



Post Title:	Consultant
Domain:	The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)
Organizational Unit:	TWAS and InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)
Primary Location:	Trieste, Italy
Recruitment open to:	External candidates
Type of contract:	Individual Consultant
Available compensation budget:	Up to max USD 6,000/month (Candidates will be evaluated based on value for money according to relevant qualifications and experience)
Deadline (<i>midnight, Trieste time</i>):	12 May 2021

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POST

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS: www.twas.org) is seeking an experienced consultant to help implement a project on refugee, displaced and at-risk scientists: 'Scientists in Exile'. This person will work closely with the . as well as the Coordinator of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP: www.interacademies.org) in Trieste. The International Science Council (ISC: <https://council.science/>) is also collaborating in the project, which will continue work that has been carried out between June 2020 and April 2021.

The current objectives of the project include:

- Amplifying the call via an advocacy campaign and roll-out of a 'Declaration' for much more cohesive and coordinated national, regional and international responses to the issue of refugee, displaced and at-risk scientists that would enable (the expected growing number of) affected individuals to be assisted smoothly and effectively;
- Continuing to build and expand a network of like-minded organizations and individuals concerned with the topic;
- Collating and disseminating resources and opportunities for such affected scientists; and
- Build partnerships that will collaborate to secure funding for ongoing, sustainable activities in this field.

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

By providing assistance, the project partners hope that affected individuals will be able to continue their scientific careers without significant interruptions, contributing to the scientific outputs of their new host country while being well-placed to return to their countries when conditions allow and help with the rebuilding process, thus mitigating the negative effects of brain drain.

Consultants wishing to work remotely will be considered.

ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS:

- Building on the contents of a Strategy Paper developed during the June 2020-April 2021 phase of the project, develop the concept papers on programme activities to be rolled out in short-term, and long-term planning.
- Provide expert advisory services to initiate the steering committee and (3 or 4) 'task teams' of volunteers from among the network focused on different aspects of the project and related activities; analyse and summarize the reports on the work of the task teams to project partners and network members for presentation to the steering committee and project partners.
- Further define the structure of a network to support refugee, displaced and at-risk scientists and launch the implementation of a provisional structure and related workplans.
- Prepare the strategy for development and expansion of the network of and partnerships/interactions between science institutions and other international actors and organizations engaged in helping refugee and displaced scientists, including in regions of the world where they are currently under-represented, with special focus on developing and least developed countries.
- Advise on the objectives and messaging of the advocacy campaign, and contribute to finalising the planned 'Declaration', including advising on how to reach specific targets such as governments and other key stakeholders.
- Work with TWAS, IAP and ISC staff to develop tools aimed at increasing outreach and dissemination of project outputs.
- Provide input to the development of a website/portal that serves as a repository of relevant information, including integrating the results of a mapping survey of programmes and opportunities for refugee, displaced and at-risk scientists.

- Explore funding modalities, options and opportunities for potential follow-on activities and prepare guidelines and provide the advice on the development of formal proposals to support fundraising efforts for long-term sustainability of the project.
- Draft a monthly newsletter to share with stakeholders.
- **TIMING:**
- The anticipated timeframe for this work is 6-7 months (June to mid-December 2021).

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 WRITTEN 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.
- Please show any anticipated travel costs separately (destination; meeting or event; estimated cost including travel and daily subsistence expenses).