IPCC launches fifth round of Scholarship Awards

GENEVA, 25 Feb- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has launched a call for applications for the 5th round of scholarship awards. The call runs from 22 February to 22 March 2019.

The IPCC will accept applications from PhD students that have been enrolled for at least a year or are undertaking post-doctoral research. Applicants should be citizens of a developing country with priority given to students from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The IPCC created its scholarship programme with the prize money from the Nobel Peace Prize that it was jointly awarded in 2007 for its work in building up and disseminating knowledge about climate change and laying foundations for response options. The IPCC decided to invest the Noble Prize money in postgraduate education for early career scientists.

Research proposals are encouraged from, but are not limited to, the following fields of study: underlying science of climate change; climate and water; climate and oceans; socio-economic modelling related to climate change; regional climate change, vulnerability, impacts and adaptation; attaining the goals of the Paris Agreement; synergies between adaptation and mitigation; and climate solutions in the context of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).

Each scholarship award is for a maximum amount of 15,000 Euros per year for up to two years during the period 2019-2021.

Applicants should register via the application portal here: https://apps.ipcc.ch/scholarship/applicant/
The deadline is midnight CET on 22 March 2019.

Applicants will need to complete and upload an application form, their research proposal, scanned copies of national identity card and passport, a provisional budget and proof of completion of at least one year of PhD studies or proof of initial work as a post-doctoral researcher and supervisor’s support letter. The forms are available via the portal, once registered.

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About the IPCC

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the UN body for assessing the science related to climate change. It was established by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide political leaders with periodic scientific assessments concerning climate change, its implications and risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies. It has 195 member states.

Comprehensive scientific assessment reports are published every 6 to 7 years; the latest, the Fifth Assessment Report, was completed in 2014. The Sixth Assessment Report is due to be completed in 2022. The IPCC also publishes special reports on more specific issues between assessment reports.

In October 2018 the IPCC released a Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C. Later this year it will release two further Special Reports, the Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate, and Climate Change and Land. The IPCC is also currently preparing the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, for completion in May 2019.

The contributions of the three IPCC Working Groups to the Sixth Assessment Report will be finalized in 2021. The concluding Synthesis Report is due in 2022.

About the IPCC Scholarship Programme

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Nine PhD students from developing countries and countries with economies in transition were awarded IPCC scholarship awards in the fourth round of awards for 2017-2019.