



## **INDIA - CANADA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION**

### **Joint Call for Proposals for Partnership Development Activities**

Under the India-Canada Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation, the two governments have agreed to foster joint activities aimed at generating new or expanded research and technology-based partnerships between the two countries (termed as Partnership Development Activities, PDA).

#### **1. Implementation Organizations**

The Partnership Development Activities are jointly implemented on the Indian side by the Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA), on behalf of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and on the Canadian side by International Science & Technology Partnerships Canada Inc. (ISTP Canada), incorporated in Canada.

#### **2. Nature of Activities**

Bilateral *Partnership Development Activities* (PDAs) aim to generate new or expand existing research and technology-based partnerships between two countries. PDAs may take the form of scientific seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops, as well as other joint initiatives that involve exchanges amongst scientists, technical experts and academics. They bring together researchers, developers, industry leaders, subject matter experts and other stakeholders from a minimum of two jurisdictions to explore novel models of R&D collaboration, and innovative ways to work cooperatively on new technology advancements or solutions to the existing problems. They aim to help participants (from companies, universities and innovation agencies) become more competitive by developing global research-based alliances with the potential to foster increased or expanded international R&D collaboration. Applicants are required to review complete PDA guidelines before developing and submitting a proposal.

GITA and ISTPCanada have identified the following priority areas for this PDA Call for Proposals:

1. Alternate Energy and Sustainable Environmental Technologies
2. Earth Science and Disaster Management
3. Information and Communications Technologies
4. Aerospace and Photonics
5. Nanoscience/Nanotechnology (as applied to the sectors listed above)

### **3. Eligibility**

#### **Indian Applicants**

Researchers and managers representing Indian academic institutions, research hospitals, companies (under Indian Companies Act, 1956), or other institutes which operate and are headquartered in India. Subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside India are not eligible for support.

#### **Canadian Applicants**

Researchers and managers representing Canadian companies, academic institutions, research hospitals, other institutes or associations which operate and are headquartered in Canada. Subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside Canada are normally not eligible for support. However, recognizing that the overriding consideration is "benefit to Canada", an exception can occur if ISTPCanada is satisfied that clear economic benefit will accrue to Canada.

Agencies of the Crown (including Crown corporations, government institutes, government laboratories, etc.) may be participants of ISTPCanada-funded Activities but are not eligible as recipients of ISTPCanada funding.

### **4. Requirements**

- Proposed Partnership Development Activities must include participants from both countries
- Applications will be strengthened by inclusion of participants both from academia and industry.
- Activities should provide the opportunity for young researchers to participate.
- Proposals should identify the objectives of the activity and how the activity fits into the applicants' strategic plans for collaboration with the partner country.
- Participation from countries other than India and Canada will also be allowed

### **5. Support Funds and Matching Funding**

Funding support will be given to participants by their own Implementing Organization in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

Each Implementing Organization (GITA and ISTPCanada) will limit its contribution to the level of CDN\$25,000 or equivalent Indian Rupees per activity. For Indian participants, GITA may provide up to 100% of the eligible costs only to public funded institutions. In Canada, participants can receive up to 50% of the eligible costs of their national component.

### **6. Application Submission**

The Indian and Canadian PDA leads are required to simultaneously submit a joint PDA application to the program delivery agency in their jurisdiction in an official working language. Each application must be signed by an official who is legally responsible for

the PDA and endorsed by the chief executive or leader of the applicant organization or institute. Electronic signatures will be accepted on applications submitted to GITA and ISTPCanada.

Applicants are required to review the complete [Application Guidelines For Partnership Development Activities](#) to acquire important information on application development.

Applicant must use the [Application Template](#) associated with this call to submit their proposal. Proposals that are not submitted in the prescribed template format will not be accepted.

This is a standing Joint Call for Proposals. Applications are processed and evaluated in batches every 6 to 8 weeks and the evaluation process will take an extra 4 to 6 weeks.

Indian and Canadian PDA leads are required to simultaneously submit applications via email by **August 2nd, 2010, 12 midnight EST** to be considered for 2010-2011 fiscal year activities.

- Indian applications must be submitted to GITA at: [pc-canada@gita.org.in](mailto:pc-canada@gita.org.in)
- Canadian applications must be submitted to ISTPCanada at: [cfp\\_india@ISTPCanada.ca](mailto:cfp_india@ISTPCanada.ca) (Note: email address is “cfp\_india”)

**GITA and ISTPCanada will acknowledge all applications within five working days of receipt.**

## **7. CFP Information Sessions**

All Indian and Canadian applicants are encouraged to participate in one of the following CFP information sessions to be organized and hosted via teleconference by GITA and ISTPCanada.

- June 23, 2010 – 10:00 AM EST / 7:30 PM IST
- July 21, 2010 – 10:00 AM EST / 7:30 PM IST

Advanced registration is required for all information sessions. To register, please provide your name, title, organization, email address and phone number, along with the date and time of the session you would like to attend, via email to: [pc-canada@gita.org.in](mailto:pc-canada@gita.org.in) and [cfp\\_india@ISTPCanada.ca](mailto:cfp_india@ISTPCanada.ca)

## **8. Important Dates**

<b>Release of PDA Call for Proposals:</b>	June 11, 2010
<b>PDA Information Sessions:</b>	Please reference section 7
<b>PDA Application Deadline:</b>	August 2nd, 2010
<b>Announcement of PDA Funding Decisions:</b>	September 15, 2010
<b>Signature of Funding Agreements:</b>	One month prior to the PDA
<b>Sanction Letters (India):</b>	September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
<b>Completion of all PDAs:</b>	Feb 15th, 2011
<b>Deadline for Final PDA Reports and expense claim Submission:</b>	One month after the event date

## **9. Evaluation and Selection of PDAs**

To ensure the effective delivery of the CFP and reinforce the principles of bilateral partnership, GITA and ISTPCanada will conduct a parallel but independent review of all applications. Together, these program delivery agencies will make a joint decision on selected PDA proposals.

### **For further information contact:**

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