Talented scientists can pursue their work or continue their training at top institutions with support from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Each year about 1300 fellows from all NATO(1) member and partner(2) countries are selected by national competitions to receive these prestigious fellowships.

Agencies in each country administer the programme on behalf of NATO. Each country establishes its own eligibility and selection criteria and directs priority support to one or more of the following types of fellowships:

- **Basic Fellowships** - for those with a first university degree who wish to further their science or engineering education by following a higher degree course in another country.

- **Advanced Fellowships** - for scientists with a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree and sufficient research experience to conduct independent research in foreign institutions in NATO or partner countries.

- **Senior Fellowships** - for senior scientists to lecture and/or perform research in institutions in NATO or partner countries.

- **Senior Guest Fellowships** - for senior scientists to lecture or research in the NATO country awarding the fellowship. Applications for Guest Fellowships are submitted by the inviting institution.

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(1) NATO members: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

(2) Partner countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan. *Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.