

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
Government of India

INDO- POLAND JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMME

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2019

The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India and Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange – NAWA (Poland), invite proposals for Joint Research projects in bilateral mode involving scientists & technologists from India and Poland.

The DST and the NAWA (hereinafter referred to as the “Implementing Agencies”) hereby invite Indian and Polish scientists/researchers to submit proposals for Joint Research Projects in the following scientific areas :

- i) Natural Sciences
- ii) Engineering and Technology
- iii) Medical and Health Sciences
- iv) Agricultural Sciences

A. Guidelines for Proposal Submission:

1. About Proposals :

- a) Research Projects should be carried out jointly by research teams from both countries.
- b) Each country should have a team with a Team leader. The team leader should be one who holds a full-time position at a University or Research Institution in the respective Country.
- c) The project should be made by the team leader in each country, to the respective Implementing Agency of his/her country, simultaneously. Both Applications shall be identical. Since all projects are joint projects, it is expected that consultations would have been held between relevant counterpart Institutions in the other country prior to the submission of an Application.
- d) It should be in English and shall be in the Form prescribed by the relevant Implementing Agency
- e) The duration of each project should be two years. (*Scientists are advised to submit only one project against this Call.*)
- f) The funding will cover the following expenses in connection with a project up to a limit agreed upon by each Implementing Agency -
 - i. Research expenses / contingency: Limited Expenditure by the project team in their country in respect of consumables will be borne by the respective country.
 - ii. Exchange of visits for research projects : In the event that a research project provides for the exchange of visits by scientists, experts or students -

- The cost of international air travel (up to airport nearest to project location) and overseas medical insurance for a visiting scientist/expert/student shall be borne by the sending Implementing Agency.
- The cost of furnished accommodation, transport and per diem at a mutually agreed rate will be provided by the Receiving Implementing Agency, for the approved duration of the visit.

2. Timeline:

- Launch of call on NAWA and DST websites: **10 June, 2019**
- Project Submission Ends: **14 August, 2019**

3. Submission:

Please note the following important application instructions

- Research projects of two years in duration are eligible for funding.
- Each project application must consist of an Indian and Polish applicant (Principal Investigators) who together have developed a joint project proposal and project budget. The joint project proposal along with all supporting documentation required by each funding organization must be submitted online via <https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx> on Indian side. All documents and forms required for a project application are accessible online.
- The online application will be automatically sent to both DST and NAWA together with all funding organization specific documents submitted as part of the online application process.

An Application shall be rejected if –

- (a) the Applications required to be submitted online and by email and the hard copies thereof are not received by the respective Implementing Agency by the dates set out in paragraph 2 above;
- (b) it is not in the format prescribed by the relevant Implementing Agency; or
- (c) it is incomplete and does not contain the information required to be submitted in terms of the prescribed Form to enable an assessment to be conducted.

An email acknowledging receipt of the application will be provided to the applicant by the receiving Implementing Agency.

Further Information:

To submit a proposal to NAWA:

All documents and forms required for a project application are accessible at <https://programs.nawa.gov.pl>

To submit a proposal to DST:

All documents and forms required for a project application are accessible at www.onlinedst.gov.in

The deadline for the submission of proposals is **14 August, 2019**

- The Indian researchers can download the proposal formats from websites www.dst.gov.in/ www.onlinedst.gov.in and should submit completed application form and all relevant information.
- Proposals must be submitted to DST through the e-application system provided at www.onlinedst.gov.in.
- Indian Applicants are also requested to send the soft copy of the proposal through e-mail to ujjwala@nic.in and three hard copies (1 original + 2 copies) to DST by **14 August, 2019** through proper channel. It should be ensured that application with identical title has been submitted by his / her Polish counterpart to NAWA by due date.
- Proposal submitted only on one side will not be considered.
- Hard copies of proposal should be submitted to the following addresse:

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B. ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS

1. The following procedure will be followed in assessing valid Applications -
 - (a) All valid applications will be submitted for peer review process and shall be referred to an Independent Advisory Panel thereafter for rating in terms of the criteria set out in paragraph (e) below.
 - (b) Applications that attain a positive rating will be eligible to be considered for funding.
 - (c) A Joint Committee comprising representatives of the Implementing Agencies (the "Joint Committee") will, upon a consideration of the rating, determine which proposals will receive funding. Such a decision will also take into account the funding available.
 - (d) Decisions made by the Joint Committee shall be final.
 - (e) Evaluation Criteria:
 Substantive evaluation of applications shall be made in observance of the following criteria
 - Scientific importance of the project covered in the application – 0 to 5 points
 - Proposed research methodology - 0 to 5 points
 - Qualification and experience of both research teams when it comes to the field covered in the project - 0 to 5 points
 - Importance of the established scientific cooperation and prospects for its continuation - 0 to 5 points

Additional criteria:

Points shall be awarded for giving consideration to the priorities, laid down in this call for applications, whereby 1 shall mean that an additional criterion has been met, 0 – an additional criterion has not been met.

- Participation of young scientists – 0 or 1 point
- Possible cooperation with socio-economic partners in the course or as a result of the project – 0 or 1 point

Maximum number of points that can be obtained is **22**.

2. Where an Application is selected for funding support, the respective Implementing Agencies will notify the Team Leader of the project, accordingly.

The following may be contacted for further details and clarifications, if any -

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**For detailed guidelines and application format, please visit
International Cooperation (Bilateral) at
<https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx>**