



## Q&A Webinar on Australia India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) Round 16

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday, 2025

**Time:** 0945 to 1130 hrs (IST) & 1515 to 1700 hrs (Canberra time)

This Q&A webinar will provide details about the Australia India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) Round 16 call which is now live and answers to questions on themes, eligibility, application process and funding availability.

### Overview

The AISRF is a platform for bilateral collaboration in science, jointly managed and funded by the governments of India and Australia. The objectives of the AISRF are to increase the uptake of leading-edge science and technology (S&T) by supporting collaboration between Australian and Indian researchers in strategically focused, leading-edge scientific research and technology projects, and strengthening strategic alliances between Australian & Indian researchers; and facilitate India's and Australia's access to the global S&T system. The call for applications for **Round 16** is open and will close on **11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

Australian researchers to visit link: [AISRF Round 16](#), Indian researchers to visit [Department of Biotechnology](#) and [Department of Science and Technology](#).

### Why attend?

- Seek clarity and address any uncertainties you may have about scope, eligibility, and application process.

### Agenda

- Opening remarks and overview of AISRF Round 16:
  - i) *Dr. Donna Looney, Head of Division, Department of Industry, Science and Resources, Govt of Australia (5 min)*
  - ii) *Dr. Arindam Bhattacharya, Scientist F/ Senior Director, International Cooperation Division, Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India (5 min)*
  - iii) *Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Senior Advisor/Scientist H, Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India (5 min)*
- Application process for Australian Project Investigators by Business Grants Hub (15 min):
- Department of Science and Technology (10 min): *Dr. Arindam Bhattacharya, Scientist F/ Senior Director, International Cooperation Division, Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India*
- Department of Biotechnology (10 min): *Dr. Jyoti Malik Logani, Scientist F, Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India*
- Q&A (1 hr): All speakers
- Concluding Remarks (5 min): *Ms. Caitlin Searle, Department of Industry, Science and Resources Counsellor, Australian High Commission*

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