



Young Scientists' Fellowship Program (YSFP)

Terms and Conditions for Acceptance of Applicants

In this program, applicants will be selected among young scientists, researchers, and technologists under 45 years of age, including those holding master's degrees, as well as university instructors of the Islamic world. The basis for the evaluation of applicants is the information provided in the registration form and the attached documents. The received documents will be evaluated in three steps. Then, by considering the scores of individuals and taking into account the priorities mentioned in the proposal, the nominees, who are eligible to benefit from the Fellowship, will be selected.

Step 1: Primary evaluation in the Permanent Secretariat (without competing with others); the purpose of this evaluation is the initial screening before sending the documents to the evaluation committees.

Step 2: Specialized evaluation in the evaluation committees; the purpose of this evaluation is to identify the top individuals and proposals. Evaluations at this step include competition with others and priorities are considered at this step. The outputs of this step are sent to the host institute for decision making.

Step 3: Evaluation for acceptance by the host institute or research center; the purpose of this evaluation is to make the final decision on the eligible individuals to take the Fellowship at the host institute.

Priorities

After receiving the applications and documents, Mustafa Science and Technology Foundation will check the documents based on the criteria and prioritize the proposals that have the following characteristics:

1. Proposals covering cutting-edge knowledge or those, whose knowledge and technology is an important issue in the Islamic world.
2. Applicants whose recommendation is signed by the Mustafa Prize Laureates.
3. Winners of the KANS Scientific Competition

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility/requirement criteria for ‘Young Scientists’ Fellowship Program (YSFP)’ have been specified in the Secretariat of this program in Mustafa^(pbuh) Science and Technology Foundation (MSTF) and are divided into 3 general sections: Individual criteria, Research proposal criteria, and Priorities. The individual criteria refer to the applicant’s status from different perspectives, the research proposal criteria consider the quality of applicant’s research proposal, and the priorities are the special privileges which the MSTF grants to some particular individuals. The overall score for each person in these 3 sections will be 100. The initial winners at this stage will be introduced to the host institutes for final review and selection.

1. Individual Criteria (maximum 50 points)

Educational excellence (university degrees); Research achievements (articles, books, scholarships, grants, etc.); Citation impacts (h-index); Technological achievements (inventions, industrial/commercial activities, etc.); International science Olympiads and Festivals; Membership in specialized forums; Fluency in international languages

2. Research Proposal Criteria (maximum 30 points)

Scientific adjustment of the proposal framework; Quality of problem statement; Full-scale and in-depth review of literature; Research methods and methodology; Ample scientific research evidence/findings/data; Delineating possible research outcomes; Comprehensibility and eloquence of the text; Timely proposal presentation; Research feasibility (researchability); Research feasibility in terms of research costs (affordability); Researcher’s expertise and capabilities; Relevance of researcher’s area of expertise and research topic

3. Priorities (maximum 20 points)

Applicant’s recommendation letter assented by the laureates of the Mustafa^(pbuh) Prize, Winners of Knowledge Application and Notion for Society (KANS), Edge of knowledge programs or important issues of the Islamic world