



Indo Swiss Joint Research Programme

PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (PEP)

CALL TEXT

Description	<p>With a view to intensifying interaction and the scientific cooperation between Indian and Swiss scientists / institutions, the Indo Swiss Joint Research Programme (ISJRP) extends support for exchange of visits under this project based Personnel Exchange Programme (PEP), with a special emphasis on further academic training and development of young scholars.</p> <p>PEP grants aim at connecting ongoing research projects in the two countries. Funding will therefore only be offered for travel and living costs. It is expected that all other costs for the exchange projects will be already available to both sides from other sources.</p> <p>PEP grants should include several young researchers and scientists from each side. A concrete and sound research plan is required.</p> <p>The following types of proposals shall not be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants who have an existing collaborative project which already covers travel and living expenses;• Purely individual visits / training programme;• Organisation of Seminars / Workshops or participation in a Conference / Congress.
Priority research areas	All science & technology disciplines (NO social sciences & humanities)
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To intensify interaction and scientific cooperation between Indian and Swiss scientists / institutions• To connect existing but separately funded research projects in India and Switzerland• To enhance academic training and development of young scholars
Project duration	Up to 24 months (maximum of 4 visits from each side per project duration)
Eligibility	<p>Scientists with an appointment as a faculty member at an eligible Swiss/Indian institution can apply as Principal Investigator (PI). The appointment of the PI must last at least until the end of the project. Additionally to the PIs, the PEP project should include at least one PhD student or postdoctoral scientist on each side. The total number of participants on each side should not exceed three.</p> <p>Eligible institutions in India: Universities, Publicly Funded Research Institutes and Labs and educational /academic Research Institutes.</p>

	<p>Eligible institutions in Switzerland: Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology, Cantonal Universities, Federal and Cantonal Research Institutions, Universities of Applied Sciences, other Research Institutions eligible for receiving federal funding</p>
<p>Grant information</p>	<p>Travel and living costs for up to 4 visits from each side spread over the project duration of 2 years can be requested. Other project related costs (e.g. consumables, bench fees, staff costs, equipment, etc.) shall not be covered under this programme.</p> <p>In principle, the costs will be split as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The visiting side pays for international travel related expenses • The hosting side pays for accommodation and living costs of the visiting scientist <p>For more detailed information about the organization of visits and guidelines for daily allowances under the ISJRP, please consult the annex or the guidelines on: http://indo-swiss.epfl.ch/guidelines.</p> <p>Number and duration of the visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits of up to 30 days for senior scientists and visits of up to 90 days for young scientists (PhD, post doctoral students) will be supported. • A participant from either side will be allowed only one visit per year of the project. • The visits should be reciprocal and balanced in number and duration between India and Switzerland.
<p>Submission</p>	<p>Applications must be prepared <u>jointly</u> by the Swiss and Indian scientists and <u>must be submitted in Switzerland and India simultaneously</u>.</p> <p>Application forms can be downloaded either from: http://indo-swiss.epfl.ch/opencalls or from the DST website: http://www.dst.gov.in under “what’s new” column</p> <p>Submission in Switzerland: Swiss applicants send the original of the completed joint application form, along with an electronic version, to the Swiss Program Office at EPFL:</p> <p>Ms. Ursina Roder Cooperation & Development Center EPFL - CODEV - Station 10 CH-1015 Lausanne, Switzerland Email: ursina.roder@epfl.ch</p> <p>The printed copy must be signed by the Swiss PI (written signature) and the Indian PI (electronic signature).</p> <p>Submission in India: Indian applicants send only ONE original copy of the completed joint application form, along with an electronic copy in a single soft file in ms-word or pdf format as an email attachment, to:</p> <p>Mr. R.K. Sharma Senior Scientific Officer International Division Dept. of Science and Technology</p>

	<p>New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi - 110 016 Email: sharma_rk@nic.in</p> <p>The original copy must be signed by the Indian PI and Head of the Institute/University (written signature) and the Swiss applicants (electronic signature).</p>
Application deadline	<p>Completed joint applications must be submitted to EPFL and DST not later than 15.02.2012. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.</p>
Evaluation and selection	<p>Joint applications will be evaluated independently in Switzerland and India. In Switzerland, applications will be considered by EPFL and UNIL (if budget < CHF 10,000) or by the Swiss Steering Committee (if budget > CHF 10,000) on the basis of recommendations made by Advisory Board members and/or a panel of experts proposed by these Advisory Board members. In India, applications will be considered by DST.</p> <p>Evaluation criteria: (not listed in the order of priority)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added value of the visits for ongoing research on both sides • Scientific and technological merit of the proposed exchange activities and of the anticipated outcomes • Feasibility of proposed approach • Expertise and complementarities of the two laboratories/institutes • Qualifications and experience of applicants • Opportunities for training and development of young researchers • Benefits of the proposed activities for the establishment of research partnerships and institutional links between Switzerland and India • Potential for follow-on collaborative activities <p>Swiss applicants will be notified by EPFL, Indian applicants by DST. The results are intended to be announced in June 2012. The earliest likely project start is July 2012.</p>
Reporting	<p>Grant recipients will have to submit a scientific and financial report after each year of the project.</p>
Contact	<p>For questions, please contact:</p> <p>In Switzerland Ms. Ursina Roder (Tel.: 021 693 14 86, email: ursina.roder@epfl.ch)</p> <p>In India Mr. R.K. Sharma (Tel: 011-26590244, email: sharma_rk@nic.in)</p>

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC VISITS AND RESEARCH TRAININGS

General Rules for Exchange Visits under ISJRP

- 1) The visiting side pays for the international travel, including transfer from/to the airport in the hosting country
- 2) The hosting side
 - arranges for adequate accommodations for the other party's exchanged or assigned personnel;
 - pays for the accommodation and living expenses of the other party's exchanged or assigned personnel;
 - pays for additional in-country travels of the other party's exchanged or assigned personnel provided that these travels are connected with the joint project.
- 3) Each principal investigator is responsible for the salaries and insurances to be paid to its exchanged or assigned personnel. The insurances should cover health, workplace and non-workplace accidents. Please note, that ISJRP will not cover any costs caused by illness or accidents.

A) Visits of Indian scientists to Swiss institutions

Procedures	
Steps to be followed	Who
Specify aim and duration of visit	Swiss & Indian partners
Inform the Swiss Programme Management about the visit.	Swiss partner
Issue letter of invitation for the Indian scientist.	Swiss Programme Management
Apply for permission of entry (through institution).	Swiss partner
Apply for a visa at the Swiss Consulate in Mumbai or at the Embassy of Switzerland in Delhi.	Indian partner
Procure health insurance covering workplace and non-workplace accidents for the duration of the stay in Switzerland.	Indian partner
Arrange accommodation for the Indian guest.	Swiss partner

Travel budget	
<p>General rule: Not more than one visit per year and per project collaborator is permitted.</p> <p>Funds to cover these expenses may be requested under the Indian budget.</p>	<p>Expenses covered: Switzerland-India return flight, economy class at the lowest available price, transfer from/to the airport in the hosting country, visa fees, overseas medical insurance.</p>

Daily allowances and fellowship fees to be paid to the Indian visitor

Short-term visits (up to two weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• faculty members• students	Daily allowance CHF 160.- per diem CHF 120.- per diem
Long-term visits (more than two weeks) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• faculty members• students	Fellowship fees CHF 3,200 per month CHF 2,500 per month
Funds to cover these expenses may be requested under the Swiss budget.	

B) Visits of Swiss scientists to Indian institutions

Procedures

Steps to be followed	Who
Specify aim and duration of visit.	Swiss & Indian partners
Apply for a visa at the Indian Visa Application Center in Berne or at the Indian Consulate in Geneva.	Swiss partner
If required, obtain letter of invitation and work permission for the Swiss scientist.	Indian partners
Check whether vaccinations are needed.	Swiss partner
Check whether (additional) health insurance covering workplace and non-workplace accidents for the duration of the stay in India is needed.	Swiss partner
Arrange accommodation for the Swiss guest.	Indian partner

Travel budget

General rule: Not more than one visit per year and per project collaborator is permitted.	Expenses covered: Switzerland-India return flight, economy class at the lowest available price, transfer from/to the airport in the hosting country.
Funds to cover these expenses may be requested under the Swiss budget.	

Allowances for visiting scientists from Switzerland

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For faculty members and students	Rs. 1,000/- per day plus guest house accommodation
Funds to cover these expenses may be requested under the Indian budget.	