

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR  
FACULTY-STUDENT (FAST) TEAMS TO SPEND  
TWO (2) MONTHS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026  
AT PARTICIPATING ADVANCED LIGHT SOURCES**

**DEADLINE: 31 OCTOBER 2025**

Lightsources for Africa, the Americas, Asia, Middle East and Pacific (*LAAAMP*) will award FAST Team grants to enhance advanced light source (AdLS) and crystallography sciences in eight (8) targeted regions of the world: Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, Mexico, South America, Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Middle East, and Pacific. The grants are sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP), the International Union of Crystallography (IUCr), the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), and the American Physical Society (APS). The successful applicants will spend two (2) months during Calendar Year 2026 at *LAAAMP*'s AdLS Collaborative Partners to acquire expertise in accelerator technology or AdLS beamline techniques, including those involving crystallography.

**Application Categories**

**Continuing**

Consists of applications from FAST Teams that are led by faculty who were previous New *LAAAMP* FAST Team Awardees, but not previous Continuation *LAAAMP* FAST Team Awardees.

**New**

Consists of all other applications.

**Who is Eligible under the New Category?**

**Faculty**

Employed as a full-time faculty member at an accredited Ph.D. granting university that is located in one of the targeted regions enumerated above.

Accompanied by one's Ph.D. student research advisee.

Interested in using AdLSs to further one's research and training endeavors.

Previous experience with using AdLSs is limited to a year or less.

Ability to spend two (2) months during Calendar Year 2026 as a full-time visitor in residence at an AdLS that is a *LAAAMP* Collaborative Partner.

### **Student**

Registered as a full-time Ph.D. student at an accredited university that is located in one of the targeted regions enumerated above.

Accompanied by one's faculty research advisor.

Interested in using AdLSs in one's dissertation research.

Ability to spend two (2) months during Calendar Year 2026 as a full-time visitor in residence at an AdLS that is a *LAAAMP* Collaborative Partner.

### **Amount of Financial Support**

*LAAAMP* will provide 2,000 Euros per person to cover transportation costs. Any excess will be applied to accommodation and subsistence. The remainder of accommodation and subsistence should be negotiated with the host AdLS and other sources of support.

### **Deliverables**

Within one month after the conclusion of the visit to the host AdLS, the FAST Team should provide the following:

1. Maximum 10-page description of the research conducted, including any publications that result.  
***NOTE: All publications should acknowledge the support provided by IUPAP-IUCr-ICTP LAAAMP.***
2. Maximum 3-page report that evaluates the non-scientific aspects of the visit, including positive experiences as well as ways that visits could be enhanced in the future.

### **Who are *LAAAMP*'s AdLS Collaborative Partners?**

Advanced Light Source (USA)  
Advanced Photon Source (USA)  
ALBA (Spain)  
Australian Synchrotron  
Canadian Light Source  
DELTA (Germany)  
Elettra (Italy)  
European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (France)  
Max IV Laboratory (Sweden)  
National Synchrotron Light Source-II (USA)  
Photon Factory (Japan)  
Pohang Accelerator Laboratory (South Korea)  
SESAME (Jordan)

Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility (China)  
Siam Photon Source (Thailand)  
Sirius Brazilian Synchrotron Light Source  
Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (USA)  
Taiwan Photon Source

### **To What Persons and Email Addresses Should Applications be Submitted?**

#### **Residents of Africa**

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**Residents of the Pacific Islands**

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**Note: Final funding is dependent upon suitable arrangements being made with a *LAAAMP* AdLS Collaborative Partner.**

## APPLICATION

(Submit only one (1) Application for each FAST Team)

### Personal Information

#### Faculty

Name:

Title:

Department:

Institution:

Address:

Email:

Office Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Fax number:

Website:

#### Student

Name:

Email Address:

Mobile Phone Number:

## Research Information

Please provide the information below:

1. Maximum two-page description of your research to be initiated or enhanced by the visit to the AdLS, identifying the specific AdLS, staff mentor, beamline and instrumentations to be utilized. Make clear whether this is a new research direction for you.
2. Note of acknowledgement from an AdLS staff member that she/he will serve in the role of mentor.

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

**This acknowledgement should be obtained and submitted with the application. Also, the first contact at an AdLS should be made with the contact person found at <https://laaamp.iucr.org/partners/adls>.**

3. Up to three (3) of the faculty's most significant publications.

Faculty's Electronic Signature:

Date:

Student's Electronic Signature:

Date: