

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

and

**Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic
Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, NIGERIA**

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**Joint NAM S&T Centre – ACENTDFB Fellowship
in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology**

Announcement for 2018 - 19

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 the deserving young scientists in the developing countries to establish closer linkages with the Centres of Excellence located in several countries such as Germany, India, Pakistan and South Africa. 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 – ACENTDFB Fellowship in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology*' jointly with the Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, NIGERIA [www.acentdfb.org]. The objective of the joint Fellowship is to provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work in the ACENTDFB laboratories in the areas of Molecular Diagnostic and Vaccine Development for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology 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 Centre will sponsor up to five scientists during the year for short-term affiliation at ACENTDFB for a period of about 1-2 months. Only one scientist from any given developing country can 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 ACENTDFB. The ACENTDFB will provide free furnished accommodation and a monthly subsistence allowance of US \$400 per month to the selected Fellows for the duration of the Fellowship.

The NAM S&T Centre will pay 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]. 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.

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 – ACENTDFB Fellowship in Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology for the year 2018-19. **The last date for submitting application for the Fellowship is 1st February 2019.**

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GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

The NAM S&T Centre is implementing a Joint NAM S&T Centre – ACENTDFB Fellowship scheme in partnership with The Centre of Excellence for Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology (hereinafter called, ACENTDFB), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, NIGERIA to provide opportunities to the scientists from the developing countries for working in the ACENTDFB laboratories in various subjects.

Objectives

The objectives of the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ACENTDFB Fellowship in Neglected Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology Programme are:

- o To provide opportunities to the scientists and researchers from the developing countries to work with senior researchers and faculty members in the ACENTDFB for upgrading their research skills in the fields related to molecular diagnostic and vaccine development for Tropical Diseases and Forensic Biotechnology.
- o To facilitate the scientists from the developing countries to undertake short-term joint research projects at ACENTDFB.
- o To provide a mechanism to the scientists from the developing countries to use the equipment and facility of ACENTDFB for their research activity on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- o To facilitate exchange of information and contacts and create a network between the scientists and researchers from Nigeria and other developing countries.

Number of Fellowships

Up to Five (5) scientists from the developing countries will be sponsored each year by the NAM S&T Centre to work at ACENTDFB under the Joint NAM S&T Centre – ACENTDFB Fellowship scheme. They will be selected strictly on merit and competitive basis.

Duration of Fellowship

The duration of the Fellowship will be about one to two months. However, it may be extended by ACENTDFB based on actual research requirements.

Eligibility

- o Scientists and researchers should hold at least M.Sc. or equivalent qualification and should be engaged in R&D or management of scientific programmes on the identified subjects.
- o There is no upper age limit, but younger scientists would be preferred.
- o Selection is strictly on merit based on the scientific quality of the proposal submitted by the applicant.
- o From any given developing country only one scientist / researcher will be accepted in any given financial year.
- o Scientists from Nigeria are not eligible to apply for this Fellowship.

Financial and Other Terms

- The NAM S&T Centre shall provide support for international air travel to/from Abuja/Lagos, Nigeria by economy class / shortest route to the Fellows selected from those member countries, or members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network, which have no outstanding dues towards the annual membership subscription to the Centre, subject to the endorsement by the Focal Point of the NAM S&T Centre in the country of the applicant [List of member countries and members of the NAM S&T – Industry Network are available in the Centre’s website www.namstct.org]. The Fellows selected from the countries which are not the members of the NAM S&T Centre, or which have outstanding dues against their membership, will have to bear their own international fare. However, during the selection, preference will be given to the applicants from the paying member countries.
- ACENTDFB shall provide free local hospitality, e.g. furnished accommodation and a subsistence allowance @US\$400 per month to cover food and other day to day expenses during the tenure of the Fellowship to each Fellow sponsored by the NAM S&T Centre.
- ACENTDFB shall 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.
- o 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 period.
 - ❖ Cost towards medical insurance to cover the period of Fellowship in Nigeria.
- o The NAM S&T Centre and ACENTDFB 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 dependents, who might accompany the Fellows.

Submission and Selection of Applications

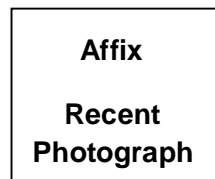
- Applications for the Fellowship may be submitted in the prescribed format (**attached**) directly to the NAM S&T Centre. It will be summarily rejected, if any column in the application is left blank.
- Five applicants will be selected each year out of all the applications received strictly on merit 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 ACENTDFB 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:

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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 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 (including Professional and Research Experience and a list of papers published, if any).
- ii) Purpose of the Visit to ACENTDFB - 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
