



**INDIA – AUSTRIA  
SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL  
CO-OPERATION  
(2011 – 2012)**

BMWF<sup>a</sup>

Department of  
Science and  
Technology

**CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS**

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**CLOSING DATE : JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2010**

The programme for Scientific and Technological Co-operation is supported by the Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF) on the Austrian part and by the Indian Department of Science & Technology (DST) of Ministry of Science & Technology on the Indian part. The aim is to intensify the scientific co-operation between the two countries through promotion and support of mobility of scientists in the framework of bilateral scientific co-operation projects.

Under the framework of this Programme, joint research project proposals between Indian and Austrian scientists / researchers, are invited by the indicated closing date.

**Eligibility of Applicants**

**India :**

The Principal Investigator (PI) and other investigators in India should be Scientists/faculty members working in regular capacity in UGC recognized Universities/ Deemed Universities, Academic Institutes and National Research & Development Laboratories/ Institutes. The Indian PI should not be retiring or leaving the parent institute during the proposed duration of the project.

**Austria :**

Researcher at universities, universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen) and other public scientific and research institutions within the scope of responsibility of the BMWF on the Austrian part.

**Priority is given** to projects that fulfill the following criteria:

- **Participation of young researchers** (up to 35 years of age) on the Austrian part;
- **Participation and/or application of female researchers** on the Austrian part;
- **Prospect of expanding** the bilateral co-operation projects towards multilateral project co-operations (especially within the research programmes of the EU);
- **New Co-operations** who haven't been supported by now.

**Areas for Cooperation**

All fields of natural / engineering sciences and technology (except social and behavioural sciences)

**Duration of the Project :** 2 years (January 1st, 2011 to December 31st, 2012)

## Type of Funding Available

It is expected that basic funding for other expenditure (project manpower, equipment, consumables etc.) is already available with the project implementing Scientists/ Institutions from other sources. Only exchange visits of project team members are supported under this call as mentioned below:

### In Austria:

**Travel costs of Austrian** are covered by the home country, **living cost of Indian scientists** are covered by the host country. On Austrian side each project can apply for **max. EUR 3.000,- per year**

**Rates have been fixed as follows (including accommodation costs):**

- Daily rate for Indian visiting researchers: **EUR 73 per day** for short trips to Austria up to 10 days
- Monthly rates for longer stays of up to 3 months: **EUR 940 per month** for students and graduates up to 30 years; **EUR 1040 per month** for graduates from 30 years to 35 years; **EUR 1200 per month** for researchers over 35 years.

### In India:

**Travel costs of Indian scientists** are covered by the home country. **Living costs of Austrian Scientists as follows.**

The Austrian scientists visiting India within the framework of approved projects would be provided accommodation in a guest house or a hotel with reasonable facilities and transport for airport transfers. In addition they would be provided a per diem towards meals and out of pocket expenses : Rs. 1,000/- per day for short-term stays of up to 10 days and Rs. 20,000/- per month for stays of up to a 3 months

## How to apply

For each project a project leader/ Principal Investigator (PI) has to be nominated both in Austria and in India. Both project leaders have to **prepare a joint project application** and submit in their respective countries **in English or in national language. One-sided submissions can not be considered!**

### Austria:

On Austrian side **the entire project proposal submitted in original plus one electronic copy via email** have to be submitted:

Application form

Curricula vitae et studiorum of all Austrian project participants

list of relevant publications in the past 2 years

Project description including the methods section (3 to 5 A4 pages)

brief description of the partner institute

### India :

**Application forms for Indian applicants** may be downloaded from the websites [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) or [www.stic-dst.org](http://www.stic-dst.org). One original and five hard copies of project proposals are to be submitted in the prescribed format through designated authority of the Institute/University/Laboratory of the applicant.

## **Project selection**

Project proposals that meet formal application requirements will be evaluated in both countries separately by national experts, paying special attention to the following **assessment criteria**:

- scientific relevance of the intended research project;
- adequacy of the scientific method presented;
- qualification of the applicant and the project teams;
- Added value of the bi-/tri-/multilateral implementation of the research project (e.g. synergies);
- Potential for further or future international cooperation (in particular research programs of the EU) on Austrian side;
- Participation of young scientists (up to 35 years);
- participation and/or submission of applications from female researchers on the Austrian side.

Project applicants will be notified about approvals or rejections after the meeting of the Austrian-Indian Joint Committee in September 2010.

## **Office for submission of applications**

### **In Austria:**

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