

Announcement of Opportunity

START Fellowship / Visiting Scientist Programme

(Round 14)

This programme, funded by DGIS, the Netherlands, is designed to increase the number of developing country scientists who will conduct research, and contribute to START regional research networks and the Joint and Core Projects of the Earth System Science Partnership (IGBP, WCRP, IHDP, and DIVERSITAS). Research bearing on policy issues and sustainable development is encouraged.

START Fellowships are offered at the graduate and post-graduate levels to young scientists (under 35 years of age at the time of application) from Africa, Asia, and Oceania. START fellows may work under senior mentors in leading institutions in any part of the world, where research is conducted on relevant regional aspects of global change. Long-term collaboration between the individuals and institution involved is also a desired outcome of the programme. The duration of these fellowships is ordinarily 4-8 months.

A parallel activity, the START Visiting Scientist Award, provides more senior scientists from developing countries an opportunity to undertake short-term visits to major international institutions to become acquainted with recent advances in research and develop long-term programmatic linkages and partnerships. The duration of these awards is usually 1-2 months.

Both the fellowship and visiting scientist awards will provide economy-class, roundtrip airfare and a modest subsistence allowance.

Nominations/Applications

The following information must be included in applications for the START Fellowship and Visiting Scientist Programmes:

- 1) The START Fellowship/Visiting Scientist Application Form [available from the START website (www.start.org) in various formats or by request; 3 pages].
- 2) A brief description (3-5 pages) of the proposed fellowship/visiting scientist program, including expected outcomes and an explanation of how the project may contribute to national/regional policy making. Linkages to the international global change research programmes should be made explicit.
- 3) Indication of willingness of host institution to receive fellow or visiting scientist (e.g. letter of support; 1 page);
- 4) Curriculum vitae of candidate, including relevant qualifications and experience (1-2 pages); and
- 5) Proposed budget requirements (airfare and subsistence as appropriate for host country). All budget items should be justified (1 page).

Applications (of no more than 12 pages total) can be submitted electronically, via fax, or by mail (postmarked by the deadline). Electronic submission is strongly encouraged.

DEADLINE for the fourteenth round of awards is: **December 16, 2005.**

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