

Subject: [OWSD Secretariat] Call for Applications: 2025 OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World

Dear OWSD Network,

We are pleased to inform you that applications are now open for the 2025 OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Awards, this year in the area of **inclusive health**.

These awards reward and encourage women scientists working and living in [eligible developing countries](#) who are in the early stages of their careers, having often overcome great challenges to achieve research excellence. You can read more about past awardees [here](#).



From 2022 to 2026, the awards will respond to the call for action set forth by the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#). The annual calls are organized by the following themes or research areas:

- 2022 Awards: Climate action and the environment ([SDG13](#), [SDG14](#) & [SDG15](#)) – Check the 2022 awardees [here](#).
- 2023 Awards: Food Security, agricultural productivity and sustainable food production ([SDG2](#))
- 2024 Awards: Water, sanitation and hygiene ([SDG6](#))
- **2025 Awards: Inclusive Health ([SDG3](#))**
- 2026 Awards: Sustainable, affordable and reliable energy ([SDG7](#))

Eligibility

Applicants for the 2025 Awards must:

- Be women scientists (from STEM disciplines) within ten years of earning their PhD degree
- Have demonstrated impactful research in the area of inclusive health and have made demonstrable contributions to the achievement of [SDG3 \(Good health and well-being\)](#).

- Have lived and worked for at least 5 of the last 15 years in one of the [66 scientifically and technologically lagging countries \(STLCs\)](#).

The Prize

Each of the five winners (one for each region of the developing world + one “floating” award) will receive a cash prize of USD 5,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a relevant conference in their field.

Selection

Assessment will be 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. Research that demonstrates the use of innovative techniques or methodologies (especially with regard to sustainable development), an awareness of the [importance of sex and/or gender considerations in research methodology and content](#) and/or interdisciplinary collaboration may be prioritised.

Apply

Applications must be submitted online, in English, through the link on [this page](#). Please consult the information on the page and in the [Application Guidelines](#) for required documents and other details.

The deadline for applications for these Awards is **16 September 2024**.

Winners will be informed of their selection no later than 31 December 2024.

For questions, please contact the OWSD Secretariat at owsd@owsd.net.

We appreciate your support in the dissemination of this call among your contacts.

Kind regards,

OWSD Secretariat

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