



2016 AFRICAN UNION YOUNG SCIENTIST NATIONAL AWARD

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST) in collaboration with the African Union and Italy based World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) is pleased to announce the Call for Applications for the **Young Scientist National Award**.

The Award which is open to both male and female young researchers, is designed to recognize the scientific achievements of young researchers and to encourage them to continue to strive for excellence in their scientific career. The 2016 Award will be given to two winners, one in each of the categories as detailed below:

- i. Life and Earth Sciences
- ii. Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation.

The objectives of the award 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

Each winner will be awarded a cash prize of **USD2000** and a **Certificate**.

Assessment

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 the **National Committee on Technology Transfer and Science Competitions** (NCTT&SC) to assess, identify and recommend winners.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award the scientist must satisfy the following criteria:

- Be Malawian nationals
- Male or female young researchers no older than 40 years of age on **31st December 2016**;
- Holders of at least a Master's degree;
- Have a good record of research publications in internationally recognized journals; and
- Must have lived and worked in Malawi for the past three years (excluding study period, abroad).

How to apply

Applicants should complete the 2015 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 **2016 Nomination Forms and Poster** can be accessed on our website www.ncst.mw.

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NOTE: The **deadline** for receiving applications is **Friday 7th October, 2016**. All late submissions will not be processed.