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The International Foundation for Science (IFS) Call for Research Grant Applications From Developing Country Scientists

The International Foundation for Science (IFS) provides support to young scientists of merit in developing countries by awarding research grants and providing grantees with additional services such as travel grants and purchasing assistance.

Research grants are awarded up to a maximum value of US\$12,000 for a period of 1–3 years and may be renewed twice. They are intended for the purchase of equipment, expendable supplies, and literature. Applicants must be citizens of, and carry out the research in, a develop-

ing country. They should also be working at a university or national research institution in a developing country (countries in Europe, including Turkey and Cyprus, and in the former Soviet Union do not qualify for support). As well as being under the age of 40 (under 30 for applicants from China) and at the start of their research career, candidates must possess an advanced academic degree, which should be at least an MSc or the equivalent.

The IFS supports projects dealing with the management, use, and

conservation of biological resources. The Foundation organizes its activities into six research areas, that is, animal production, aquatic resources, crop science, food science, forestry/agroforestry, and natural products.

For further information and application forms in English and French, write to The International Foundation for Science (IFS), Grev Turegatan 19, S-114 38 Stockholm, Sweden, fax +46-8-54581801, e-mail info@ifs.se, website www.ifs.se.

The Mountain Agenda

The Mountain Agenda is an informal group of people with professional interests in sustainable mountain development, drawn from the academic and development cooperation communities. The group was created prior to the Rio Earth Summit (UN Conference on Environment and Development, 1992) to enhance the position of mountains on the global environmental agenda.

In pursuing this aim, the Mountain Agenda publishes the brochure "Mountains of the World" on an annual basis. The purpose of the brochure is to help sensitize policymakers and the general public to issues pertaining to sustainable mountain development and to inform them about the crucial roles of the world's mountains in global development. The brochure is published on the occasion of the annual conference of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). Funds are provided by the

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

Issues already published:

- *An Appeal for the Mountains (1992)*
- *Mountains of the World: Challenges for the 21st Century (1997)*
- *Mountains of the World: Water Towers for the 21st Century (1998)*
- *Mountains of the World: Tourism and Sustainable Mountain Development (1999)*
- *Mountains of the World: Mountain forests and Sustainable Development (2000)*

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- *Mountains of the World: Infrastructure and Energy (working title) (due April 2001).*

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