



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 2019

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.

1. Agriculture and Food Security
2. Water and Energy
3. Affordable Health Care & Health Security
4. Habitat & Environment
5. Rural Enterprises
6. Information & Communication Technology (ICT)/Internet of Things (IOT)/Artificial Intelligence for Rural Development
7. Any other relevant S&T Interventions aiming at creation of sustainable livelihoods and improving the quality of life of SC/ST Population

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 1982 or Charitable or Religious Act 1920
4. Recognised R&D Labs/Centres

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. Investigators are required to **submit three hard copies** (print out of their online submitted application along with two copies) with the signatures in ink and rubber stamps of the concerned persons/ officials in an envelope super scribed as "Application for STI Hub" along with the TPN No.
6. The last date for submission of online proposals is **31st August 2019**, 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 October 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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