

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

And

National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA), Abuja, NIGERIA

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**Joint NAM S&T Centre – NABDA Visiting Expert Fellowship
Programme**

Announcement for 2019- 20

In line with its resolute efforts to promote South-South and North-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 deserving young scientists in the developing countries to establish closer linkages with the Centres of Excellence located in various countries. To further promote this objective the NAM S&T Centre [www.namstct.org] is now pleased to announce yet another scheme, titled *'Joint NAM S&T Centre – NABDA Visiting Expert Fellowship Programme'* jointly with the National Biotechnology Development Agency (NABDA), Abuja, NIGERIA [www.nabda.gov.ng]. The objective of the joint Fellowship is to provide opportunities to scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work in the laboratories of NABDA and its associate institutions and centres in the fields of Molecular Diagnostic Research, Forensic DNA and Recombinant Vaccine Development in order to enhance their research skills, facilitate exchange of information and contacts and create a network among the scientists and researchers from Nigeria and other developing countries.

Under this Joint Fellowship Scheme, the Programme will sponsor up to five (5) scientists during the year for short-term affiliation at NABDA for a minimum period of 1 month and maximum 3 months. The fellowship period would be either from early September to Mid December 2019 or from Mid January to Mid March 2020. Selected Fellows are expected to join NABDA either in September 2019 or in January 2020.

Only one scientist from any given developing country will be selected each year on a strictly competitive basis and based on the applicant's academic and professional background, proposed plan of work and the mutual research interests of the applicant and NABDA. The NABDA will provide local hospitality, e.g. furnished accommodation and meals and an out of pocket allowance @US \$200 per month to each scientist selected under the Fellowship programme.

The NAM S&T Centre will provide the return international airfare from the home country to Nigeria only to the selected Fellow 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 [List of member countries and members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network is available in the Centre's website www.namstct.org].

Note: Researchers from countries which are not members of the NAM S&T Centre, or member countries which have outstanding dues against their membership, will be required to bear their

international fare. However, special consideration may be given by NABDA to applicants whose submissions are considered highly relevant and exceptional. Preference in selection will however, be given to the applicants from the member countries of the NAM S&T Centre or members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network.

Applicants from Nigeria are not eligible to apply for this Fellowship.

Copies of the guidelines for the Fellowship and the application form are **attached** (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) in the relevant format. 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 – NABDA Visiting Expert Fellowship Programme* for the year 2019-20. **The last date for submitting application for the Fellowship is 19th July 2019.**

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GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

The NAM S&T Centre is implementing a Joint NAM S&T Centre – NABDA Visiting Expert Fellowship Programme in partnership with The National Biotechnology Development Agency (hereinafter called, NABDA), Abuja, NIGERIA to provide a platform to scientists from the developing countries for a collaborative Research and Development opportunity in the NABDA laboratories in specified biomedical areas.

Objectives

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – NABDA Visiting Expert Fellowship Programme are:

- o To provide opportunities to Senior scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with researchers and scientists in NABDA and its associate institutions and centres for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to Molecular Diagnostics Development, Forensic DNA and Recombinant DNA/Subunit Vaccine Development as agreed upon by NABDA authorities.
- o To facilitate scientists and researchers from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at NABDA and its associate institutions and centres.
- o To provide a mechanism to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility of NABDA and its associate institutions and centres for research activity on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- o To facilitate exchange of scientific information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Nigeria and other developing countries.

Number of Fellowships

Five (5) researchers from member countries of the NAM S&T Centre and other developing countries will be awarded Fellowship each year to work in NABDA and its associate institutions and centres under the Joint NAM S&T Centre – NABDA Visiting Expert Fellowship Programme.

Duration of Fellowship

Minimum duration of the Fellowship would be one month and maximum of three months. However, it may be extended by the NABDA authorities based on the actual research requirements.

Eligibility

- Scientists and researchers having academic qualification of at least Ph.D. and engaged in research and development or management of scientific programmes on the specified subject areas for not less than five (5) years post Ph.D. experience.
- There is no upper age limit; however, younger scientists would be preferred.
- Only scientists and researchers from the developing countries (including low and middle income economies) who are medically fit would be eligible. Only one scholar from each country will be considered each year for the Fellowship Award. However, preference will be given to the scholars from the member countries of the NAM S&T Centre.
- Scientists/researchers nominated by NAM S&T – Industry Network members would also be eligible for the award as per guidelines under the Network Programme.

Financial and Other Terms

- The NAM S&T Centre would provide return international travel of the selected scientists/researchers nominated by its member countries to Abuja, Nigeria.
- The NABDA will provide local hospitality, e.g. furnished accommodation and meals and an out of pocket allowance @US \$200 per month to each scientist selected under the Fellowship programme.
- NABDA would 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 will 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 Nigeria.
- The NAM S&T Centre and NABDA will not assume responsibility for the following expenditure in connection with the Fellowship of a particular scientist/researcher:
 - ❖ Insurance and medical bills.
 - ❖ 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

- Applications for the Fellowship may be submitted in the prescribed format (**attached**) directly to the NAM S&T Centre.
- Certificate of medical fitness (optional) may be submitted along with the application.

- Five applicants will be selected each year out of all the applications received strictly on merit and competitive basis and based on the professional details and the Plan of Work submitted by the applicants.
- In matter of selection, the decision of NAM S&T Centre and NABDA 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. Plan of Work

(To be attached on a separate sheet)

12. Duration of Visit

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:

SEAL

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 to-from Nigeria. 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 (in **enclosed** Format and a list of papers published, if any).
- ii) Purpose of the Visit to NABDA - A 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
- v) Medical fitness certificate (optional)
