U.S. - EGYPT JOINT BOARD ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

Conditions for Undertaking and Financing
Joint Science and Technology Activities

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR

JUNIOR SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT VISIT GRANTS

Deadline for Submission
Of Application:

October 20, 2009

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JUNIOR SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT VISITS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Junior Scientist Development Visits program provides grants for short-term (less than 6 months), non-academic training for Egyptian researchers going to U.S. institutions, and for U.S. researchers going to Egyptian institutions.

Objectives

To provide high quality training and research opportunities resulting in knowledge and skills that will:

1. Assist eligible Egyptian and U.S. junior scientists in broadening their experience and training to advance their performance at their home institution;
2. Strengthen and enhance linkages between Egyptian and U.S. counterpart institutions, assisting in development of institutional capacity and facilitate mutually beneficial linkages between counterpart institutions;
3. Provide opportunities to access expertise and study areas normally unavailable to the Egyptian and U.S. junior researchers.

Research Areas

Submitted proposals should be classified under one of the following thematic areas:

- Agriculture
- Engineering
- Material
- ICT
- Medical sciences
- Pharmaceutical and chemistry
- Basic sciences
- Humanities
- Others (please specify)

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION:

- The applicant must apply within 10 years after receiving his/her Ph.D. In addition, U.S. applicants with a Master's degree or currently enrolled in a PhD program are also eligible to apply.
- The proposed visit is to last no longer than six months.
- For junior researchers coming to U.S. institutes, working proficiency in English is required.
- A complete application package must include the following:
  1) Completed application form;

2) Letters of recommendation:
   a) *For Egyptian & American applicants*: A signed letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor at home institution;
   b) *For Egyptian applicants:* Also a signed letter of approval from the Head of applicant's home institution and stamped with the institution stamp.

3) Signed Conditions of Visit form;
4) Budget plan for the visit, including travel and per diem;
5) Signed letter of agreement from the proposed host institution endorsing the applicant and the proposed plan of the visit, including the proposed budget.
6) A copy of PhD degree. In addition, for U.S. applicants only, a Master's degree diploma or verification of enrollment in a PhD program.

- A curriculum vitae may be submitted in lieu of the application questions; however, the applicant must ensure that all the questions in the application are addressed either in the curriculum vitae, the application or a combination of the two.
- The proposed budget should include travel and per diem costs, as well as cost for health insurance coverage, which must be obtained by the visiting researcher. A rough estimate of this cost is $100/month, but this cost may vary.
- The Applicant must agree to and sign the conditions of visit form, which includes a statement of intent to return to their home institute following the completion of the visit.

Applications must include a detailed description of the proposed program for the visit.

A final report, including a summary stating the achievements of the visit, and how the visit may help improve future scientific cooperation between Egypt and US in the particular research area, should be submitted to the program administrators within 30 days of the return to the home institution.

Selection will be made on the basis of candidate qualifications, submitted recommendations, specific training and/or research needs, and how the knowledge gained from the visit will be used when the applicant returns to the home institute.

Grants will be made with the sending side paying all costs*; i.e.* the cost for Egyptian researchers coming to the U.S. will be covered by grants made in Egypt, and U.S. researchers coming to Egyptian institutes will be covered by grants made in the U.S.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applicants must adhere to the following application submission procedures:

For Egyptian PIs:
Egyptian PIs must upload their applications to STDF's website **www.stdf.org.eg**. Please note that applications submitted as hard copies or sent via email to the Egyptian side will not be considered.

For U.S. PIs:
U.S. PIs must submit a soft copy of the application in pdf format via email to stfund@usaid.gov by application deadline.

The application deadline is October 20, 2009.

The final approval of candidates will be made by a committee appointed by the Joint Board, on the basis of candidate qualifications, submitted recommendations, and specific research and/or training needs, and how the knowledge gained during the visit will be used by the candidate upon his or her return to the home institution.

Award Announcement – The project administrators will notify the individual recipients following the April or May 2010 board meeting.

The American and Egyptian Project Administrators are the primary contacts for program inquiries about the U.S. - Egypt S&T Joint Board Program:

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U.S.-EGYPT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY JOINT FUND PROGRAM
JUNIOR SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT VISITS

2009
APPLICATION FORM
(NOTE: PLEASE TYPE)
APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS MUST BE IN ENGLISH

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:_____
Family Name **First** **Middle**

Date of Birth:_____Place of Birth:_____

Home Address:

_____ _____
(Street) **(Home Telephone)**

_____ _____
(Mobile Telephone)

_____ _____
(Town or City/Country) **(email** address)

II. Academic Education and Training Experience

A) Academic

NAME OF INSTITUTION	FIELD OF STUDY	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE OBTAINED & DATE COMPLETED

Field of Specialization:_____

Title of Ph.D. Thesis: _____
_____

B) Training (list additional training in home country)

Field of Study	Dates	Language/Place of Instruction

C) Additional Training in Other Countries:

Field of Study	Dates	Language/Place of Instruction

Awards, Honors, Scholarships Received, Publications, Professional Memberships:

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III. **EMPLOYMENT (START WITH CURRENT EMPLOYMENT)**:

A)

FROM: / / **TO:** present

(Title or Position)

(Organization/Company)

(# Street)

(Work Telephone)

(Town or City)

(Work Fax)

(Work Email)

Description of Your Place of Employment and Your Duties and Responsibilities:
(Continue on back of page.)

B) Previous Employment (if at current position less than 2 years)

FROM: / / **TO:**

(Title or Position)

(Organization/Company)

(Work Email)

(# Street)

(Work Telephone)

(Town or City) **(Work Fax)**

Description of Place of Employment and Your Duties and Responsibilities (previous employment):(Continue on back of page.)

IV. Languages
(Please indicate English capabilities in first line, additional languages on remaining lines)

	Can Converse		Can Read		Can Write	
	Fluently	Passably	Fluently	Passably	Fluently	Passably
English						

V. **PROPOSED PROGRAM**: (Please check priority area)

● Agriculture		● Engineering		● Other Fields (Describe)
● Materials		● ICT		
● Medical Sciences		● Pharmaceuticals & Chemistry		
● Basic Sciences		● Humanities		

A. Title of Proposed Work:

B. Please describe your program of work for the proposed visit:

B. Proposed Host Institution

C. Contact Person of Host Institution:

VI. **BENEFITS OF PROPOSED VISIT**

How will experiences gained during your visit be used by your employer when you return?

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Please include with your application the following attachments, as Appendices:

Appendix I Supervisor's Recommendation for Applicant's Proposed Visit.
Appendix II. Signed Conditions of Visit form.
Appendix III. Signed Letter from the Host institution, for the proposed visit, agreeing to the program plan of the specific exchange visitor.
Appendix IV. Budget plan for the visit, including travel and per diem.
Appendix V Photocopy of Ph.D. diploma (for U.S. or Egyptian applicants). Photocopy of Master's degree diploma or proof of enrollment in a PhD program (U.S. applicants only).

I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge

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Signature Date

APPENDIX I
Supervisor's Recommendation for Applicant's Proposed Visit

Name of Participant:_____

(Please have your supervisor complete the following questions. Provide an English translation if necessary.)

A) What do you want the applicant to learn during the proposed visit?

B) How will the applicant's visit be useful for the organization when he/she returns?

C) Please comment on the applicant's suitability to carry out the proposed visit.

_____
Signature

_____
Title

_____
Date

APPENDIX II

CONDITIONS OF VISIT

Name of Participant:_____

If I am accepted to receive a grant for a scientific visit under the U.S – Egypt Science &Technology Joint Fund Program, I agree to adhere to my arranged program, to devote my time and attention to my research and/or practical training, and to conform to Program regulations and procedures for the duration of the visit. I will not seek extension of the period of my visit but will return to my country without delay upon completion of my visit under this program. I also agree to conform to all rules and policies of the host institution and laws of the host country and agree at all times to conduct myself and my research in a professional and ethical manner.

Furthermore, I thoroughly understand the following policies of the Development Program:

I. Dependents:
The Program strongly discourages family members from accompanying or joining a participant while he/she during the visit. The Program is not responsible in any way for family members.

II. Attendance of Participants at Conferences and Meetings
While at the Host Institution, attendance of participants at national or international conferences, conventions or meetings of professional, trade, or other associations will not be supported by the program funds, unless such attendance is a part of the approved program.

III. Conditions for Termination of the Visit:
The Joint Board reserves the right to terminate the visit of those participants who:

A. Change the program of the visit without authorization from the Joint Board Small Working Group, or their representatives
B. Fail to show sufficient interest in or to pursue effectively their program during the visit
C. Conduct themselves in a manner prejudicial to the program or to the laws of the United States or Egypt.
D. Have in any way falsified information on the application and/or supporting documents.
E. The Host Institution determines that continuation of the visit is not in the interest of the Host Institution.

IV. Financial Support:
The applicant is aware that the financial support provided by the program is for fees, emergency medical insurance, lodging and food only. The daily maintenance allowance is adequate for modest lodging and food. The Joint

Board does not fund any expenses related to family members accompanying participant.

V. Health and Insurance

For those coming to the U.S., there is a requirement to have a minimum level of health insurance coverage. This can vary, depending on the type of visa the exchange visitor obtains, but as an example, for a J-1 visa the following is required:

1. Medical benefits of at least $50,000 per accident or illness;
2. Repatriation of remains in the amount of $7500;
3. Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the exchange visitor to his or her home country in the amount of $10,000; and
4. A deductible not to exceed $500 per accident or illness.

If the exchange visitor does not have health insurance coverage through their home institution, private policies in the U.S. are available that meet the above requirements. Although information can be provided in order to assist the exchange visitor to choose health coverage, the Joint Board does not endorse any particular insurance company, nor will it be responsible for costs arising from sickness or accident.

VI. Debts and Obligations

The participant will be responsible for all debts and financial obligations incurred while in the United States or in Egypt.

The Participant releases the host institution from any liabilities that may arise out of or in connection with Participant's visit.

Rights to Intellectual Property, Patents or Copyrights created during Participant's visit at Host Institution shall be determined in accordance with the policies of the host institution. Unless superseded by statute, treaty or prior agreement, the Host Institution shall have the right to take the entire right, title and interest in the United States of Intellectual property developed by Participant during Participant's visit.

Signature below indicates agreement to and understanding of the above conditions.

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Applicant's Signature Date

APPENDIX III

Signed Letter from the Proposed Host Institution

Name of Participant:_____

APPENDIX IV.
Budget plan for Proposed Visit

Name of Participant:_____

Duration of Proposed Visit:_____

Note: List all amounts in U.S. dollar equivalents only, not Egyptian pounds. Total must not exceed $15,000.		**Total**
		$
	1. International Airfare	
	2. Domestic Travel (within host country)	
	3. Lodging	
	4. Daily Maintenance Allowance	
	5. Medical Insurance	
	6. Materials and Supplies	
	7. Books/Journals	
	8. Conferences (fees)	
Total Costs		$

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Important Note:
For Egyptian Applicants, the budget will be calculated as $ 3000 for the ticket and $ 2000 as the monthly allowance. Hence, an applicant who will be traveling for 3 months only for example, will be getting $ 3000 for the ticket and a total of $ 6000 for the duration of the 3 months.

APPENDIX V.
Photocopy of Ph.D. Diploma (Egypt & U.S.)
Or
Photocopy of Master's Diploma or proof of enrollment in a PhD program (U.S. only)