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Excellency,

As you are aware, last year, the IAEA Director General launched the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme (MSCFP) in an effort to encourage young women to pursue careers in the nuclear field. The first 100 female students to be supported by MSCFP were selected in November last year.

I am glad to inform you that the application process for the MSCFP 2021 cycle opened on 15 July and that the deadline for applications is 30 September 2021. Female candidates can apply for scholarships for academic years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

Selected students will receive a scholarship for Master's programmes in nuclear related studies at accredited universities. They will also be provided with an opportunity to pursue an internship facilitated by the IAEA for up to 12 months.

As MSCFP is a continuing initiative, scholarships are awarded annually, with up to 100 female students selected per year depending on the availability of funds. Consideration is given to geographic distribution, the field of study distribution, linguistic diversity and whether the applicant has received previous support from the IAEA.

To help with broad dissemination of the information, I would greatly appreciate if this communication is shared with your relevant national Authority for further distribution among potential donors and partners, universities and students in your country.

More information on MSCFP can be found on $\underline{www.iaea.org/MSCFP}$ including detailed instructions on how to apply and students' testimonials .

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mikhail Chudakov

Deputy Director General

Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy