APSA Awards

The Association for the Scientific Promotion of Africa (APSA, www.scienceafrique.fr) is issuing a call for proposals to finance four research stays in 2020 for African doctoral students or already confirmed researchers working in Africa in the fields of mathematical, physical or computer sciences.

The winners will spend one to three months in a foreign laboratory of their choice. The programme will be open to researchers from all over Africa but priority will be given to sub-Saharan Africa compared to North or South Africa. It will attach particular importance to gender-balanced recruitment.

APSA will cover, up to a maximum of €5,000 per winner, in complement with the laboratories and host institution, all travel expenses (economy class), visa and subsistence expenses (health insurance, accommodation, per diem) for the winners.

Applications can be made at any time (see however calendar below). Candidates must submit on the website www.scienceafrique.fr/apsaawards/ their CV, list of publications, a photocopy of their passport, a precise work programme identifying the laboratory and the host team (4 pages maximum), as well as letters of agreement from the host laboratory and from their home laboratory or institution. The quality of the scientific project and its adequacy with the chosen laboratory and host team will be decisive for the selection of the winners.

The selection will be made by the Scientific Council (SC) set up for this purpose by APSA, which is responsible for its disciplinary, geographical and gender balance. The name of its president is public. This CS selects applications three times a year according to the following schedule:

- autumn session: deadline for receipt of applications 01/09/2019, reply no later than 15/10 for a stay no earlier than 15/01/2020
- winter session: deadline for receipt of applications 01/12/2019, response no later than 15/01 for a stay no earlier than 15/04/2020
- spring session: deadline for receipt of applications 01/01/2020, reply no later than 15/04 for a stay no earlier than 15/08/2020

Files received after the deadline of one session will be considered in the next session.

APSA hopes to perpetuate and develop this programme of scientific visits for the coming years and thus contribute to its mission of supporting Africa's scientific development.