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>> How
To apply go to www.owsd.net and click on fellowships.

>> When
The call for applications opens each year at the beginning of March, and closes at the end of May.

>> Who
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>> What
OWSD offers two PhD Fellowship options:
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- Travel to and from the host institute;
- A monthly allowance to cover accommodation and meals while in the host country;
- Visa expenses;
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- An invitation to attend regional scientific communication and proposal writing workshops;
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“The OWSD fellowship has definitely been a big boost in my career. I learned techniques that I had no access to in my country and I have been able to form collaborations with people all over the world.”

Lizzy Mwamburi, Kenya

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