

## Call for Proposals 2019 under Indo-Uzbek Joint Research Programme

The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and the Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan have invited proposals for Joint Research projects in bilateral mode involving scientists & technologists from India and Uzbekistan.

The Joint Research Projects will be spanning a range of scientific areas namely Agriculture and Food Science and Technology; Engineering Sciences; Information and Communication Technology, Applied Mathematics and Data Science and Technology; Health and Medical Technology; Materials Sciences; Life Sciences and Biotechnology; Physics and Astrophysics; Energy, water, climate and natural resources.

A maximum funding of Rs. 1 lakh towards consumables and Rs. 50,000 towards contingency will be considered on the Indian side and the funding for the selected projects will be provided in annual installments. The research expenses incurred by the project team in their country on consumables, contingency and exchange visits will be borne by the respective country.

The research will be carried out for three years, jointly by research teams from both countries whereby each country will have a team with a team leader who will be holding a full-time position at a University or Research Institution in the respective Country.

The applications are to be made for a Joint Research Project simultaneously by a counterpart team in each country by the leader of a team of scientists in each country (Team Leader), to the respective Implementing Agency of his/her country, simultaneously.

Both implementing agencies will conduct parallel review of the applications respectively based on the agreed criteria and will make joint decisions based on the review results. The List of selected projects will be posted on website [www.mininnovation.uz](http://www.mininnovation.uz) and [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) / [www.stic-dst.org](http://www.stic-dst.org) sometime in May, 2020 and the project is expected to start in July, 2020

Indian researchers are required to can submit all relevant information through e-PMS portal of the DST by February 14, 2020.

Applications submitted will go through a peer review process and will be referred to scientific and technical council thereafter for rating in terms of the criteria. Applications that attain a positive rating will be eligible to be considered for funding. The projects will be evaluated on the basis of whether they confirm with project objectives, whether they are in sync with national policy, the state of scientific research capacity, the novelty of scientific research and engineering, added value of the bilateral cooperation, benefits of project including :industrial development technology capacity building science and technology human resources development, possible commercialization of research results, intellectual property : usage and ownership, budget requested, feasibility of project; profile of Principal Investigators and ability of the teams to successfully complete the project..For further details the applicants can visit [www.onlinedst.gov.in](http://www.onlinedst.gov.in).