



Department of
Science and
Technology

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

BMWF^a

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

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CLOSING DATE : JULY 9TH 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 or 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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