

AuthorAID Grants: 2012 Summer Research Writing Course

1. Welcome!

Welcome to the application form for the AuthorAID Grants: 2012 Summer Research Writing Course.

To be considered, you must complete the application by 11:59 p.m. UK time on 16 December 2011. Applications submitted later than the deadline cannot be accepted. Grant recipients will be announced no later than February 2012.

This form consists of several pages. The first few pages have information on the grant and eligibility. The remaining pages have questions.

Please read everything on this form carefully, and follow the instructions closely. Give yourself enough time to complete the form.

Please be ready to complete the form in a single session, as partial applications cannot be saved. So your answers are ready, we suggest that beforehand you read the PDF copy of the application form (provided on the AuthorAID website) and draft your responses to the essay items on the "Detailed Responses" page. You may find it convenient to write your essay responses in a program such as Microsoft Word and then paste them into the application form.

Please do not use the "Back" and "Forward" buttons of your browser while you work on this form. Use only the "Previous" and "Next" buttons at the bottom of every page.

All the best!

2. About the Grants

Researchers from resource-poor settings often have difficulty publishing and otherwise communicating their work, in part because they commonly lack suitable writing skills. To help address this challenge, the AuthorAID project of the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) provides support to researchers through mentoring, networking, freely available resources, and research-writing workshops.

To provide further training, AuthorAID is providing grants for researchers to attend a summer research writing course at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA, starting 25 June 2012. This course will span 3 to 4 weeks.

Two researchers from developing countries will receive grants to attend this course.

The grants will enable the recipients to attend the research writing course and later travel to present their work at a conference. Each recipient will receive a certificate after completing the course.

The grant has two components:

(1) A full waiver of the tuition fee (worth about US \$2,000), free housing on the Texas A&M campus (worth about US \$1,000), and access to Texas A&M University library resources

(2) A cash grant of US \$2,500 to each grant recipient to cover the costs of travel, food, and health insurance related to attending the course and presenting at a conference.

3. Eligible Countries

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To be considered for a grant to attend the course, a candidate must:

(1) be a citizen of and reside in one of the INASP partner countries or one of the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) priority countries. The eligible countries are Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Applicants from other countries cannot be considered.

(2) be employed at an academic institution or research institute in one of the eligible countries

(3) be working on a paper to submit to a peer-reviewed journal and present at a conference

(4) be proficient in English (the work for your highest degree should have been in English or you should have an acceptable score on an English proficiency test).

If you have all these attributes, please continue with the application form. If you have any questions on your eligibility, please write to authoraid@inasp.info.

4. Eligibility

Please note that to be considered for this award, you must be all three of the following:

- (1) a citizen of one of the eligible countries
- (2) currently residing in one of the eligible countries
- (3) working at an institution in one of the eligible countries

The eligible countries are as follows:

Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Honduras, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Only these countries are listed in the fields below. To continue with the application, you must be able to choose one of these countries for each question.

Please note that all questions marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory and cannot be skipped.

*1. What is your country of citizenship?

*2. In which country do you live now?

To be eligible for this grant, you must be employed at an academic institution or research institute.

*3. In which country is your institution located?

5. English Proficiency

The research writing course will be taught in English, and participants will be expected to work with others, make presentations, and write papers in English. Therefore, another eligibility criterion is that you should be proficient in English.

To continue with the application, you must be able to answer the below question.

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***4. Please choose one of the two options below. If both are applicable to you, choose either one.**

- ☐ English was the language used in all my courses and work for my highest degree.
- ☐ I have taken an English proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS, or some other test) in the past 5 years.

6. Test Scores

***5. Please enter as much information as possible below.**

I have taken the TOEFL paper-based test. My score is

I have taken the TOEFL CBT (computer-based test). My score is

I have taken the TOEFL iBT (Internet-based test). My score is

I have taken the IELTS. My score is

I have taken another test of English proficiency. The name of the test and my score are

7. Personal Details

***6. Your title (for example, Ms., Mrs., Mr., Dr., Prof.)**

7. Your given name / first name (if you have only one name, ignore this question and answer the one below)

***8. Your family name / surname**

***9. Your gender**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

***10. Job title (for example, Lecturer, Professor, Research Associate)**

***11. Name of the institution in which you work. Please do not use short forms. Write the full name of the institution. If you work at more than one institution, enter the name of the main institution, that is, the place where you spend the most time and conduct your research.**

***12. For how long have you worked at this institution?**

Years

Months

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*** 13. The telephone number where you can most likely be reached (please include the international dialling code)**

14. Your alternative telephone number, with international dialling code

*** 15. E-mail address**

16. Alternative e-mail address (if you have one)

8. Research Background

*** 17. Highest educational qualification (for example, BA, BS, BSc, MA, MS, MSc, PhD, MD, or PharmD)**

*** 18. Field of research (for example, chemistry, economics, geology, nursing, public health, or sociology). Please note that every research area will be considered for the grant.**

*** 19. How many papers have you published as a first author in peer-reviewed journals?**

*** 20. How many papers have you published as a co-author in peer-reviewed journals?**

*** 21. How many times has your research work been accepted for a presentation at a conference?**

*** 22. How many times have you gone to conferences to make oral presentations about your research?**

*** 23. How many times have you gone to conferences to make poster presentations about your research?**

9. Detailed Responses

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The following questions require you to write detailed responses. We are especially interested in candidates with strong potential to build local capacity in research writing and research editing after completing the course. Please remember this point while you write your responses.

For each question, a word limit is given. You must not exceed this word limit in your response. The boxes below will not show you the word count of your responses, so we suggest you type your responses in MS Word or some other software, check the word count, and copy-paste your response in the relevant boxes.

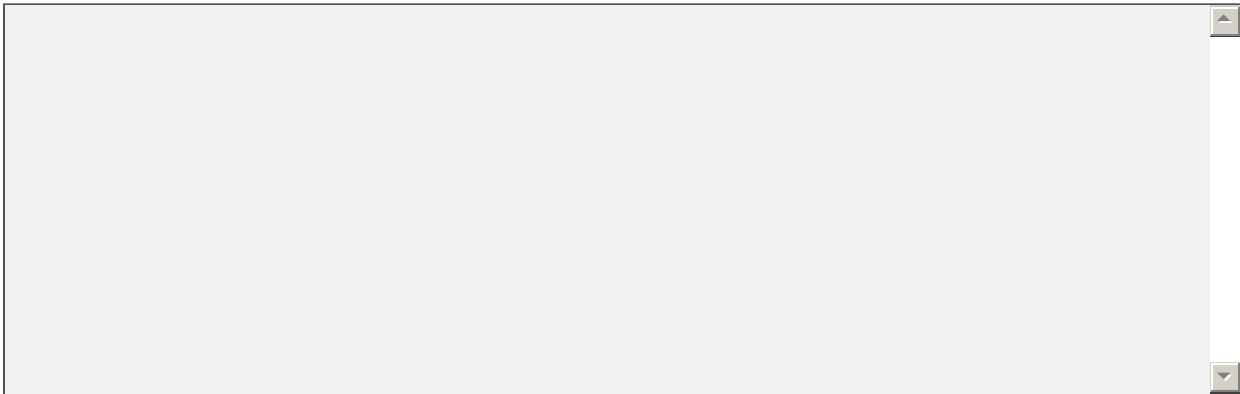
Some tips:

(1) Use the spell check feature in MS Word before copy-pasting your responses.

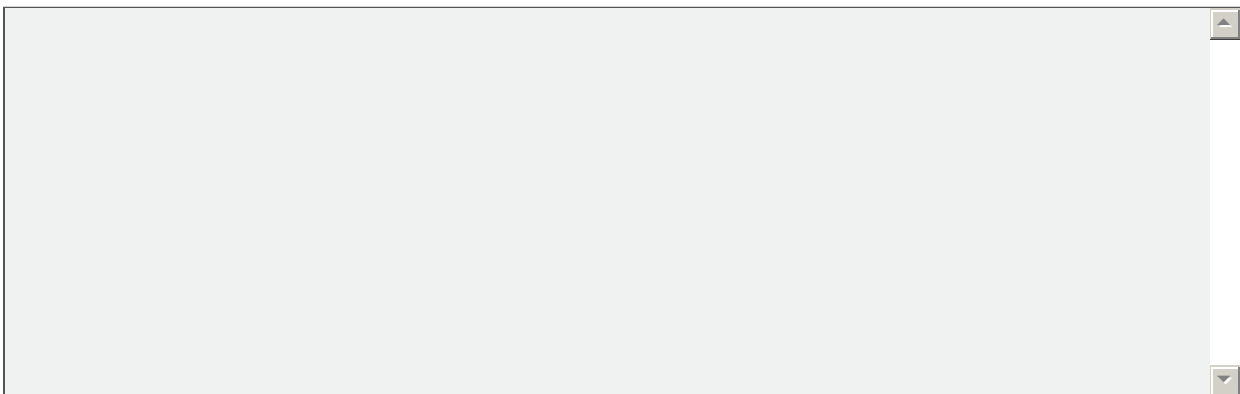
(2) After you copy-paste your responses, make sure that they are formatted properly inside the text boxes. The text boxes accept only plain text formatting.

(3) Review or proofread your responses inside the text boxes before continuing to the next page.

***24. Tell us why you should be considered for the grant. Please write one paragraph with not more than 150 words.**

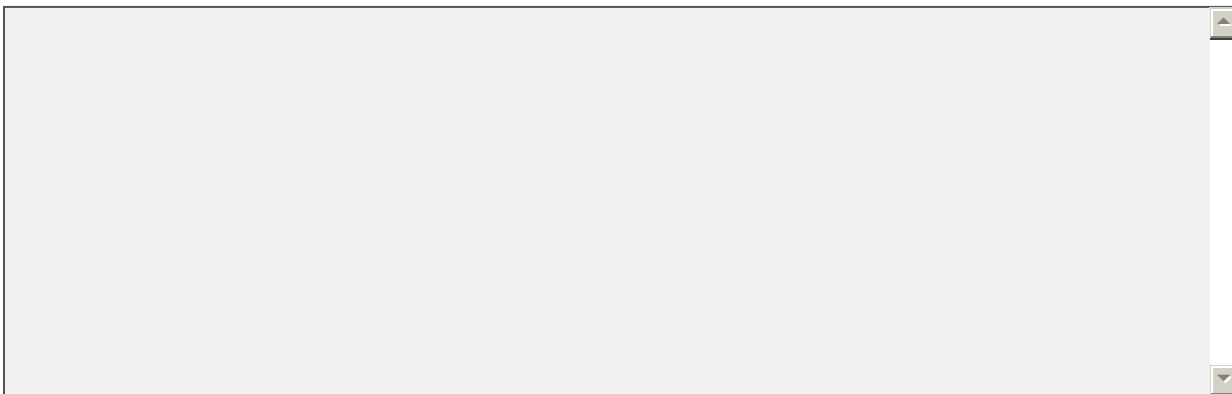
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***25. Tell us about your experience in publishing, or trying to publish, papers in international peer-reviewed journals. Please write one paragraph with not more than 150 words.**

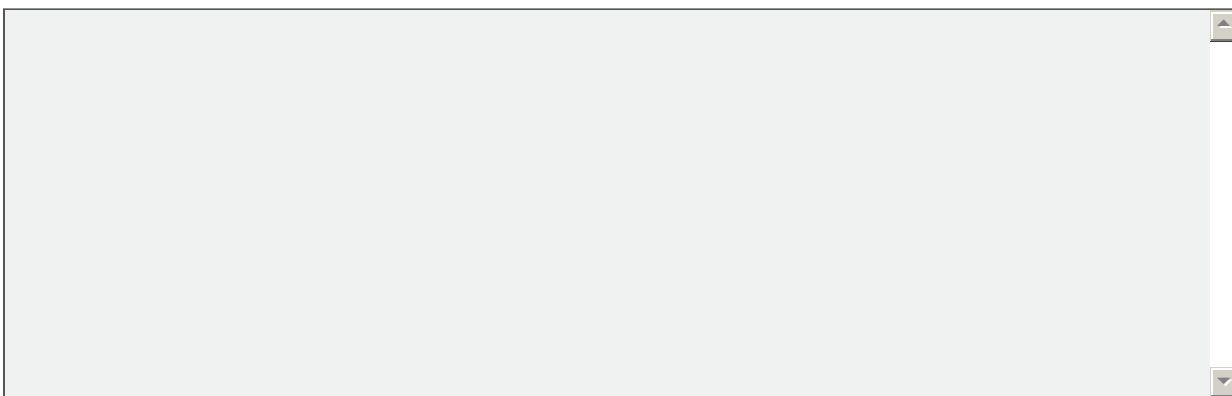
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***26. Tell us how, where, and when you would use the learning acquired in the course. Please write one paragraph with not more than 200 words.**



***27. Write an abstract of the research about which you wish to write a paper during the course. Do not include the name(s) of the author(s). Please write one paragraph with 150 to 300 words. Please do not exceed the word limit of 300 words.**



10. Budget

AuthorAID will provide US \$2,500 as a cash grant to each grant recipient.

We would like you to prepare a budget, considering the following:

1. Health insurance during the stay for the course is likely to cost about \$100.
2. Food during the course is likely to cost about \$200 to \$250 per week.
3. The recipient will receive lodging on campus free of charge during the course. However, please budget for accommodation costs associated with (a) travelling to and from the course and (b) presenting the work at a conference.

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***28. Please state, in US dollars, the amount (if any) that you are seeking from AuthorAID for each of the following items. Please note that AuthorAID will provide US \$2,500 to each recipient, regardless of what is entered in the table below. The data in this table and the next one will be used to help us see whether you have compiled a budget that will indeed meet your needs.**

Air ticket	<input type="text"/>
Visa	<input type="text"/>
Travel insurance	<input type="text"/>
Health insurance	<input type="text"/>
Food	<input type="text"/>
Accommodation	<input type="text"/>
Other - please specify	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL	<input type="text"/>

***29. Please mention - in US Dollars - the amount that you or your institution can provide for each of the following items. If you cannot provide any amount, please enter 0.**

Air ticket	<input type="text"/>
Visa	<input type="text"/>
Travel insurance	<input type="text"/>
Health insurance	<input type="text"/>
Food	<input type="text"/>
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