



DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY  
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# **INDO-FINNISH JOINT CALL**

## Funding for Researcher Mobility

Call opens on: **August 11, 2021**

Call closes on: **September 23, 2021**

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# Call for funding for international researcher mobility based on bilateral agreements

Call opens:

11 Aug 2021

Call closes:

23 Sep 2021 at 2300 hrs IST

Funding period:

Starts from 1 Feb 2022

- The applicant should be an individual researcher. Mobility applications cannot be submitted as a consortium application.
- Funding can be applied for mobility costs in collaborative research projects with Finland.

With this funding opportunity, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), India in association with Academy of Finland, Finland promotes internationalisation of research environments between the countries and bring about international interaction of researchers thereby complementing their research activities. Funding can be applied for mobility to and from India.

The mobility scheme promotes funding for excellent scientific research, which is expected to have high scientific and social impact. The research must be ethical, follow the principles of sustainable development and make its results, material and data openly accessible. Equality and non- discrimination must also be considered.

## Background and objectives

To promote international interactions of Indo-Finnish researchers as well as the internationalisation of research environments, Mobility Scheme has been introduced by the Department of Biotechnology, India in association with the Academy of Finland for bilateral research cooperation and researcher mobility between the countries.

Mobility funding between India and Finland is based on a bilateral agreement between the Academy of Finland and the Department of Biotechnology and it concerns biological research. The aim of the funding is to support research collaboration between Indian and Finnish researchers. In practice, funding is meant for Indian researcher's or research team's travel expenses and living costs in Finland.

## Who can apply?

The applicant should be an Indian individual researcher, working post Ph.D in public-funded academic or research institutes of India in fellowship positions or graduate innovators /entrepreneurs working in fellowship positions in Indian public institutions towards creation of start-ups. The Head of the laboratory may be the co-applicant. The applicant must have at least a higher academic degree, but preference is given to researchers with a doctoral degree. Mobility applications cannot be submitted as a consortium application.

## Funding to be applied for and funding period

The earliest start date for the funding period is 1 February 2022. The usual funding period (period during which the funding may be used) is two years. Funding will be subject to the availability of the appropriate funds in the budget 2022 of the government. The personal grant duration is 15–360 days within two years' time period.

The mobility funding is a research grant (appropriation), which will be via a site of research (usually a university or a research institute) herein India and the applicant must have an affiliation in Finland.

The funding is intended for researcher's own or research group's mobility costs (necessary travel and living costs). Funding does not cover insurances, so applicants and other visitors must take out appropriate insurances for the grant period.

## What is required from the site of research?

The site of research (e.g. university) must commit to contributing to the funding and administration of the project and undertake to provide the project with the necessary basic facilities. Though determined based on the nature of the research, they are usually the same as those available to other research staff at the institution: office and laboratory premises, equipment (incl. computer equipment) and telecommunications, telephone, mailing, copying and library services. By accepting the funding, the site of research takes responsibility for taking care of ethical permissions before the project starts, if needed.

## Funding plan

In the application, provide a cost estimate including an estimate of the annual amount of funding needed, itemised by type of expenditure (travel costs, other expenses).

## How to submit and supplement the application

The deadline is non-negotiable. The deadline for applications is 23 September 2021 at 2300 hrs IST. Make sure to submit the application in good time before the deadline. The system will only accept applications that contain all obligatory information. You can edit and supplement the application until the deadline. Post deadline, no entries or any supplementation to the

application submitted will be entertained. You must make sure that your contact details (email address) are up to date.

**An application will not be processed** if the applicant or the application does not meet the competence requirements or other key requirements, or if the application otherwise does not qualify for processing

## Joint Call between India and Finland

The call type is 'Mobility collaboration between India and Finland'. The funding will be a grant.

Please note that the project must have both a Finnish and an Indian responsible person, both of whom must submit an application to their own funding agency. Funding is available for 2022 and 2023. The Academy of Finland and DBT will cover the travel expenses and costs of living of the participating researchers of their own country in accordance with their own funding terms and conditions. DBT will cover reasonable travel and living costs. However, funding will not be granted for research costs or seminars.

Visiting plan may include several visiting periods, which may vary from two weeks to 12 months. To maintain a balanced project, it is recommended that approximately the same number of researchers from both countries participate in the project. If there are specific reasons for an imbalance, they must be explained in the section on the research plan. The research plan must include a name of a Finnish contact person, who is committed to help Indian visitors in practical issues (e.g. reservation for accommodation) during the visit in Finland.

The Finnish and Indian research teams should draft a joint research plan in mutual understanding. However, the research plan submitted to DBT does not have to be identical to the one submitted to the Academy of Finland.

## Application parts and guidelines

The online application can be submitted through the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGwoRDxe0cTfVIINEiNwRWr-cCgNQcPaqrZ0qFiB\\_m-5kZhw/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGwoRDxe0cTfVIINEiNwRWr-cCgNQcPaqrZ0qFiB_m-5kZhw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### Personal data

- Personal details
- Academic Qualifications
- Titles of docent and professorships
- CV no more than two pages

## General information

- Details on the Finnish site of research
- Title of research project
- Research fields (at least one, no more than five).
- Keywords

## Abstract

- Maximum length 2,500 characters including spaces
- Brief overview of scientific and societal objectives, research methods and data as well as expected research results and impact

## Research plan

- Maximum length 5 pages

## Most relevant publications

- Up to ten of your most important project-relevant publications/patents/technologies developed and up to ten of your (or others) most important key outputs, with justifications.

## Collaborators

- Foreign collaborator (name, organisation, country)
- Describe the collaborator's project-relevant merits and provide justifications for choosing them in your research plan.
- If necessary, append a letter of commitment.

## Affiliations

- Research infrastructures: Indicate what kinds of equipment, resources or data reserves provided by national or international research infrastructures the project will use.

## Research ethics

- Ethical permission for project (yes/no)
- Found guilty of research misconduct (yes/no). We will not process a funding application if the applicant has been found guilty of research misconduct.

## Funding for the project

- Provide the funding period. The funding period is usually a two-year period when the funding is available. In the research plan, enter the planned dates of the visit (15–360 days).
- Provide the amount of the applied travel costs and other expenses
- Immediately notify the department if you receive funding from other sources for the same purpose after your application has been submitted.
- Justify the funding to be applied for. The cost estimate must be realistic.



- [Commitment by site of research](#) (if necessary). Make sure you have a commitment from a Finnish site of research (usually a university or research institute) to supporting the project.

### Submit application

- You can submit the application when you have filled in or attached all the necessary information.
- The application will not be submitted if any mandatory information is missing.
- You can supplement the application until the deadline. Resaving will replace the earlier version.
- Post deadline, no entries or any supplementation to the application submitted will be entertained.

## How the application is reviewed

The review of mobility applications will focus on the following aspects:

- How does the applicant justify why and for what purposes the funding is applied for?
- How does the application address the objective of the funding as regards promoting the international interaction and research environments of Indian researchers?
- What is the quality, impact and renewal potential of the research cooperation described in the application?

In the review of the applications, focus will be placed on the following:

- the scientific quality of the project
- the scientific merits of the research groups
- the way in which the teams complement each other
- the added value of the cooperation
- increasing international collaboration
- participation of early-career researchers.

Both the participating countries will review the mobility applications for their own part.

## Funding decisions

DBT will make the funding decisions in early 2022. You will receive an email notification after the funding decision has been made.

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