



**OWSD Early Career Fellowship**

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF HEAD OF APPLICANT'S INSTITUTION**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

As the undersigned Head of this Institution, I fully support and approve this application for a two-year OWSD Early Career Fellowship and commit to facilitating its implementation, if awarded.

1. I confirm that the applicant is currently employed (or will be employed by the start of fellowship) at this Institution with a sufficient salary to cover living expenses and that she will continue to be employed at this Institution for the duration of the fellowship. I note that this is an essential requirement for funding to be disbursed.
2. I confirm that the Institution hereby commits to provide the requested personnel, buildings, equipment and financial resources as specified in this application (e.g. appropriate office space to undertake the research; appropriate laboratory space to accommodate equipment; appropriate space to hold meetings with small groups; logistical, financial, administrative support).
3. I confirm that the Institution is able to receive and disburse the fellowship funds to the project leader in a timely manner for use only as specified in this application.
4. I confirm that the Institution will not detract administrative costs from the transferred funds.
5. I understand that OWSD will provide visibility for the Institution as recipient of a highly prestigious internationally recognised research grant. Additionally, OWSD can provide a tailor made workshop led by international experts aimed at supporting the Institution to provide the best possible conditions for women scientists to flourish as researchers.
6. I confirm that the Institution will cooperate on preventing fraud, corruption, favouritism and backlash in relation to the implementation of the fellowship and take steps to ensure that such risks are minimized.
7. I confirm that the Institution hereby commits to facilitate and implement the reduction of the applicants' teaching and/or administrative load when necessary in order that the applicant can undertake the tasks specified in this application (40% of employment hours).



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8. In addition, I confirm that the Institution agrees, when possible, to introduce activities and/or procedures which in the long term will contribute to improving the status and experience of women employed at, or attending the Institution.
  
9. Finally, I confirm that the Institution agrees to comply with the Terms and Conditions that apply to the fellowship grants, if awarded.

Printed name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_