Subject: CAS-TWAS President’s Fellowship Programme For PhD Candidates from Developing Countries

Dear President,

Please accept warmest regards and greetings from USTC (University of Science and Technology of China)!

We have got good news for your reference about CAS-TWAS President's Fellowship Programme For PhD Candidates from Developing Countries.

According to a new agreement between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world, up to 40 students/scholars per year from the developing world will be sponsored to travel to China for up to four years of PhD study and research. The CAS-TWAS President’s Fellowship Programme provides students/scholars from developing countries with the opportunity to pursue PhDs at University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) and/or institutes of CAS around China. Under the terms of the new CAS-TWAS agreement, TWAS will be responsible for providing round-trip travel support for 50 awardees each year to and from China, or for providing one way travel support for 80 awardees each year to China. TWAS will make active efforts to secure additional funds to cover more awardees for travel supports. In addition, TWAS will also cover visa related expenses and a contribution to excess luggage fees for stays in China of more than 12 months. CAS will be responsible for a monthly payment to cover accommodation and living expenses. Successful applicants will receive a monthly stipend (including living expenses, local travel expenses and health insurance) of RMB 7,000 (approx. USD 1,100) or RMB 8,000 (approx. 1,250) from CAS, depending on whether he/she has passed a qualification test after admission.

USTC is a comprehensive university including science, engineering, management and humanity science, oriented to frontier science and high technology. It was established by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in 1958. It was moved to Hefei, the capital city of Anhui Province, in 1970. USTC is now a prominent Chinese university, which is the member of the C9 League consisting of the top 9 universities in China and enjoys high reputation worldwide. USTC is regarded in China as "The Cradle of Scientific Elites". It has around 1500 faculty members, 7200 undergraduates, and