



Government of India
Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology

**SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION (STI) HUBS FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTE (SC) AND
SCHEDULED TRIBE (ST) COMMUNITIES**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020

The Department of Science and Technology invite proposals for establishment of **Science Technology and Innovation (STI) Hubs** to develop, nurture and ensure the development, improvement, and delivery of appropriate and relevant S&T approaches for Creation of Sustainable Livelihoods and enhancing the Quality of Life of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe population in the country. The thrust areas for interventions though not restricted may focus on the following themes.

- Natural resource and human resource endowment for sustainable livelihood planning through science, know-how, and practices
- Promote research, development & adaptation of appropriate and relevant technologies for socioeconomic development of target population
- Promotion and Documentation of Traditional & Indigenous Knowledge and upgrade the skills, building on local innovation & local knowledge systems (including integration of high end technologies with traditional & indigenous skills)
- Promotion, replication and scaling up of successful technologies leading to socio economic empowerment
- Creation of micro-enterprises and forward linkages
- Science and technology Capacity Building and Skill Development leading to sustainable livelihoods

WHO CAN APPLY

1. Universities and other higher educational institutions recognized or regulated by UGC/ AICTE and/or MHRD/ State Education Department

2. Private Academic Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions and Government Aided Colleges recognized or regulated by UGC/ AICTE
3. S&T based voluntary organizations, which are working in the rural areas with legal status or as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 or a trust registered under the Indian Trusts Act 1920 or Charitable or Religious Act 1920 (please refer to guidelines and format for more details)
4. Recognized R&D Labs/Centres of Central and State Governments

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The Principal Investigator should submit the project proposal online through DST's Electronic Project Management System (e-PMS) on portal www.onlinedst.gov.in in the given format along with necessary documents.
2. For detailed guidelines and application format, applicants may go through the link <https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx> at Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division. The details of the programme, guidelines and format for submission of project proposal are also given under call for proposals on the web site of DST.
3. Private Academic Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions and Government Aided Colleges recognized or regulated by UGC/ AICTE – would be considered as Non-Government Organization (NGO) and shall use 'NGO/ VO' option during the process of online submission of proposal.
4. The proposal may be submitted either under **STI Hub for SC Community** or **STI Hub for ST Community** based on the target beneficiaries in the area of project implementation.
5. The call is open to all the Investigators (no restriction on category) fulfilling the above requirements and those mentioned in call document.
6. The investigators who has been selected for further nurturing against the earlier call (July-September 2019) need not apply against this call.
7. The last date for submission of online proposals is **15th October 2020**, after which the link for submission of online proposals will automatically become inactive.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The Proposals received under the call will be initially screened by the Internal Screening Committee/Secretariat of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan.

The investigators of the shortlisted proposals will be called for a presentation before the Expert Committee/Programme Advisory Committee by the end of November 2019. The Officer-in-Charge may be contacted for any queries relating to establishment of STI hubs and Submission of Proposals under the call.

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