

Announcement: Seeking consultant for project on 'Refugee and Displaced Scientists'

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) and the International Science Council (ISC) are collaborating on a project that aims to examine the situation regarding 'Refugee and Displaced Scientists'.

We are now seeking an experienced consultant to help implement the project.

This person will work closely with the TWAS Science Diplomacy Unit and Public Information Office, the Coordinator of IAP in Trieste, as well as with staff at ISC.

Overview

The ultimate objective of the project is to gather knowledge and lay the groundwork for much more cohesive and coordinated national, regional and international responses to the issue of refugee and displaced scientists that would enable (the expected growing number of) affected individuals to be assisted smoothly and effectively in a follow-on phase of the initiative.

Such assisted individuals will then be better placed to return to their countries when conditions allow and help with the rebuilding process, thus mitigating the negative effects of brain drain.

To reach this point, the current project aims to:

- Begin to understand the landscape of organizations currently engaged in assisting refugee and displaced scientists;
- Identify and analyse programmes/opportunities available to assisting refugee and displaced scientists, and bring them together online for easy access. The analysis will also begin to identify any gaps in opportunities aimed at assisting refugee and displaced scientists;
- Build a network of interested organizations so that success stories can be shared, lessons learned and synergies developed; and
- Raise awareness of the need for action among governments, international agencies, the broader scientific community and other stakeholders.

It is intended that this set of goals will lay the groundwork necessary for a follow-on, long-term, sustainable effort to assist refugee and displaced scientists.

Consultants wishing to work remotely will be considered.

Activities and Outputs

- Develop a **Strategy Paper** which defines *inter alia* the phenomenon of refugee and displaced scientists, gathers information on numbers of scientists supported and their origins, their needs, available resources/support programmes, and gaps in support, etc. The Strategy Paper will also begin to define a policy formula that could guide nations in identifying and supporting displaced scientists.
- Develop the **Roadmap for an awareness-raising campaign** to support the rollout of the Strategy Paper and related issues, including potentially a short 'Declaration' to be endorsed by key stakeholders.
- Develop a **website/portal** that would serve as a repository of relevant information.
- Develop and **expand the network** of and partnerships/interactions between science institutions and other international actors and organizations engaged in helping refugee and displaced scientists.
- **Explore funding modalities**, options and opportunities for potential follow-on activities.

Timing

- The anticipated timeframe for this work is 11 months (approx. March to December 2020/January 2021).
- Deadline for applications: 28 February 2020 (midnight, Paris/Trieste time).

Required qualifications

Education

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in Programme/Project Management, Public Policy, International Development, Human Rights or other relevant field;
- PhD in one of the above listed fields or other relevant discipline will be considered an asset.

Work Experience

- Minimum of 7 years' experience working in the areas of Programme/Project Management, Public Policy, International Development (or similar), preferably in the context of international science organizations;
- Relevant experience in leading a project team in a scientific/social scientific field;
- Good overall understanding of objectives of TWAS and the issue of Refugee and Displaced Scientists (see for example: <https://twas.org/article/refugee-scientists-way-forward>);
- Experience of presenting programmes and activities at high-level international meetings and liaising effectively with policy makers, donors, government officials and decision makers.

Skills/Competencies

- Good overall understanding of TWAS, IAP and ISC and their objectives;
- Knowledge of suitable tools for building strong networks;
- Good interpersonal and communication skills, and excellent analytical skills;
- Excellent fluency in English.

Supervisory arrangements

The Consultant will be supervised directly by the Executive Director of TWAS and work closely with the TWAS Science Diplomacy Unit and Public Information Office as well as the IAP Coordinator.

Request for Proposals

Candidates are invited to submit a written proposal containing:

- Curriculum vitae;
- Short proposal consisting of:
 - i) a description of proposed approach and methodology for undertaking this assignment;
 - ii) a work plan with a broad time frame and milestones related to the assignment.
- Fees to be charged for the assignment (daily consultancy fee and a total estimated number of days required to undertake the assignment), which should be quoted in US or in Euros only. [Candidates will be evaluated based on value for money according to relevant qualifications and experience].
- Please show any anticipated travel costs separately (destination; meeting or event; estimated cost including travel and daily subsistence expenses). A provision for time spent in Trieste is encouraged.

Proposals should be submitted via the UNESCO site:

<https://careers.unesco.org/job/Trieste-Consultant-Refugee-and-Displaced-Scientists/518437002/>

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For additional information on the partnering organizations, please see:

TWAS: www.twas.org / IAP: www.interacademies.org / ISC: council.science

Background news item: <http://www.interacademies.org/46682/Science-International-at-risk-researchers>