



DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DST)
(INTERNATIONAL DIVISION)

INDO-BELARUSIAN BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
CALL FOR PROPOSALS – 2010

General Information and Guidelines for Proposals

With a view to intensify interaction and the scientific cooperation between Indian and Belarusian Scientists/Institutions, Department of Science and Technology (DST) for the Government of the Republic of India and the State Committee for Science and Technology for the Government of the Republic of Belarus extend support for joint research projects involving exchange of visits, workshops/conferences, under the Indo-Belarusian Bilateral Scientific Cooperation programme with special emphasis on further academic training and specialisation of scientists/scholars.

ELIGIBILITY / PROJECT PARTICIPANTS AND SUBJECT AREAS:

Faculty, Scientists and Academicians belonging to Universities, Deemed Universities and Research Institutes having permanent positions can apply as Principal Investigator (PI). In order to qualify for such funding, investigators are required to have a concrete and sound research proposal on any of the following areas:

The priority areas for this Call as were mutually agreed are given below:

- Bioinformatics and biotechnology in areas of common relevance to both countries;
- Information and Communication Technology
- Oceanographic research;
- Astronomy, Astrophysics and space science;
- Nanotechnology and nanoscience;
- Energy and renewable energy resources;
- Resource saving and energy effective technologies for manufacturing of competitive products;
- New materials and new sources of energy;
- Technologies of agricultural products manufacturing, processing and warehousing;
- Medicine and pharmacy;
- Ecology and rational nature management.

The following types of proposals shall NOT be considered:

- Already existing collaborative projects where travel and living expenses are financed by some other source;
- Purely individual visits/training programme;

FUNDING:

Grants offered within this call is strictly limited to *participants mobility* (travel costs and daily subsistence allowances) within the framework of well-defined and approved Indo-Belarusian research projects normally of two to three year duration. The sending side shall cover the expenses on international travel (including overseas medical insurance) up to the capital city/city of arrival in the host side both ways. The receiving side shall arrange the in-country travel of the visiting scientists from the capital city/city of arrival to the place of the institute to be visited by appropriate means and living expenses.

The local hospitality terms for visiting scientists in each others' host country are as follows:

For Indian scientists: Paid accommodation and a daily allowance in accordance with the regulations of the Republic of Belarus.

For Belarus scientists: paid accommodation and a daily allowance of Rs.1,000/- per day in case of short term visit (up to 21 days) and Rs. 25,000/- per month in case of long term visit (more than 21 days) towards food and out of pocket allowances.

The mutual visits of the scientists must be balanced in number from each side spread over entire duration of a project.

PROJECT DURATION:

Support to the project will be granted for a maximum duration of 3 years. The sanctioned visits (i.e. maximum 6 from each side) will have to be completed within the duration of the 3 years. Request for extension of the project shall normally **NOT** be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Joint research projects in the prescribed format (*Annexure-A*), duly forwarded by the Head of the Institutions are to be submitted simultaneously, by the Indian Project Leader to the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi and, by the Belarusian Project Leader to the State Committee of Science and Technology, Belarus. Applications received by both the agencies *with all necessary documents shall only be considered*.

Date of opening of the Joint Call:

November 01, 2010

The last date for receipt of applications is December 31, 2010. Applications received after last date will not be entertained.

An internal evaluation procedure will be followed in each country after the last date of receipt of the proposals i.e December 31, 2010. The final selection of the proposals will be made in by the Joint Committee, which will take into consideration the evaluation from both sides. Projects as recommended by the Joint Committee will only be co-financed by the Indian and Belarusian Authorities to be implemented under the Indo-Belarusian Programme of cooperation for the period 2007 - 2010.

4 copies of the identical project document duly forwarded may be submitted to the respective sides as indicated below:

- i) Belarus project investigators would send 5 copies to Mr. Konstantin V. Maerovich, Deputy Head, International S&T Cooperation Department, The State Committee of Science and Technology of the Republic of Belarus, 1, Akademicheskaya Str., Minsk1, 220072, Republic of Belarus, Tel.: +375 (17) 294-92-74 / Fax+375 (17) 284-07-51, e-mail:omnts5@gknt.org.by; and*
- ii) Indian project investigators are required to send the project document (5 copies) to: Dr. Jagdish Chander, Scientist - F, International Division (Room No 15, Admn. Block) Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi - 110 016, along with a softcopy (single file in ms-word or pdf format) as email attachment at Email: jchander@nic.in**