



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

INDO-SLOVENIAN BILATERAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

General Information and Guidelines for Proposals

With a view to intensifying interaction and the scientific cooperation between Indian and Slovenian Scientists/Institutions, Department of Science and Technology (DST) of India and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST) and the Slovenian Research Agency extend support for joint research projects involving exchange of visits under the Indo-Slovenian 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:

- Health and Biomedical science
- Metal Sciences and New Materials
- Polymer Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Electronics
- Alternate Renewable Energy Sources, including Solar Energy
- Food Technology

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 will be offered towards travel and living costs, (normally upto 2 visits per year from each side) within the framework of well-defined and approved Indo-Slovenian research projects. 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 countries are as follows:

For Indian scientists: paid accommodation in the House of Postgraduates (http://www.dpl.si/index_eng.html) + daily allowance in accordance with the Slovenian regulations on reimbursement of travel expenses (currently 21, 39 €), regardless of short/long visit

For Slovenian scientists: paid accommodation and an 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 (upto 6 visits from each side spread over entire duration of the 3 year project) and should in general, be only for a short duration of time. Each participant from either side would be allowed to avail only one visit per year of the 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 NOT be considered.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Joint research projects in the prescribed format, 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 Slovenian Project Leader to the Slovenian Research Agency, Slovenia. Applications received by both the agencies with all necessary documents shall only be considered.

The last date for receipt of applications is June 01, 2009. Applications received after last date will not be entertained.

The project leaders are required to submit the identical project document to their respective Government organisations i.e. the Slovenian project leaders would send 2 copies to the Slovenian Research Agency, Tivolska cesta 30, SI-1000 Ljubljana (contact person for information: Ms. Fani Rozic-Novak, phone +386 1 400 5950, e-mail: fani.rozic-novak@arrs.si and as an E-mail attachment to E-Mail: razpis-indija10-12@arrs.si. and the Indian project leaders are required to send the project document (8 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