

THE OWSD-ELSEVIER FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR EARLY CAREER WOMEN SCIENTISTS IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

With funds generously provided by the Elsevier Foundation, OWSD presents a yearly award for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World, in recognition of young women scientists living and working in scientifically-lagging countries, who have made significant contributions to science and to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Each of five award winners receives a prize of \$5000 USD and a trip to the annual AAAS meeting in the United States.

Since it was launched in 2013, the award has had an important impact on local research cultures. Previous winners say the awards have had a powerful effect, enhancing the visibility of their past work and creating new opportunities for the future. The awardees are powerful role models for young women who are contemplating whether to remain in a scientific environment that is often not accommodating to their needs and experience.



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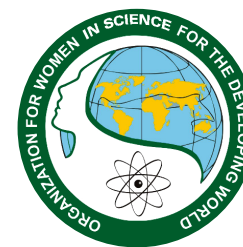


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“ It is truly rewarding to feel that all the hard work, dedication and devotion to my research has really paid off. ”

Ghada Dushaq, Palestine - 2021 Award winner

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Who is eligible?

Eligible Candidates

The applicant must be a female scientist, within 10 years of receiving her PhD, who has lived and worked in one of the 66 scientifically and technologically lagging countries (STLCs) listed below for at least 5 of the last 15 years.

The awards have a five-year rotation according to the following research areas:

- **2022 Awards** (app. 2021): Climate action and the environment
- **2023 Awards** (app. 2022): Food security, agricultural productivity and sustainable food production
- **2024 Awards** (app. 2023): Water, sanitation and hygiene
- **2025 Awards** (app. 2024): Inclusive health
- **2026 Awards** (app. 2025): Sustainable, affordable and reliable energy

Eligible Countries

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Dem. Rep. Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini (Kingdom of), Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Arab region: Djibouti, Palestine (West Bank & Gaza Strip), Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen

Asia and the Pacific: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Kiribati, Lao People's Dem. Rep., Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Latin America and the Caribbean: Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay

Who receives an Award?

Awardees must have made a demonstrable impact on the research environment, both at a regional and international level, and must evidence how their research contributes to advancing the SDGs.

The competition is judged by a distinguished panel of international scientists chaired by OWSD. Assessment is based on the applicant's achievements in her scientific field, with additional attention paid to evidence of leadership skills, initiative and innovation, as well as to the candidate's involvement in capacity building, outreach and civic contribution.



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This award acts as a strong reminder and challenge to me to never stop holding the ladder up for others.

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Chao Mbogo, Kenya - 2020 Award winner

Submit an application

To submit an application, go to <https://owsd.net/awards/awards>, and click on 'Submit Application.'

The application period opens mid-year and winners are notified by December.



“ Winning the OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Award means showing to my baby daughter and to other young Guatemalans that scientific research can be done and recognized worldwide regardless of gender, origin of birth, or where you grew up. ”

Susana Arrechea, Guatemala - 2020 Award winner

