

FEMALE POSTDOCTORAL SCIENTIST SUPPORT AWARDS

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Applicant must be affiliated to
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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEMALE POSTDOCTORAL SCIENTIST SUPPORT AWARDS

The Center of Excellence for Agriculture (COEA) is a USAID-funded activity that facilitates meaningful partnerships and collaborations among U.S. and Egyptian universities, industry and government to: (1) develop innovative, transformative, and industry-validated curricula for undergraduate and graduate students with due consideration of gender equity; and (2) facilitate readily translatable solutions-based research that addresses the current and emerging needs of Egyptian agriculture centered on the seven priorities of Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy. In doing so, the COEA will develop: 1) workforce-ready students to make immediate impact in the Egyptian agricultural economy; 2) research products that transform agriculture businesses and livelihoods; and 3) a sustainable, replicable, and inclusive model, highly valued and financially supported by a wide range of stakeholders throughout Egypt.

Over the course of five years, the COEA is offering fifty (50) female postdoctoral scientist support awards. Ten awards will be granted per year. These awards are to sponsor research projects for female post-doctoral students to increase opportunities for women to move up in the ranks of professorship. Recipients will be chosen based on the quality of their research proposals, alignment of their research goals with the research goals of COEA, and justification on how the scholarships will advance the academic career of the applicant and their research and field expertise. For the academic year 2019-2020, the COEA is offering ten (10), 12-month scholarships. Post-doctoral fellows are eligible to apply for the scholarship each year, regardless of whether they have received the scholarship in the previous year.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be enrolled as post-doctoral student in a Faculty of Agriculture in one of the five participating COEA universities, namely at Ain Shams University, Assuit University, Benha University, Cairo University, or Suez Canal University.
- Must be an Egyptian national.
- Must be female.

Documents to be submitted with the application:

- Recommendation letter from a university professor.
- Doctoral study transcript.
- Submit a proposal outlining the research plan, including a research statement, research objectives, conceptual framework, methods, and estimated budget to complete the research, expected results, impact, implementation timeline, academic goal, and career prospectus. (Maximum of 3,000 words).
- One-page resume showing education, experience, publications, and professional contributions, etc.

Note: The COEA ensures that it will maintain privacy and confidentiality of applicant's personal information and data provided in the scholarship application. Furthermore, submitted information and data will solely be used for processing and evaluating applications.

Scholarship may cover:

- Bench fees to use university laboratories, if applicable.
- Laboratory supply
- Publication fees
- Stationery, software, etc., and
- Travel allowances to participate in conference(s) as applicable.

Responsibilities of the scholarship recipients:

- Submit the required reports on research progress and scholarly activities by the agreed-upon deadlines.
- Publish COEA supported/related research in peer-reviewed journals as per the guidelines in the scholarship agreement.
- Participate and provide expert advice in COEA activities as needed.

Note: Details on the roles and responsibilities of scholarship recipients will be available in a scholarship agreement to be signed before receiving the scholarship.

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Selection Process and Deadline:

#	Activities	Deadline
1	Submit applications.	December 30, 2019
2	Announce awardee's names.	February 2020
3	Awardees sign the contract	February 2020

Eligible female post-docs are requested to submit applications (online) along with all supporting documents by **December 30, 2019 11:59 PM Cairo time**.

Incomplete and late submitted applications will not be considered for scholarships.

Follow these steps to submit application:

- Read the call for applications, including eligibility criteria, and documents to be submitted.
- Collect all the supporting documents to be submitted with the application.
- Fill out the online application.
- Write a proposal as asked in the call for applications.
- Attach documents in the appropriate places in the online application.
- When the application is complete, submit it online. You should receive an email acknowledging the receipt of your application.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

What will happen if I submit application after the deadline?

You need to apply within the given timeline. Late submitted application will not be considered for scholarships

In what language should I write the research proposal?

Research proposal should be written in English.

How will I know whether my application is submitted?

You will receive an email notification acknowledging the receipt of your application.

How will I know if I am selected for the award?

You will receive an email. COEA will also send a notification to your home address.

Can I print the application form and submit a paper application?

No, you can't. It has to be an online application.

Can I apply to more than one scholarship at a time?

No, you can't.

What will happen if I am not able to get one or more of the required documents from government offices on time?

Since late submitted applications will not be considered for scholarships, it is the applicant's responsibility to get required documents on time and submit with the application within the deadline.

If you have any questions regarding these scholarships and the application process, please contact ets@coeag.org