



INDIA - CANADA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

Joint Call for Proposals for Collaborative R&D Projects –October 2007

Under the India–Canada Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement, the two governments have agreed to foster joint research and development projects (R&D).

This bi-lateral R&D program is jointly implemented in India by the Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA), a non-governmental organization, engaged by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and in Canada by ISTP Canada Inc., incorporated in Canada.

This call is open to all projects that include science and technology (S&T) development leading to commercial success, social good and benefit to both countries. There is however an initial specific emphasis on following technology areas:

- Alternate Energy and Sustainable Environmental Technologies
- Biotechnology, Health Research and Medical Devices
- Earth Sciences and Disaster Management
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Nanoscience/Nanotechnology.

1. Requirements

The criteria to be followed in order to apply to the present call are:

- a) The proposed R&D project must include participants from India and Canada
- b) At least one industry participant from each of the countries.
- c) The project should be innovative aiming to lead to a new product or process with clear commercial potential.
- d) The project partners should agree in advance on the IP rights and on the commercialization strategy of the product or process.
- e) The application will be strengthened by the participation of academic and institutional researchers and by including young researcher exchanges as a component of the R&D program.

Any partner whose cooperative R&D project is consistent with the aforesaid criteria can apply to the present Call in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.

2. Eligibility

Indian Applicants

Researchers and managers representing Indian academic institutions, research hospitals, companies, 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

3. **Size of the Investment and Matching Funds**

- a) Funding support will be given to each partner by its own Implementing Organisation (GITA in India and ISTPCanada in Canada) in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect.
- b) Funding Details :

In Canada

- Whereas the proportion of Indian cost may vary from the Canadian cost (and vice versa) in the total project cost, funding will be limited to 50% of the eligible national cost with a limit of \$600,000 Cdn on the Canadian side.
- Canadian companies receiving ISTPCanada contribution will be required to repay the contribution upon successful completion of the project
- Canadian academia part of the project funding will be given as a non repayable grant

In India

- While retaining the financial ceiling similar to Canada per project, public funded academic and research organisation applicants may receive grants up to 100%
 - Industry may receive up to 50% of the eligible national cost of way of soft loan repayable upon successful completion of the project
- c) Four to five projects are expected to be funded against each CFP, depending upon the quality of the proposals received and requested funding level by the successful proposals.

4. **Submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) and Project Proposal**

A two stage application process will be followed; first an EOI followed by a full application. EOI must be e-mailed to pc-canada@gita.org.in on the Indian side and cfp-india@ISTPCanada.ca on the Canadian side on or before **November 26, 2007**. **Acknowledgement will be sent within 2 working days.**

Second, a joint project application must be sent simultaneously to GITA and ISTP Canada in an appropriate official language before **January 16, 2008**. The proposal must be signed by the person responsible for the project. Please refer to [Quick Facts](#)

[for Applicants and Guidelines for Application](#) document for more details on an EOI and the application preparation.

The Indian partner is required to submit 10 hard copies and a CD of the completed and signed proposal in the prescribed format to:

Programme Coordinator – Canada, Global Innovation & Technology Alliance, India Habitat Centre, Core-4A, 4th Floor, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003.

The Canadian partner is required to submit 3 hard copies and an electronic version on a CD of the completed and signed proposal in the prescribed format to:

ISTP Canada, 371 A Richmond Road, Suite 4, Ottawa, ON, Canada, K2A 0E7

5. Evaluation and Selection of the Projects

GITA and ISTPCanada will carry out parallel but independent evaluation of the joint R&D application. The successful projects will be jointly selected by the two implementing organizations based on the project criteria and requirements specified in the application form.

6. Publication of the Results

The Indian and Canadian partners whose projects have been selected will be informed of the result and the amount of funding for the successful projects by their respective implementing organization. The list of selected projects will be published on the GITA websites and ISTPCanada.

7. Pre-implementation requirements

After the award of the project, project leaders on both the sides would be advised by their respective Implementation Organizations to complete necessary administrative and legal instruments before the fund release.

For further information contact:

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