The Schlumberger Foundation Faculty for the Future program, launched in 2004, awards fellowships to women from developing and emerging economies to pursue PhD or post-doctoral studies in the physical sciences and related disciplines at top universities abroad. The program’s long-term goal is to generate conditions that result in more women pursuing academic careers in scientific disciplines.

The Faculty for the Future program is growing each year and has become a powerful community that today stands at 194 pioneering women scientists from 54 countries. Ultimately grant recipients are expected to contribute to the socio-economic development of their home countries and regions by strengthening the faculties in their home universities, pursuing relevant research, or using their specific expertise to address policy issues. The end goal is to attract and retain more young women in the sciences.

Faculty for the Future grants are in the range of USD 25,000 to 50,000 per year and may be renewed through to completion of studies subject to performance, self-evaluation, and recommendations from supervisors. Final grant amounts are subject to actual costs of study and living in the given location.

Candidates should have applied to, have been admitted to, or be currently enrolled in a university abroad when submitting their Faculty for the Future grant request. Candidates must hold an excellent academic record and be able to evidence their commitment to teaching, research or using science in public policy advocacy. This includes demonstrated leadership track record in encouraging young women into the sciences.