



## **Joint Call for project proposals 2018 - Indo-Danish Research and Innovation Cooperation in the area of Water**

***Announcement of Call for Proposals : May22, 2018***

***Deadline for Submitting Proposals: August 14, 12.00 Danish Time, 15.30 Indian Time, 2018***

Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) have agreed to launch a call for joint projects with a view to further develop and strengthen the Danish-Indian research cooperation in the area of water. This is in pursuant to the agreement of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Denmark on cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation.

### **1. Prioritised research and innovation areas**

**Water:** Solutions to global water challenges within all fields of water. F.x. water usage, treatment, control, and management of water and wastewater for different purposes like agriculture, industry, portable etc.

### **2. Application procedure**

The Danish and Indian applicants will develop one joint project plan and the plan will be sent to both Denmark (IFD) and India (DBT) using the forms of each organisation, respectively.

Project proposal must include the name of one Principal Investigator (PI) each in India and Denmark. On the Indian side it is advised to include one Co-PI in the proposal. The applications must include a statement on how the proposed collaboration brings added value for both countries.

### **3. Funding**

The successful projects will be funded in Denmark by IFD and in India by DBT. The joint projects must meet the criteria of the funding agencies. 2 to 3 projects may be funded against this call for a maximum of three years.

DBT will support 100% of the academic partners budgeted cost. DBT will support 50% of the budgeted cost of the Industrial partners to a maximum of INR 15 million (INR 1.5 crores).

The project budget must clearly delineate justified Indian and Danish costs. The costs of the Indian partner must be eligible as per the guidelines of the DBT. Accordingly, the costs of the Danish partner must be eligible as per the guidelines of the IFD. As the joint projects are funded in bilateral mode the mobility between the two countries should be balanced. Applicants are reminded to include sufficient budget for travel between India and Denmark to ensure successful collaboration. The sending side will provide round-trip economy-class airfare to the relevant entry city of the host country as well as medical insurance. The receiving side will provide accommodation and living expenses, i.e., transportation for pick-up service to and from the airport, food or per diem, etc.

### **4. Selection Criteria and Evaluation**

DBT and IFD will select the proposals according to their respective institutional procedures and assessment criteria. Special emphasis will also be placed on the following criteria:

- The projects should have industrial perspective, and participation from both Indian and Danish



- companies is strongly encouraged.
- Innovativeness in project proposal.
  - The proposed research and innovation project should be well integrated on the Indian and Danish side.
  - Research and innovation activities of importance to the expected outcome should be conducted on both sides and that the project activities should be evenly distributed among Indian and Danish applicants from research institutions and companies

## 5. Eligibility

Indian applicants applying to DBT should be researchers from public and private universities, colleges, Institutes, non-profit organizations (recognized by DSIR as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation). DBT will also support projects from industries with DSIR recognition. The NGOs and private organizations must be registered with the DARPAN portal of Niti Ayog.

## 6. Deadline and Submission

The proposal, in English, must be submitted to both DBT and IFD no later than August 14, 12.00 Danish Time, 15.30 Indian Time, 2018.

### **Submission in DBT, India:**

The Indian applicants should apply for funding from the DBT in accordance with the DBT's guidelines. The Indian researchers can download the proposal format from **DBT's website** <http://dbtindia.nic.in>.

Indian applicants should submit both hard copies and an electronic version (soft copy) of the proposal to DBT. The electronic version (soft copy) should be e-mailed and hard copies (2 nos.) should be sent to Dr. Vaishali Panjabi ([vaishalip.dbt@nic.in](mailto:vaishalip.dbt@nic.in)) by the closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018. (Please remember to fill in the additional form Appendix D – Joint application to bilateral projects)

### **Submission in IFD, Denmark:**

Danish applicants shall submit applications as per guidelines of Innovation Fund Denmark. For details visit [here](#)

Proposals must be submitted in Denmark through the e-application system provided at [http:// www.e-grant.dk](http://www.e-grant.dk). (Please remember to fill in the additional form 'Bilateral Form')

## | 7. Assessment

The joint project proposals are evaluated in India and Denmark according to national procedures and the bilateral evaluation criteria listed above. A consensus decision on proposals selected for funding is expected between DBT and IFD in **November/December 2018**.



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