"Equity and Inclusion" Journal Club

OWSD Community
Global – regional and national perspectives

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¿What is it OWSD?

https://owsd.net/about-owsd/what-owsd

The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) is an international organization founded in 1987 and based at the offices of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), in Trieste, Italy. It is a programme unit of UNESCO.

First international forum to unite women scientists from the developing and developed worlds with the objective of strengthening their role in the development process and promoting their representation in scientific and technological leadership.

OWSD provides research training, career development and networking opportunities for women scientists throughout the developing world at different stages in their careers.
How to be a member

Membership Categories

**Full members** are women scientists from developing countries who have completed a master’s degree or higher in the natural sciences (including engineering, technology and innovation) or social sciences and who are committed to the objectives of OWSD. [Click here to see the list of full members.](#) Full members can vote in the OWSD General Assemblies to elect new members of the OWSD executive board; this is the only category with voting rights.

**Affiliate members** are women scientists from developing countries who have completed a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in the natural sciences (including engineering, technology and innovation) or social sciences and who are committed to the objectives of OWSD. Affiliate members can advance to become Full Members upon completion of a master’s degree (or equivalent) and, consequentially, will receive voting rights.

**Friends of OWSD** are women and men from developed and developing countries with at least an undergraduate degree (or equivalent experience) across all disciplines (including the natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities), who are committed to promoting the objectives of OWSD and who are not eligible for the Affiliate or Full membership categories. Friends of OWSD are encouraged to engage with OWSD and its members through other support activities (mentoring, fundraising, networking, promoting).
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Search All Members

OWSD members are located in 148 countries

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LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN
IN 22 COUNTRIES

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All National Chapters

OWSD has National Chapters in 44 countries
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Countries

**GUATEMALA**

430 Members | 1 Early Career Fellow | 2 Awardees

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**BOLIVIA**

151 Members | 1 PhD Fellow | 1 Early Career Fellow | 1 Awardee

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**BRAZIL**

147 Members

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4 Programs to address 4 specific challenges

1. Isolation
   - Global, Regional and National Networks
   - >7000 members
   - Gatherings and assemblies to discuss common challenges and share opportunities

2. Lack of training and educational opportunities
   - In 1998 was created the PhD fellowship program
   - Encouraging and supporting mobility
   - Each year~ 150 Ph.D. fellows selected
   - Access to training, conferences and international events
3. Sustainability

After obtaining their doctoral degree, women scientists struggle to further their careers / lack of funding.

In 2018 the Early Career grant program was created.

USD 50,000.00 para establecer equipos de investigación y adquirir equipo.

ENRIQUEZ, María Eunice
Biological Systems and Organisms
Full Member
Approved 2019

ROMERO OLIVA DE HIRSCHMEIER, Claudia Suseth
Biological Systems and Organisms
Full Member
Approved 2019
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4. Visibility

Providing role models to girls and young scientists – while acknowledging contributions to science

2010 – Created the OWSD-Elsevier Foundation Award: Distinguish 5 outstanding women scientists

Promoting their work at the local, national, regional and international level.

USD 5,000, support to attend the award ceremony, visit to research centers, laboratories and other facilities

ARRECHEA, Susana
Engineering sciences
Full Member
Approved on: April 2018

CABRERA CATALAN, Maria Eugenia
Physics
Full Member
Approved on: March 2018
Importance of building communities of women in science
Relevant topics

Engaging the Scientific Diaspora – Women Scientists – Shift in the brain-drain paradigm

Advancing the Gender Perspective in Science Diplomacy

Women Scientists and S&T Capacity Building in Lagging countries (Mobility, collaborations)

Women in Science Academies (Global Average 17% - LAC 22% - IAP)