

DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance**DBT CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – IMPACT ANALYSIS**

EoI Documents	:	Document can be downloaded from https://www.indiaalliance.org/career
Submission of the EoI	:	Post / Courier and/or email
Date of Publication of EoI Notice	:	22 August 2023
Last Date for VISIT / ONLINE MEETING/ TELEPHONIC ENQUIRY for any clarifications by the Bidder	:	05 September 2023 1500 hrs
EoI submission end date and time	:	05 September 2023 1500 hrs
Opening of EoI	:	07 September 2023 1500 hrs
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About the Organization:

The DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance (India Alliance) is a co-funded partnership between the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and The Wellcome Trust, UK to support a Biomedical Research Career Program (BRCP). It is registered as an independent public charity in India. See www.indiaalliance.org for details.

The partnership was first setup in 2008-09 for a period of ten years, which was subsequently extended for another five years from FY 2019-20 (Phase-II). The stated mission of India Alliance during its second phase (FY 2019-20 to 2023-24) is to “enable biomedical research in India through funding and engagement”. This includes –

- ***Empowering Researchers*** to be internationally competitive and become future leaders in India.
- ***Bridging Gaps*** in research management, and between science and society
- ***Striving for Excellence*** through diversity, inclusivity, and transparency in science

During this time, India Alliance awarded ~280 fellowships and grants to researchers at different career stages, based at 115 different institutions in 47 Indian cities. It also committed about INR 790 Crore towards the fellowships and grants and associated activities.

India Alliance has become a valued research funder in India due to the rigor and transparency in its selections, the flexibility and timeliness of its funding, and its engagement with applicants and awardees. It has created an unprecedented opportunity for biomedical researchers in India to address challenging problems and compete globally. Many of the funded researchers have made important contributions ranging from basic science that increased the knowledge base on a biological system or disease, to clinical research that directly tested interventions on human patients, and public health researchers who carried out pioneering population-based studies. Some studies have also led to new treatments and changes to health policy. Many fellows have also gone on to take on leadership positions.

Scope of Work

Impact Assessment

Going forward, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Wellcome Trust intends to continue the partnership and support Biomedical Research Career Programme (BRCP).

The BRCP programme over the years has delivered noteworthy success. However, to gain a thorough understanding of the impact of the programme on scientific research and development ecosystem in the country both the parties have decided to conduct an independent, cost benefit analysis assessment (combining qualitative and quantitative approach), which should be accomplished in stipulated timeframe (max. three months).

This evaluation should be updated and build from the previous independent assessment conducted in 2019.

Scope and Objectives

The scope of this independent evaluation is to conduct a review of the India Alliance, based on: (1) the following parameters and, (2) the following method of evaluation.

Proposed themes and parameters for evaluation

1. Award Selection Process and Programme Attractiveness -Assessment of award selection process, feedback from awardees, comparison with similar national and international award processes, Impact on career progression and competitiveness, geographical distribution, gender balance, etc
2. Comparative Analysis of Funding Agency – Benchmarking and comparison with other public and private funding agencies. Effects on other Life Sciences funders – public and private.
3. Policy and Practice – Comparative analysis, Review mechanisms, Effects on health policy and practice, complementarity with other national programs, research ecosystem development, etc.
4. Achievement of outcomes – Impact on biomedical and biological science research ecosystem in India and other collateral impact, Targeted outcomes, global standing, capacity development, etc.

5. Advancement of Science/knowledge parameters – Effects on scientific breadth and depth, Analysis of scientific productivity including quality of publications, comparison with other similar awards, scientific recognition, translational impact of the work, etc.
6. Citation Rate – The citation rate of research funded by India Alliance, comparative analysis with similar national programs, global competitiveness etc.
7. Human resource and Leadership Development – Effects on capacity development; the “ripple effect” of funding, Prospect of employment, Mentoring, etc Empowerment of awardees for becoming leaders, career evolution, follow-on funding, etc.
8. Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research Networks– Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Research Networks, International collaborations, Interaction of basic and clinical researchers. Engagement with industry, etc.
9. Institutional and sector analysis: w.r.t funds/publications.
10. Public Awareness – Science outreach and science communication, Engagement in education/training activities, Engagement with the public; more aware and engaged public, social media presence, etc.
11. Cost-benefit analysis and any other allied impact from a socio-economic/techno-scientific perspective, Finance management.
12. Spillover effect on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and National Development Programmes (NDPs).
13. Efficiency in the fund disbursement process: issues on the timely disbursement of fellowships by IA from the due date.

Mode of evaluation:

1. The impact assessment study will follow a mixed method approach, involving both quantitative and qualitative methods. The agency will collect quantitative data by administering survey questionnaires tailored to each sub-scheme and stakeholders’ population and qualitative data will be gathered through instruments finalized in consultation with the DBT and IA.

2. Agency has to obtain a legal / compliance clearance for the study from the competent authority (board).
3. Analysis should be based on several lines of evidence: bibliometric analysis, surveys, interviews, case studies, etc. of at least 10% of fellows and a significant number of other stakeholders.
4. Every aspect of analysis should be comparative and with preapproved programs of other agencies.
5. Efforts should be made to avoid cognitive biases.
6. The agency has to pre-define Performance indicators, Performance Standards, and benchmarking criteria.
7. Expose areas where improvement is needed, reveal underlying problems, offer pragmatic solutions within the institutional mandate and framework. Establish the links/ identify gaps between processes and results.
8. To evaluate the strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats of the programmes evaluated in general and particular to sub schemes.

Formats for submission:

Organizations expressing their interest should share a detailed proposal (word and/or ppt). In addition, they should provide the following details:

1. Organizational and contact details (individual Consultants need not apply)
2. Prior experience of the organization in reviewing program within Indian research ecosystem
3. Reports of prior work
4. List of experts/consultants on the payroll and their qualifications
5. Financial health of the organization

The proposal, along with supporting documentation, should be emailed to ceo@indiaalliance.org and/or by post /courier so as to reach latest by **EOD 05/09/2023 (15 days after release of EoI)**.

Shortlisted organizations will be invited for a presentation in the **third week of September**.

The decision to shortlist the firms shall be taken by the concerned committee and shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Applications for “**DBT CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – IMPACT ANALYSIS**” may be disqualified for the following reasons:

- a) Non-fulfilment of above qualifying conditions.
- b) Incomplete/part information/misinformation (without supporting proof, wherever applicable).
- c) Exerting external influence.
- d) If EOI is received after the due date.

The RFP documents and the terms and conditions of appointment shall be issued to the shortlisted firms only, for making the final selection of the firm.

Pro-forma for submission of EOI

To
The CEO
DBT-IA
Hyderabad –

Dear Sir / Madam.

I/We have read and understood the instructions and the terms and conditions contained in the application form. I/We do hereby declare that the information furnished in the application and in the supplementary sheets is correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. The undersigned is fully authorized to sign and submit this application form on behalf of the organization he/she represents. We authorize IA to approach individuals, employers, firms, and corporations to verify our competence and general reputation.

Signature _____

Name _____

Designation _____

Address _____

Place _____

Date _____

Seal of the applicant

Information to be furnished by the interested bidders.

1.	Name and registered office address.	
2.	Year of establishment of the firm and the registered office.	
3.	Years of experience	
4.	Names, qualifications, and experience of all technical personnel in the firm	Please attach separate sheet
5.	Important projects executed during the last 5 years by the firm together with relevant details such as cost of the work etc. The full address of the clients for whom the work has been executed including name of contact persons and contact no s.	Please attach separate sheet giving details along with completion certificate or any other relevant documents in support of the completed projects clearly showing the value, nature of the work executed, duration of the work etc.
6.	Important projects on which the firm is engaged at present along with relevant details such as cost of work etc. The full address of the clients, along with the name of the contact person and contact no. shall be indicated against each project.	Please attach separate sheet
7.	Details of infrastructure facilities available with the firm	Please attach details in a separate sheet
8.	Income Tax No. (PAN/TAN) Furnish copies of last Income Tax Clearance	
9.	Turnover of the firm from consultancy works during last 5 years (year wise).	Please attach necessary documents in support of the same.
10.	Any other relevant details	

**Signature of the applicant with
Full address & Office Seal**

Quality and Technical Specification Marking

The Bidders will be evaluated based on the criteria mentioned below. Marks will be calculated based on the points given below. Firms are informed to submit all relevant supporting documents. Marks will not be given in the absence of supporting documents.

Quality and Technical Specification Marking

SN	Point	Description & marks	Maximum Mark
1.	Number of Years in operation (evidenced by date of registration of firm)	a) Upto 3 yrs (4 Marks) b) More than 3 years & upto 8 Yrs (8 marks) c) More than 8 Years (10 marks)	10
2.	Order Copies of Work Experience as per this EOI (Based on Number of Order copies details Submitted by bidder)	a) Upto 5 No. of PO copies of similar work (2.5 Marks) b) More than 5 & upto 10 No. of PO copies of similar work (5 Marks) c) More than 10 Number of PO copies of similar work (10 Marks)	10
3.	Satisfactory work completion certificate by clients for similar nature as per this EoI (Based on Satisfactory work completion certificate details submitted by bidder)	a) Upto 5 clients' satisfactory work completion certificate (5 Marks) b) More than 5 & up to 8 clients satisfactory work completion certificate (7 Marks) c) More than 8 clients satisfactory work completion certificate (10 Marks)	10
4.	Order Value of Work for similar nature as per this EoI (To be supported with Order copies)	a) Total Order value upto 10 lakhs (5 Marks) b) Total Order value more than 10 lakhs and upto 20 Lakhs (10 Marks) c) Total Order value more than 20 lakhs (20 Marks) d) Order from Jan 2010 onward still EoI Submission End Date & time of this EoI will be considered for above calculation & Orders must be on Bidder/Firm name.	20

5.	<p>Bank solvency certificate issued by any reputed bank of bidder's account. Certificate taken for any other Project/EoI not be more than 06 months old from the date of publication of tender can be considered for this EoI.</p>	<p>a) Bank solvency certificate upto 40 Lakhs (4 Marks) b) Bank solvency certificate (More than 40 –Less than 80 lakhs) (7 Marks) c) Bank solvency certificate (More than 80 lakhs) (10 Marks) d) This certificate must be submitted along-with EoI or on or before Technical presentation failing which No marks will be awarded for this category.</p>	10
6.	Status of manpower	<p>a) Upto 3 with technical /scientific required background on rolls of the firm (4 marks) b) Between 4-8 with technical /scientific required background on rolls of the firm (6 marks) c) More than 8 with technical /scientific required background on rolls of the firm (10 marks)</p>	10
7.	<p>Technical Presentation & meeting of quality and technical specification (The detail of date and time for this presentation will be intimated to Qualified Bidders)</p>	<p>Bidder should present with proposal / documents / power point presentation. Evaluation of access to relevant expertise, quality and technical specification, adherence to terms as per EoI, Documents submitted along with bid, Overall Quality and Technical Specification matching & value of past work completed, Customer feedback, technical expertise, HR, Professional membership, Standards certification, Financial soundness of the firm, Proof of concepts, presentation, technical competence of past projects etc.</p>	30
Total			100

Firms scoring 60 or more marks will only be considered for further process. The concerned committee reserved the right to increase the minimum score in case of more firms / bidders.

* The decision of competent authority & concerned committee will be final about the process of evaluation and further consideration and no claim whatsoever will be entertained in this regard. Considering above points, firms are informed to submit all relevant supporting documents & forms which will give them better marks in above technical criteria.
