



RULES AND REGULATIONS

L'ORÉAL-UNESCO FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE **MIDDLE EAST FELLOWSHIP** **2019**

1. Introduction

L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Middle East Fellowship Programme aims to promote the participation of young women in science working in **Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen**. This programme identifies and rewards talented young female scientists in the field of Life Sciences (such as biology, biochemistry, biophysics, genetics, physiology, neurosciences, biotechnologies, ecology and ethology) as well as Physical Sciences (such as physics, chemistry, petroleum engineering, mathematics, engineering sciences, information sciences, Earth and Universe sciences).

The Programme honors **six talented young Arab women researchers** for the quality of their research works and encourages them to pursue a brilliant career in science in the six above-mentioned countries.

- **3 fellowships amounting to twenty thousand Euros (€20,000 or equivalent in local currency) each** will be granted to Arab women researchers working in a Research Laboratory, Institute, or University in one of the following countries: **Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen**. Kindly note that, when applying, candidates should consider the hosting country where their research project is conducted and not their own nationality of origin, if different.

- **3 fellowships amounting to eight thousand Euros (€8,000 or equivalent in local currency) each** will be granted to Arab women pursuing a PhD (doctoral degree) in a Research Laboratory, Institute, or University in one of the following countries: **Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Yemen**. The total amount will be used to cover all expenses related to scientific visits, trainings, specialized courses etc. of minimum two months. Kindly note that, when applying, candidates should consider the hosting country where their PhD is conducted and not their own nationality of origin, if different.

The L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Middle East Fellowships are granted by the L'Oréal Foundation and L'Oréal Middle East.

2. Eligibility Criteria

A- **Postdoctoral Researches:**

Applicants must meet the following general criteria:

- Having obtained a PhD in one of the science fields mentioned in paragraph 1. Only applicants having obtained their PhD during 2013-2018 are eligible.
- Being an Arab national¹.
- Working in a Research Laboratory, Institute, or University in one of the countries mentioned in paragraph 1.
- Candidates must be no more than 45 years old by the end of the application period.

B- **PhD Students:**

Applicants must meet the following general criteria:

- Having obtained a Bachelor (B.Sc.) and a Master (M.Sc.) degrees, or equivalent, in one of the science fields mentioned in paragraph 1.
- Should be full time student in PhD and having registered in the 2nd year of the PhD programme, or one year before the thesis defense.
- Being an Arab national¹.
- Working in a Research Laboratory, Institute, or University in one of the countries mentioned in paragraph 1.
- Candidates must be no more than 30 years old by the end of the application period.

3. Selection Criteria

The selection criteria of the candidate by the jury are the following:

- The candidate's outstanding academic record (including number, quality and impact of the publications, conference presentations, patents...).
- The scientific quality of the research project.
- The innovative approach (rationale, relevance, originality, outputs, applications, etc.) and the expected outcomes of the research.
- The ability of the candidate to communicate and promote sciences to a younger audience and to encourage young Arab female scientists.
- The candidate's career-path.

Fellowships are exclusively dedicated to the development of scientific research and can under no circumstance be a substitute to the duties of the laboratory vis-à-vis its researchers.

Fellowships are non-renewable and can be combined with other research grants.

4. Applications

Applications can only be submitted through the online platform: www.forwomeninscience.com by the candidates themselves.

An application is considered complete only if it includes all below documents

¹ Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen

A - Postdoctoral Researchers:

- Copies of the degrees or recent diplomas: PhD certificate, M.Sc. and B.Sc. (or equivalent), etc.
- A detailed project of maximum 3 pages, including:
 - o The research project description including the institution and/or country of implementation
 - o The proposed use of the grant and some budget indications
- Letters of recommendation from the research supervisor and/or the director of the scientific institution where the research project is carried or the Dean of the Faculty or the President of the University under which the candidate is running her research.
- The list of publications, oral communications, and patents pertinent to the project proposal for the 5 last years only.

B - PhD Students:

- Copies of the degrees or recent diplomas: certificates of B.Sc. and M.Sc., or equivalent.
- Letter from the University certifying the year of thesis (2nd year).
- A proposal of the Thesis research project of maximum 3 pages, including the progress achieved and related publications or communications.
- Letters of recommendation from the thesis advisor and/or the director of the scientific institution where the thesis research project is carried or the Dean of the Faculty or the President of the University under which the candidate is running her thesis research.
- Letter of acceptance from a research center or specialized laboratory abroad for scientific visits, trainings, specialized courses etc. in the thesis domain. (Preferable)

Files which are incomplete or which are received after the application deadline, as well as candidatures that do not meet the requirements mentioned above shall not be taken into consideration.

5. Fellows Selection

Candidates will be selected by the *For Women in Science* Middle East regional jury chaired by Professor Mouin Hamzé.

The results will be communicated by phone and email to the six fellows after deliberations of the jury in charge of granting the fellowships. They must remain confidential until the Fellowship Awards Ceremony.

The decision of the jury cannot be contested or subject to explanation or justification.

6. Fellows Commitment

Fellows must commit to:

- Pursue the research work for which the L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Middle East Fellowship was obtained.
- Within one year after receiving their fellowships, fellows are expected to submit a status report on the awarded research project to L'Oréal Middle East.
- Within one year after receiving their fellowships, Fellows are expected to submit to L'Oréal Middle East a final financial expenditure statement on the actual fellowship expenditure incurred on the research project.

- The awarded fellows will be expected to attend the Fellowship Awards Ceremony that will be held in November 2019 (Date TBC). Attendance is mandatory. The travel and accommodation expenses for fellows will be covered by L'Oréal Middle East

The payment of the fellowships will be made by bank transfer after the Fellowship Awards Ceremony, and upon reception of the signed Letter of Agreement and requested documents

7. Communication

Fellows shall mention the Fellowship as “L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Middle East Fellowship”, in all publications and other forms of media communication, including media appearances, press releases and conferences, that result from or are in any way connected to the research project wherever possible. Fellows must inform L'Oréal Middle East of any publications and other forms of media communication as above.

Fellows agree to be photographed, filmed and interviewed for noncommercial objectives and *For Women in Science* program related purposes. These photos, videos and texts will be used in publications and audiovisual means including but not limited to written press, television, internet, photographs and brochures including distribution to the media in the GCC countries, Yemen and worldwide. A separate written authorization shall be signed by each of the fellows. Fellows will not receive any remuneration for such promotional activity.

8. Provisional Timetable

- Application opening date: 26th of March 2019
- Application closing date: 12th of June 2019
- Attribution of applications and first review by the jury members: 21st of June 2019 until 19th of July 2019.
- Second review of applications by the jury for semi-finalists: 20th of July until 30th of July 2019.
- Selection of fellows and announcement of the winners: 31st of July 2019 until 7th of August 2019.
- Fellowship Awards Ceremony: TBC 4th of November 2019 till 15th of November 2019.

9. Rules and Regulations

By applying to L'Oréal-UNESCO *For Women in Science* Middle East Fellowship, candidates agree to the rules and regulations posted on the online platform www.forwomeninscience.com