

## Member States eligible for fellowships funded through the ITU regular budget

Member States eligible for fellowships are those classified by the United Nations<sup>1</sup> as developing countries. These include the least developed countries, small island developing States, landlocked developing countries (Table 1) and countries with economies in transition (Table 2).

**Table 1**

Developing countries					
	Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries	
<b>Low-income (USD 1135 or less)</b>					
Africa	Burkina Faso	✓		✓	
	Burundi	✓		✓	
	Central African Rep.	✓		✓	
	Chad	✓		✓	
	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	✓			
	Eritrea	✓			
	Ethiopia <sup>2</sup>	✓		✓	
	Gambia	✓			
	Guinea-Bissau	✓	✓		
	Liberia	✓			
	Madagascar	✓			
	Malawi	✓		✓	
	Mali	✓		✓	
	Mozambique	✓			
	Niger	✓		✓	
	Rwanda	✓		✓	
	Sierra Leone	✓			
	South Sudan	✓		✓	
	Togo	✓			
	Uganda	✓		✓	
	<b>Lower-middle-income (USD 1136 - USD 4495)</b>				
	Angola	✓			
	Benin	✓			
	Cameroon				
	Congo (Rep. of the)				
	Côte d'Ivoire				
	Eswatini			✓	
	Ghana				
	Guinea	✓			
	Kenya				
	Lesotho	✓		✓	
	Namibia				
	Nigeria				
	Sao Tome and Principe		✓		
	Senegal	✓			
	Tanzania	✓			
	Zambia	✓		✓	
	Zimbabwe			✓	
	<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>				
	Botswana			✓	
	Cabo Verde		✓		
	Equatorial Guinea				
	Gabon				
	Mauritius		✓		
	South Africa				
	<b>High-income (USD 13 936 and above)</b>				
	Seychelles			✓	

<sup>1</sup> United Nations report World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026, published in January 2026. In the report, countries with a gross national income (GNI) per capita of USD 1135 or less are classified as low-income countries; those with a GNI per capita between USD 1136 and USD 4495 as lower-middle-income countries and between USD 4496 and USD 13 935 as upper-middle-income countries; and those with a GNI per capita of USD 13 936 and above as high-income countries.

<sup>2</sup> Ethiopia is in a temporary status of unclassification from July 2025

Developing countries				
	Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
	<b>Lower-middle-income (USD 1136 - USD 4495)</b>			
Americas	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)			✓
	Haiti	✓	✓	
	Honduras			
	Nicaragua			
<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>				
Argentina	Argentina			
	Belize		✓	
	Brazil			
	Colombia			
	Cuba		✓	
	Dominica		✓	
	Dominican Rep.		✓	
	Ecuador			
	El Salvador			
	Grenada		✓	
	Guatemala			
	Jamaica		✓	
	Mexico			
	Paraguay			✓
	Peru			
	Saint Lucia		✓	
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		✓	
	Suriname		✓	
	Venezuela <sup>3</sup>			
<b>High-income (USD 13 936 and above)</b>				
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda		✓	
	Bahamas		✓	
	Barbados		✓	
	Chile			
	Costa Rica			
	Guyana		✓	
	Panama			
	Saint Kitts and Nevis		✓	
	Trinidad and Tobago		✓	
	Uruguay			
Arab States <sup>4</sup>	<b>Low-income (USD 1135 or less)</b>			
	Somalia	✓		
	Sudan	✓		
	Syrian Arab Republic			
	Yemen	✓		
	<b>Lower-middle-income (USD 1136 - USD 4495)</b>			
	Comoros	✓	✓	
	Djibouti	✓		
	Egypt			
	Jordan			
	Lebanon			
	Mauritania	✓		
	Morocco			
	Tunisia			
	<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>			
	Algeria			
	Iraq			

<sup>3</sup> Venezuela was temporarily unclassified in July 2021 pending release of revised national accounts statistics

<sup>4</sup> This list shall apply mutatis mutandis to the State of Palestine, Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), a lower-middle-income economy.

Developing countries				
	Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
	Libya			
	<b>High-income (USD 13 936 and above)</b>			
	Bahrain			
	Kuwait			
	Oman			
	Qatar			
	Saudi Arabia			
	United Arab Emirates			
Asia-Pacific	<b>Low-income (USD 1135 or less)</b>			
	Afghanistan	✓		✓
	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea			
	<b>Lower-middle-income (USD 1136 - USD 4495)</b>			
	Bangladesh	✓		
	Bhutan			✓
	Cambodia	✓		
	India			
	Kiribati	✓	✓	
	Lao P.D.R.	✓		✓
	Micronesia		✓	
	Myanmar	✓		
	Nepal (Republic of)	✓		✓
	Pakistan			
	Papua New Guinea		✓	
	Philippines			
	Solomon Islands	✓	✓	
	Sri Lanka			
	Timor-Leste	✓	✓	
	Vanuatu		✓	
	Viet Nam			
	<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>			
	China			
	Fiji		✓	
	Indonesia			
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)			
	Malaysia			
	Maldives		✓	
	Marshall Islands		✓	
	Mongolia			✓
	Samoa		✓	
	Thailand			
	Tonga		✓	
	Tuvalu	✓	✓	
	<b>High-income (USD 13 936 and above)</b>			
	Brunei Darussalam			
	Nauru		✓	
	Palau		✓	
	Singapore		✓	
Europe	<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>			
	Türkiye			
	<b>High-income (USD 13 936 and above)</b>			
	Israel			

Source: Adapted from the United Nations report *World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026*.

Table 2

Countries with economies in transition				
	Country	Least developed countries	Small island developing States	Landlocked developing countries
CIS	<b>High-income (USD 13 936 and above)</b>			
	Russian Federation			
	<b>Lower-middle-income (USD 1136 - USD 4495)</b>			
	Kyrgyzstan			✓
	Tajikistan			✓
	Uzbekistan			✓
	<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>			
	Armenia			✓
	Azerbaijan			✓
	Belarus			
Europe	Kazakhstan			✓
	Turkmenistan			✓
	<b>Upper-middle-income (USD 4496 - USD 13 935)</b>			
	Albania			
	Bosnia and Herzegovina			
	Georgia			
	Moldova			✓
	Montenegro			
	North Macedonia			✓
	Serbia			
	Ukraine			

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