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"The OWSD award is not just about opportunity for me. As a women scientist, receiving an immense honor built my confidence to be a successful scientist after completing my PhD."

Salina Parvin Banu, Bangladesh
Who is eligible?

Eligible Candidates
The nominee must be a female scientist from a scientifically-lagging developing country; have received her PhD within the previous 10 years; and have lived and worked in one of the listed countries during the three years immediately prior to the nomination.

The awards rotate annually between disciplines (biological sciences, engineering sciences and physical sciences) to ensure optimal exposure and networking synergies.

 Eligible Countries

Latin America and the Caribbean: Belize, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname.

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Who receives an Award?

Awardees must have made a demonstrable impact on the research environment both at a regional and international level and have often overcome great challenges to achieve research excellence.

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Submit a nomination

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“I want to thank my husband, parents, children, supervisor, and also my students. Because this award is not for me, this is for us — this is our work, and this is our research.”

Sri Fatmawati, Indonesia

“It is important that the world sees how women are contributing to the 21st century Vietnamese economy through science research. I am proud to be a part of this.”

Dang Thi Oanh, Vietnam

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