



**APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2012
MAB YOUNG SCIENTISTS AWARDS**

Please fill in and sign your application and mail it to your MAB National Committee in your home country for endorsement before it is sent to: *MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France*. Applications must be received by UNESCO **no later than 15 February 2012 to be eligible. ONLY APPLICATIONS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE ACCEPTED.**

1. Last name: _____ 2. First name: _____

3. Date of birth: _____ 4. Sex: Male / Female

5. Nationality: _____ 6. Profession: _____

7. Complete address:

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

8. Educational qualifications:

Institution	Date	Degree/Diploma
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Previous research experience: _____

10. Country where research is to be undertaken (in case the study is planned in countries other than the applicants' home country, please attach written evidence to indicate the support of the MAB National Committee concerned):

11. Title of study: _____

12. Summary description of the proposed research study. Highlight main purposes, methods and expected results of the research to be undertaken. If necessary, you may add up to two more pages (**no additional material**, e.g. certificates, articles, CV, etc. should be annexed to the application):

13. Indicate if and how the proposed study will relate/contribute to your country's MAB Programme

a) Is the research site in a UNESCO designated biosphere reserve? Yes / No

If so, in which biosphere reserve? _____

14. Expected starting date and duration of the study _____

15. Expected date for submission of final report to MAB National Committee, or UNESCO National Commission

16. Name(s) of institution(s) associated with the study and support provided by the institution(s)

17. Estimated cost of the proposed study and amount requested from UNESCO-MAB. (Individual research grants will be made available up to an amount of US \$5,000. Smaller requests have greater chances of approval. Please clearly indicate the total amount requested, and a breakdown of expenditures, in US \$.)

(date)

(Signature of Applicant)

NB: Your application must be signed on page 4 by your MAB National Committee/UNESCO National Commission before it is sent to UNESCO.

APPLICATION ENDORSED BY PRESIDENT / SECRETARY OF MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR SUBMISSION TO UNESCO

(date)

(Signature of President / Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

(Name of President / Secretary of the MAB National Committee)

MAB National Committee address:

Tel: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE TO MAB NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND APPLICANTS

Criteria for endorsement and selection of MAB Young Scientists Awards

- To be eligible, award applications must be made on the MAB Young Scientists Award application form (in English or French) and be endorsed by the applicant's MAB National Committee*, which may endorse only two applications per year from applicants who are not older than 40 years of age (at the closing date of the application).
- Priority is given to interdisciplinary projects carried out in biosphere reserves designated under the Man and the Biosphere Programme or potential biosphere reserves.
- Applicants from developed countries are eligible for Awards only in exceptional cases.
- Awards are set at a maximum of US \$5,000 each.
- Research supported by an Award should be completed within 2 years.
- Candidates must accept to submit reports of Award funded research to the MAB Secretariat in Paris and to their MAB National Committees*, and agree to the possibility of UNESCO publishing the results of their research.
- International travel expenditures are usually not covered under these Awards.

* For the countries in which a MAB National Committee does not exist or is not fully operational, the National Commission for UNESCO will ensure the selection of candidates according to the above criteria.

Payment Procedure for MAB Awards

Award payments are split into three instalments:

- 1st payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of two signed copies of the Letter of Agreement accompanied by a calendar of activities for the research study.
- 2nd payment: Upon receipt and approval by UNESCO of a final report (duly signed by the MAB National Committee) as well as a letter authorizing UNESCO to use the information from the report in UNESCO publications and on the UNESCO-MABnet.

Application forms for MAB Young Scientists Awards are available from: MAB Secretariat, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences,
UNESCO

1, rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15, France. E-mail: mab.awards@unesco.org
MAB Young Scientists Awards on the Web: <http://www.unesco.org/mab/bursaries/mys.shtml>