

## IFS STRATEGY ANNEX 2

## Priority and Eligibility of IFS Support and Level of Support

## BACKGROUND

Eligible for IFS support are Low and Lower-Middle-Income Countries (LLMICs). Applicants for IFS grants must be citizens of eligible countries and must carry out their research in an eligible country (which does not have to be the country of citizenship). When announcing the call, IFS indicates the countries that are eligible for support. IFS uses the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita of that year (the Atlas method and PPP of the World Bank). The IFS cut-off point for country eligibility is the middle income GNI threshold plus 5%.

## PERSONAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for IFS grants must:

- either be enrolled in a PhD program or have recently (within five years) completed a PhD degree, and
- write their proposals in English

Eligibility exceptions can be considered under proven special circumstances, such as parental leave, ill health and caregiving commitments. Your eligibility will be calculated by deducting the total time of leave from the total time post-PhD. Email proof of leave with a brief description of your circumstances to [application@ifs.se](mailto:application@ifs.se)

## INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION

Applicants must be associated with a national or regional research institution (e.g., university, non-profit research centre, or research-oriented NGO) in an eligible country. The institution is expected to administer the grant, guarantee that the applicant has a source of income, and provide basic research facilities. Researchers employed at international research institutions are not eligible for IFS grants. However, researchers doing part of their project at an international institution can apply for an IFS grant if their principal affiliation is with a national institution.

## LEVEL OF SUPPORT

IFS provides tailored research capacity-enhancing support to promising early career scientists based around the provision of individual Basic Grants and Advanced Grants (one per successful applicant).

## BASIC RESEARCH GRANT

Individual early career researchers in both the natural and social sciences may apply for a Basic Grant (up to US\$15,000) to undertake research that is innovative and/or relevant to local or national development needs and problems, and that aims to generate fundamental and/or applicable scientific knowledge.

## ADVANCED GRANT

Individual early career researchers in both the natural and social sciences may apply for an Advanced Grant (up to US\$20,000) are available to those who have successfully completed a Basic Grant and who are within five years of having completed their PhDs. The purpose of the Advanced Grant is to support not only further research, thereby strengthening research skills, but also the development of a wider suite of skills essential to the development of a scientist. This includes helping foster an awareness of the role of Information and Communications Technology in society by requiring applicants to elaborate both a Theory of Change and a research-into-use plan in the application form.