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CALL FOR 2014 AU-TWAS YOUNG SCIENTISTS NATIONAL AWARD APPLICATION

The National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) in collaboration with the African Union and Italy – based World Academy of Sciences (AU-TWAS), is pleased to announce the Call for Applications for the 2014 African Union – World Academy of Sciences (AU-TWAS) Young Scientist National Award. The AU-TWAS Young Scientist National Award is an annual competition in which two winners are selected each year, one in each of the categories as detailed below:

1. Life and Earth Sciences and
2. Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation.

The objectives of the scheme are:

- To encourage young scientists to effectively participate in the scientific and technological development.
- To promote innovation and increase scientific productivity and creativity.
- To facilitate the exchange of information among young scientists on technologies generated.

Prize money

Each winner is awarded a cash prize of **US\$5,000** and a Certificate. The Cash prize is donated by the AU-TWAS and deposited directly into the winner's account. The National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) manages the competition at national level by advertising, receiving applications and setting up a Scientific Jury that comprises members of its technical committee the National Committee on Technology Transfer and Science Competitions (NCTT&SC) to identify and recommend winners.

Eligibility

Candidates eligible for the prize should be:

- Male or female young researcher no older than 40 years of age on **31st December 2014**;
- Holders of at least a Master's degree;
- Having a good record of research publications in internationally recognized journals; and
- Those that have living and working in Malawi for the past three years.

How to apply

Applicants should complete the 2014 Nomination Forms, providing details of their achievements together with Curriculum Vitae and a list of publications in internationally recognized journals, as required on the nomination forms. The 2014 Nomination Forms and Poster can also be accessed on our website www.ncst.mw. For any further enquiries, you may contact us through the following address:

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Deadline for receiving applications is **30th June, 2014**.