

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (India)
&
MAX PLANCK SOCIETY (Germany)

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in Oct 2004, the Department of Science & Technology (Govt. of India) and Max Planck Society (Germany) invites applications/ proposals for –

- (i) Max Planck Partner Group (PG) at Indian Partner Institutions (IPI)
- (ii) Max-Planck India Fellowships

A. Max Planck Partner Groups at Indian Partner Institutions

ELIGIBILITY-

1. The programme for Max Planck Partner Groups is open to all Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and all research institutions in India. Candidates for the Head of a Partner Group can apply directly to DST and Directors of MPI can nominate candidates to MPG.
2. The criteria to qualify for the position of Head of Partner Group are as follows:
 - ❖ Max Planck Partner Groups can be established at an IPI when a young scientist (Post-doc, max age 39 years as on 1st January 2011) of proven excellence - after a minimum stay of 12 months (as on date of submission of the application) at a MPI - returns to a high-performance and appropriately equipped laboratory at an IPI and continues to work on a topic that also enjoys priority at the previous host institute (i.e. MPI). Partner Groups therefore enable both the MPI and the Head of the Partner Group based at an IPI to continue a sustained scientific interaction.
3. The following documents must be submitted:
 - ❖ Detailed letter of reference (laudation) from the Director of MPI where the candidate has spent minimum 12 months; list of publications; curriculum vitae;
 - ❖ three independent reviews, at least one of which will come from outside Germany and India;
 - ❖ a project description which will also specifically elaborate on the intended bilateral cooperation;
 - ❖ letter of intent by the Director of the IPI at which the Partner Group will be based declaring that IPI agrees to hosting a Partner Group;
 - ❖ two separate macro-budgets for DST and MPG budgets.

FUNDING-

1. MPG will allocate up to 20,000 EURO p.a. for up to 5 years (initially for 3 year's duration) for Partner Groups established at IPI. Funding provided by MPG will be allocated through the MPI towards the IPI according to standard MPG rules for Partner Groups.

Funding provided by MPG towards the Max Planck Partner Group will be governed by a bilateral standardized agreement between MPI and IPI. MPI will only take responsibility for the funding provided by MPG. DST shall provide funding (max of equivalent rupee amount of 20000 Euro/year) for matching the research activities, based on the budget projections made in the proposal (Part-II, Item 7 of the format) and recommendation of the project Advisory Committee (PAC) of DST. DST funding shall be released to Director of the Indian Institute where the IPI will be hosted under a separate sanction order subject to receipt of MPG funds by the Indian Institute hosting the partner group.

2. Financial accounts for the funding provided by MPG will be reported on an annual basis by the Head of the Partner Group through the IPI to MPI and copy sent to DST. Financial accounts for the funding provided by DST will be reported on an Indian financial year basis by the Head of the Partner Group through the IPI to DST and copy sent to MPI.
3. The Head of the Partner Group shall, as far as possible, ensure that the funds received from MPG and DST will be utilized for the purpose of creating MPI like facilities at their respective institutes.
4. The Budget of a Partner Group should not be used towards salary increments of scientists in a regular position.
5. The portion of the budget of the Partner Group allocated towards mobility shall, as a rule, not exceed 25% p.a. Exceeding this limit requires prior approval by
 - MPI for the budget provided through MPG
 - DST authorities for the budget provided through DST.
6. Generally mobility expenses (travel, accommodation, per diem) for senior scientists from Germany (MPI) should not be covered from the budget of the Partner Group. Rather, mobility expenses (within the limits as per no. 5 above), shall be directed at junior scientists from Germany to India and scientists from India to Germany.
7. The Partner Group must operate economically. It is therefore to be ensured that international air travel between Germany and India is undertaken by lowest economy class and that expenses on local stay for Indian scientists going to Germany and for German scientists visiting the Partner Group in India will be covered in an appropriate and reasonable range.
8. The format for submitting applications for IPI is at Part-I and Part-II of **Annexure-I**

B. Max Planck Visiting Fellowships for Indian Scientists

1. Candidates for Max Planck Visiting Fellowships for Indian Scientists will be officially designated by MPG and DST. To this extent the Fellowship Holder will receive one official letter/document of nomination each from DST and MPG. Each of these letters/documents of nomination will make reference to the programme of cooperation, the MoU and MPG/DST respectively.
2. The programme “Max Planck Visiting Fellowships for Indian Scientists” will be open to all Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and all research institutions in India. Candidates for

Fellowship can apply directly to DST and Directors of MPI nominate candidates to MPG.

3. The criteria to qualify for a Max Planck Visiting Fellowship are as follows:

Max Planck Visiting Fellowships are awarded to scientifically outstanding, promising and talented young Indian scientists not older than 35 years as on 1st January 2011. Candidates must hold a doctors degree and have a proven research record and profile. For the candidate to have previously visited at an MPI is an asset, not a pre-requisite.

4. The following documents must be submitted:

- ❖ Detailed letter of reference (laudation) on the candidate by the Director of MPI; curriculum vitae; list of publications; project description; an outline by the candidate on the intended cooperation with the MPI and a statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to spend minimum 1 month p.a. at the MPI;
- ❖ Letter of intent from the Director Indian institute to which the candidate is affiliated.

5. Fellowship Holders will receive from MPG/MPI a sum of 3,000 EURO p.a. for up to four years. Fellowship Holders have the right to visit at a MPI for up to two months a year. A minimum one month's visit per year is obligatory. Travel expenses for this purpose are covered from the fellowship. Aside from these requirements, the Fellowship Holder is free to decide on the use of funds within the given framework and for all purposes in connection with the ongoing cooperation with the MPI (e.g. participation in international workshops, financing travel of co-workers to the MPI etc.). DST will provide one return economy-excursion air fare ticket p.a. to the candidate for a round trip to Germany.
6. Funding provided by MPG will be allocated through the host MPI according to standard MPG rules and under the provision that they are to be used exclusively according to the terms a set forth. Only the Fellowship Holder himself/herself will have access to the funds through the MPI. MPI will only take responsibility for the funding provided by MPG. Funding provided by DST will be allocated according to standard DST rules. Expenditures by the Fellowship Holder will be duly reported to MPI and DST.
7. Candidates for MPG Visiting Fellowship must be affiliated to an Indian research institution at the time of application as well at the time of availing the fellowship. In case the fellowship holder moves out of India during the 4-year granting period, the DST's support shall be terminated as soon as the candidates leaves his/ her Indian institution while MPG support can be continued and will be decided on a case by case basis.
8. The format for submitting application under DST-MPG Fellowship is placed at Part-III of the Annexure-I

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications are to be submitted in parallel to DST and MPG in the format attached. One original set and four copies by the candidate for the Head of a Partner Group to DST and one set by the Director of the MPI nominating a candidate to MPG.

The last date for submission of applications for is **2nd September 2010**. The applicants are required to send only one original hard copy of the complete application to:

Mr. R K Sharma, Scientist-C,
International Division,
Department of Science and Technology,
Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110 016 along with a soft copy in a SINGLE file (ms-word or pdf format) as email attachment to sharma_rk@nic.in

and; one set of application to:

Mr. Michael Nagel,
Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Referat für Internationale Beziehungen,
Division of International Relations, Hofgartenstr. 8, D-80539
München, Germany
(email- nagel@gv.mpg.de)

Note: Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected. Please ensure to send only fully completed applications containing all documents and information asked for. Advance copy or any Supplementary information/ documents shall not be accepted after submission of the formal application.

**APPLICATION FOR
DST- Max Planck Partner Groups / DST-MPG Fellowship**

PART –I

1. Research topics/ title:
2. Field of research:
(broad subject area)
3. Full address of the applicant:

Address & communication facility	Indian applicant	MPI counterpart
Name, designation and Institute		
Tele phone: (O) (R)		
Telefax:		
E-mail address:		

INSTITUTION ENDORSEMENT:

Certified that all necessary administrative support will be extended to support activities under DST-MPG Partner Group / DST-MPG Fellowship

Indian Institution:

Name:
Position:
Signature:
Date:

Max Planck INSTITUTE:

Name:
Position:
Signature:
Date:

PART-II

1. Scientific objectives and individual components of the-Partner Group: (max. ½ page)
2. Current state of the research (max. 1 pages)
3. Preliminary activities (max. 1 page)
4. Detailed description of the Indo-German co-operation (max ½ page)
5. List of important publications of the candidate for Head of the Partner Group , (please do not send copies of the publications themselves or lists detailing all publications of the group)
6. Three independent reviews (at least one of which should from outside Germany and India)
7. Budget* outline (for 1st year of operation)

Item(s)	MPI Budget (in Euros)	DST Budget (INR)	Remarks
A. Salaries JRF/SRF, Personnel, Scholarships / Student man- power			
B. Exchange of Scientists i. German Scientists to India ii. Indian Scientists to Germany			
C. Workshops, Symposia and other international meetings			
D. Operations Cost, Materials, Equipment i. Internal Travel Expenses ii. Books and Publications iii. Computer time and services iv. Small appliances v. Laboratory supplies, spare parts Maintenance, installations			
E. Other (specify)			

*Kindly provide detailed break-up of the budget sought under DST component of funds along with quotations for the equipments/ consumables etc, if asked for.

Date

Signature

Part-III

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR MAX PLANCK VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

Documents to be submitted

The following documents must be submitted, both by the Director of a MPI nominating a candidate to MPG and by candidates for the Visiting Fellowships applying directly to DST:

1. Detailed letter of reference (laudation) from the Director of MPI
2. List of publications
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Project description
5. An outline by the candidate on the intended cooperation with the MPI and a statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to spend minimum 1 month p.a. at the MPI
6. Letter of intent from the Director IPI to which the candidate is affiliated supporting the nomination and accepting the conditions as set forth.
7. Cover Page (as above at Part-I)

Note: Please ensure to send only fully completed applications containing all documents under points 1-7 above. Advance copies of the application or any supplementary information/ documents shall not be considered in any case after submission of the application.