



## **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), engaged by 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**

These Partnership Development Activities may be in the form of scientific seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops, as well as other activities which involve exchanges amongst scientists, technical experts and academics.

The following priority areas have been identified, however, applications in other areas will also be considered:

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

#### **3. 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.

## **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**

All applications must be submitted simultaneously to the Implementing Organizations in each country in the appropriate official/working languages. The application must be signed by the persons responsible for the Activity and recommended by the Head of the Organisation/ Institute of the applicant. Please refer to [Application Guidelines For Partnership Development Activities](#) - document for more details on the application.

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. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Programme Coordinator in GITA or Country Manager ISTPCanada (see contact information at the end of the document) in preparing their applications.

## **7. Evaluation and Selection of Activities**

Parallel, but interlinked, evaluation processes will be conducted by the implementing organizations. Typically, results will be communicated to the applicants within THREE month of receiving the proposal, by the respective implementing organizations.

**For further information contact :**

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