

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Ministry of Science & Technology Government of India

CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER STAR COLLEGE SCHEME FROM UG COLLEGES OF INDIA

Department of Biotechnology invites applications from colleges of all the states and union territories of India offering undergraduate education in Life Sciences under 'STAR COLLEGE' Scheme to offer young scholars and faculty at UG level an opportunity to excel their career in Life Sciences & Biotechnology. The program emphasizes holistic improvement of science education at undergraduate level with special emphasis on practical training. The initiative provides support for (a) Improving knowledge and skills of teachers in basic Life Sciences and specialized techniques, (b) Access to specialized infrastructure to students, (c) Assurance of consumables, reagents and chemicals for students, (d) Substantial hands-on experience in designing and conducting practical Biotechnologies and critical thinking, (e) and access to knowledge banks with strong support of books and journals including e-journal facilities. The program does not envisage initiating new UG courses in Biotechnology but improving practical training in existing Life Science and allied courses like Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Mathematics, Electronics, Computer Science etc. Proposals should clearly highlight additional practicals proposed to be introduced in existing courses by all participating departments, student projects (interdisciplinary/interdepartmental), visits to be undertaken by students to National Laboratories and industries and faculty improvement programs, etc. The colleges can also apply for addition of departments provided they have completed the first term of three years under Star College scheme.

To apply, you must be among the **top three** life science undergraduate programs in your city based on (i) Cut off percentage for admission to undergraduate courses in Life Sciences, (ii) Result of undergraduate course – pass percentage, percentage of 1st division candidates and (iii) No. of faculty with Ph.D. **Private colleges are not eligible to apply.**

To obtain details how to apply, please visit DBT website: www.dbtindia.nic.in
Duly filled proforma (20 copies) may please be sent to:

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Last Date for Submission of Proposals: 5th August, 2015 Last Date for Submission of Proposals from Remote Areas: 15th August, 2015