Australia-India Strategic Research Fund – Collaborative Research Projects Round 10 – UQ Internal EoI Process

The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) has recently called for applications under the Collaborative Research Projects program.

Background

The AISRF Collaborative Research Projects program links Australian and Indian research institutions, as well as industry and/or other end user partners, collaborating on a single substantial project or conducting a range of research-related activities in a specified field. Funding will be aimed at projects that can demonstrate a clear path to end use in support of economic growth and development in Australia and India.

Projects under the Collaborative Research Projects program can include:

- joint scientific research projects with Indian partner/s
- application and commercialisation of research outcomes
- exchanges and secondments of personnel between Australia and India for purposes related to the joint research
- conferences, workshops, and fellowships between Australia and India for purposes related to the joint research
- new research-related information sharing and communication initiatives related to the joint research and
- joint traditional research outputs of books, chapters, journal articles and conference publications.

Fund Name and Priority Areas of Research

The priority areas for Round 10, which have been agreed with the Government of India, are:

**Indo-Australian Science and Technology Fund**

- Advanced manufacturing and innovative technologies
  - Material sciences and nanotechnology, including smart materials, energy materials, composites, alloys and polymers
  - Smart cities and infrastructure technologies (including urban design, sensor technologies, real time data and spatial analysis, transport systems, cold chain logistics and storage, and waste management)

- Survey, exploration and mining of natural resources (land and marine)
  - Mine safety, environmental impact mitigation and waste management
  - Mining technology development, survey and exploration techniques

**Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund**

- Disease control – tropical, lifestyle and emerging diseases
  - Countering antimicrobial resistance
  - Drugs, vaccines, immunomodulators and immunotherapeutics

Medical technologies

- Biomedical devices and implants
- Diagnostics

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding through the AISRF, a Project must include one Australian Eligible Research Organisation (ERO) and one Indian partner. The Australian applicant must:

- seek support for international collaborative research activities in a priority area specified by the Department, Department of Science and Technology (DST) or Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
• have at least one Indian partner, which has submitted a corresponding application to DST or DBT with an identical title, by the closing date.

Please refer to the AISRF’s website for a complete list of eligibility criteria, FAQs, Application Instructions and scheme Guidelines.

Information Sessions

The Department of Industry and Science will be holding information sessions in most state and territory capitals. Further details, including session times for Brisbane, will be available on the Australian Government website soon.

Expression of Interest (EoI) Process

As per the scheme Guidelines, UQ may only submit one application in the Science and Technology Fund and one application the Biotechnology Fund. This is a change from the last Round which allowed for only one submission overall. Due to the limit of one per fund, UQR&I will be coordinating an EoI process. Those who wish to apply for the scheme should submit an EoI of no more than two A4 pages to Antonia Medhurst at linkage@research.uq.edu.au by midday 12 September 2016. To ensure equity and enable UQ to select an application to put forward, please note this is a firm internal deadline. Please refer to this secure weblink for the EoI template.

Cash Contributions

The UQ central cash support for UQ-led and UQ-supporting bids will be provided at a ratio of 1:4 of Commonwealth funds returned to UQ.

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