>	12 months (with the possibility of an extension for an additional 12 months). At least half of the fellowship period must be undertaken outside of the Candidate's home country, for a minimum duration of 6 months and a maximum duration of 12 months. (If an extension is granted then the duration outside of the Candidate's home country is minimum of 12 months and maximum of 22 months, with studies completed in the Candidate's home country for a minimum of 2 months).
<b>Date of commencement</b>	Any time between 1 March 2012 & 1 March 2013
<b>Study arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An extension for an additional 12 months may only be made for the research project for which the original fellowship was granted and will be based on a progress report and application for extension.</li> <li>▪ If the Candidate receives another award, scholarship or fellowship which covers the proposed research and provides for maintenance, she should inform UNESCO immediately and her application will be reviewed and may be withdrawn. Similarly a Candidate who has secured a salaried position at her host institution to undertake the proposed research should inform UNESCO immediately and her application will be reviewed and may be withdrawn.</li> <li>▪ Upon termination of the Fellowship, the beneficiary must agree to return to her country so that the knowledge acquired may be put to good use in local research and training programmes.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Three copies</u> of the UNESCO Fellowship application form and cover information sheet, duly completed in English.</li> <li>▪ <u>Two</u> recent photographs.</li> <li>▪ <u>Three certified copies</u> of degree certificates or diplomas (including transcript of grades). Proof either of having obtained a PhD degree or of being in the process of studying for a PhD must be included.</li> <li>▪ A list of publications, if any.</li> <li>▪ <u>Three copies</u> of one letter of recommendation from an individual acquainted with the Candidate's academic work.</li> <li>▪ A letter of acceptance from the Host Institution, including the name of the host academic supervisor, the duration and exact dates of the Candidate's research there, and the Host Institution's willingness to provide the relevant training facilities required by the Candidate in the chosen field of specialisation.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of language proficiency (on UNESCO form) duly completed for the language of the country of study (should this be different from the candidate's mother tongue) and signed by the competent authority.</li> <li>▪ A detailed description, one to two page(s) (maximum), in English, of the research work for which the application is being put forward, covering the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Why?</b> The concrete nature of the proposed project's contribution to the life sciences; its innovative, original aspects; and the scope and purpose of the research project. The Candidate should demonstrate that the reasons of the theoretical and practical knowledge or training acquired at the host institution would be beneficial to her ongoing research project.</li> <li>– <b>What?</b> The expected results or impact of the research project being undertaken.</li> <li>– <b>How?</b> Describe the proposed arrangements for conducting the research.</li> <li>– <b>Where?</b> The proposed country, where research will be undertaken and the name and address of the host institution/laboratory.</li> <li>– <b>When?</b> The time-framework explicitly stating the proposed starting date and the suggested duration of research, which should be a maximum of 12 months. (Because there is the possibility of an additional 12-month extension, the description should also include an indication of further development of the research project beyond this 1-year time frame).</li> <li>– <b>How much?</b> A budget estimate indicating the resources required for the Candidate to undertake the proposed research project. The amount should not exceed US\$20,000 for 12 months. (Details of the budget should be outlined on a separate page as below.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ A detailed budget estimate (in US dollars) indicating the resources required for the Candidate to undertake the proposed research project. The amount should not exceed US\$20,000 for 12 months. All figures must be shown in US dollars. The total amount indicated should cover, exclusively, the international or domestic travel costs for the proposed itinerary and tuition fees, if any, including personal subsistence abroad, etc. Applicants should be realistic in compiling their estimated budget and consider that an average of US\$1500 per month for accommodation and meals (including local transportation and incidentals) should not be exceeded. The following costs are <u>not eligible</u>: computer or equipment purchases; publication costs; attendance at conferences, unless a case can be made that such attendance is an integral part of the research and would make a direct and significant contribution to the outcome of the development of life sciences.</li> </ul>