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(please quote in all correspondence)

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Dear Dr. Farhad,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your project has been selected by the Advisory Committee for the TWAS Research Grants Programme. This grant is possible thanks to the generous contribution of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), without whose continuous support this grant would not be feasible.

The selection of TWAS Research Grants is highly competitive, based purely on scientific merit, and has been selected out of a very large number of applications. Please accept our most heartfelt congratulations.

I am also pleased to inform you that TWAS has approved a grant amounting to a combined total of **USD 15,900.00** in support of your project entitled **Gold nanoparticle decorated zinc oxide nanorods for eco-friendly and efficient perovskite solar cells**. An increase of up to 10% of this amount depending on availability of funds can be authorized by TWAS if a substantial need for this increase is established. The grant is given for a research period of up to 24 months starting from the date on the attached Research Grant Agreement (RGA). You must send proforma for equipment and consumables as well as request for MSc student funds immediately after you accept the award. We must receive the first set of proforma within one month of accepting the award.

The grant is subject to special conditions specified in the enclosed agreement, which you are kindly requested to read carefully. If you agree to the conditions of the agreement, please sign it and have it officially countersigned by the head of your institute. The signed copy, as well as the proforma invoice(s) and any future correspondence, should be sent to Ms. P. Patel (researchgrants@twas.org). Please make sure that we receive the signed agreement within one month from the date of the RGA. If no signed agreement is received during this period, the offer may be cancelled.

Our normal policy is to retain the funds of the grant here at the Academy for international

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purchase of equipment, expendable laboratory supplies and literature as specified in the itemized budget (point 7, Section A). The procedure for ordering the items needed for the project under this grant is outlined in point 4, Section C.

Towards the end of the grant you will need to complete and submit the Final Report – for you to complete and return to this office. The Final Report is due within one year from the last order of items under this grant. Receiving this report well before the deadline is extremely important in that they form the basis for the evaluation of the outcome of your project and are a prerequisite for a subsequent renewal of the grant. You may request a renewal (submitting the relevant application form) only after submission of the Final Report, and before the application deadline of each year. Please request the Final Report form from the Research Grants office towards the end of your grant.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Murenzi', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Romain Murenzi
Executive Director