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OWSD Early Career Women Scientists Fellowships

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF HEAD OF APPLICANT'S INSTITUTE

As the undersigned head of this Institute, I fully support and approve this application for a two-year OWSD Early Career Women Scientists (ECWS) fellowship and commit to facilitating its implementation, if awarded.

I confirm that the applicant is currently employed at this Institute with a sufficient salary to cover living expenses and that she will continue to be employed at this Institute for the duration of the fellowship.

I confirm that the Institute 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).

I confirm that in recognition of the importance to capacity building of this fellowship, the Institute agrees that no administrative costs will be levied by the Institute from the transferred funds.

I confirm that the Institute 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.

I confirm that the Institute will cooperate on preventing fraud, corruption, favoritism and backlash in relation to the implementation of the fellowship and take steps to ensure that such risks are minimized.

I confirm that the Institute 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.

In addition, I confirm that the Institute 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 Institute.

Finally, I confirm that the Institute agrees to comply with the following 'Declarations' (see page 2):



DECLARATIONS

The OWSD fellowship is contingent on the applicant adhering to international conventions and declarations, especially with regard to ethical approval of medical or health research projects:

- Projects involving human subjects must provide evidence of ethical approval by a responsible authority in the country concerned;
- In addition, projects involving clinical trials of drugs, vaccines or other pharmaceutical preparations must provide approval by a drug regulatory authority or other responsible authority in the country concerned.
- Projects involving experiments with animals will be required to submit the approval of a responsible authority in the country concerned or asked to justify why no such approval can be submitted (e.g. in cases where no such authority exists). *Note: OWSD does not provide funds for the purchase of experimental animals.*
- If changes or additions are made to the original project plan, renewed ethical approval will be required; and
- In all award letters it will be made clear that the recipient scientist/institute is responsible for ensuring that ethical approval in accordance with the above-mentioned rules is obtained before the study is started and that OWSD retains the right to require that the recipient scientist/institute has provided proof of ethical approval before the grant is disbursed.

Note: If available, such approvals should be submitted together with the application to OWSD. Applications for projects without such prior approvals will be reviewed by OWSD's expert committees. However, appropriate documentation will be required before the provision of an award letter and funds being made available.

Grant support from OWSD is also contingent on the researchers adhering to international conventions and declarations with regard to intellectual property rights. Namely:

- As regards patents and know-how, institutes and researchers collaborating in any research project shall have access to all results and know-how obtained within the collaborative project. Each party that has participated in the cooperation shall have the right to the patent in their own name and at their own expense.
- The registration fees for any patent shall be divided equally between the participating institutes. The participating institutes shall decide where any patent is to be registered.
- Should one of the collaborating institutes choose not to exercise its right to apply for a patent, the other institutes will be given the option to do so in their own name and at their own expense.
- Participating institutes shall have the right to equal shares of any revenue derived from grant of user licences to third parties if the patent is registered by mutual agreement. The grant of user licences and patent(s) shall be determined in each case by mutual agreement between the participating institutes provided the participating institutes agree in delegating such a task to one party.

Printed name and title _____

Place and date

Signature