

India-UK Collaborative Industrial R&D Programme

Funding Support (Grant) for challenging, collaborative and business-led R&D Projects between India and the UK, leading to commercialisation.

RFP Opening Date

November 21, 2014

Registration Date

April 8, 2015*

*Compulsory for Applying

RFP Closing Date

April 15, 2015

Indian
Implementation Agency



Indian
Funding Ministry/Department



UK Funding Ministry/Department - UK Implementing Agency

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Eligible Technology Sector

This Request For Proposal (RFP) is open to R&D proposals aimed at tackling grand societal challenges with a route to future commercial success for the Indian and UK partners involved. For this RFP/ Competition the areas of focus are:

- Cleantech Energy
- Affordable Healthcare
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Use of Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in any of the above focus areas.



Project Funding Support

In India

Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, will fund the awarded Indian projects through GITA. The awarded projects will have at least 50% industry R&D component.

- Total project funding as Grant to Indian applicants is a maximum of INR 150 Lakhs per project.
- Indian industry share can range from INR 100 Lakhs minimum to INR 125 Lakhs maximum, if partnering with Indian R&D organisation/ academic institution.
- Indian R&D organisation/ academic institution share can range from INR 25 Lakhs minimum to INR 50 Lakhs maximum Indian industry may receive up to 50% of their part of the eligible cost on a reimbursement basis for costs already incurred on a proportionate basis at quarterly intervals.
- Indian R&D organisation/ academic institution may receive up to 100% of their costs (within applicable range specified above and as per proposal) on a reimbursement basis for costs already incurred on a proportionate basis at quarterly intervals.

In the UK

- Industry partners may receive grant up to 50% and research organisations up to 100% (80% Full Economic Cost for UK HEI's) of their part of the eligible cost on a reimbursement basis.
- Total eligible industry cost for the UK project work must be at least 70% of the total UK eligible project cost.
- The total grant for UK industry partners must be at least 50% of the total UK grant requested for the project.
- The UK funding element will be part of the Newton-Bhabha Fund and therefore UK business and academic involvement must be able to demonstrate that there is economic and societal benefit to India.



Who Can Apply?

Applicants from India

Eligible Indian applicants must be researchers or managers of companies that operate and are headquartered in India. Academic institutions, research hospitals, other R&D institutes (including not-for-profit research institutes recognized by DST/GITA) that are headquartered and operate in India are encouraged to participate in the projects as co-investigators/partners.

Specific criteria for eligible applicants are as follows:

- The Indian Project Lead (IPL) company applying for the project must be incorporated in India under the Companies Act 1956.
- The company must be at least 51% owned by Indian citizens over the total duration of the project.
- The IPL should have the required expertise and team capacity to manage the proposed project.

Please note

- Indian companies must be registered corporations in India under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and maintain a minimum of 51% Indian ownership.
- Sole proprietors and partnership firms shall not be eligible for support under this programme.
- Companies headquartered and owned outside India and their subsidiaries in India, or vice versa, are not eligible to receive funding from DST/GITA under this programme.

Preferences would be given to

- Indian companies having partnership with Government funded Indian academic and R&D institutions.
- Indian companies having in-house R&D Centre which is recognized by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India. For details, please refer to <http://www.dsir.gov.in/forms/irdpp/Application%20for%20R&D.pdf>.
- Companies that fall under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) category, as defined by the Government of India. For definition of MSME, please refer to http://www.dcmsme.gov.in/ssiindia/defination_msme.htm.

Applicants from UK

Eligible UK applicants are UK companies of any size, based and operating in the UK. Academic institutions, other research organizations, public sector bodies and charities undertaking research activity in the UK are also eligible to participate but cannot lead the UK side of the project.



Types of Projects to be Supported

- Joint Technology Development leading to pre-commercialization prototype development, wherever applicable.
- Projects should be innovative, user-need based and market-driven, leading to new product or process and eventual commercialization.



Selection Criteria

- The project idea to be supported should be innovative aiming to lead to a new product, process or service with clear commercial potential and, where appropriate, the generation of new IP.
- The project should have two lead companies, one from each respective country, with a desire to collaborate in R&D activities.
- The project should be up to 2 years in duration.
- The project must show equivalent effort of R&D activities and resources both in India and the UK.



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