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**CIRCULAR**

Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India and Russian Foundation for Basic Research concluded an MoU for funding of Joint Research Proposals in India and Russia in the areas of Basic Science. Under this MoU each project will receive annual funding of up to equivalent of US \$ 30,000 (roughly Rs. 20,00,000/- from DST to the Indian partner and up to Rbls 20,00,000 to the Russian partner)

DST and RFBR invite Indian and Russian scientists / researchers to submit proposals for Joint Research Project in the following areas of basic sciences under DST-RFBR cooperation:

- Mathematics, Mechanics and Informatics;
- Physics and Astronomy;
- Chemistry;
- Biology and Medical Sciences;
- Earth Sciences;
- Telecommunications and Computer Sciences;
- Fundamental of Engineering Sciences.

**Terms of the project grant :**

- Support is available for Joint Research in areas of basic sciences only. Joint research projects will be carried out by research teams from both countries. The team leaders must hold a full-time position at a university or research institute in their respective countries. Scientists are advised to submit only one project against this call.
- The duration of each project will be two years initially. After the completion of this period, an application for additional one year may be considered on the merit of the progress.
- The team leaders should submit an application to respective nodal agency, upon consultations, using the respective forms prescribed by DST and RFBR. Applications submitted by one side only; not on prescribed format and received after due date will not be accepted. Indian/Russian team leaders should, therefore, ensure that their counterpart submits an identical application on prescribed format as per guidelines of nodal agencies by due date.
- DST and RFBR will conduct parallel review of the applications respectively based on the agreed criteria. DST and RFBR will make joint decisions based on the review results.

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- List of selected projects will be posted on website [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) / [www.sticdst.org](http://www.sticdst.org) and [www.rfbr.ru](http://www.rfbr.ru) sometime in June / July 2019.
- Successful Indian team leaders would be expected to complete various governmental requirements before commencement of the project.
- Expected Starting of Project: August / September 2019
- Project leaders are required to submit Statement of Expenditure / Utilisation Certificate along with Project Technical report immediately after completion 1st and 2nd financial year.
- The funding for the selected projects will be provided in annual instalments. The second instalment for each project will be provided after receipt of financial documents, mentioned above, and on evaluation of intermediate technical reports, submitted by Indian and Russian researchers respectively to DST and RFBR and only if both reports are evaluated positively.
- Indian researchers currently implementing any Indo-Russian joint project which is likely to be over after 31st March 2019 are not eligible to submit proposal under this call.
- The Indian scientists who are in any way involved in the implementation of two or more projects that were previously supported by the DST (International Group) and that are not expected to be completed by 31 March 2019 are also not eligible to be a member of the research team

**Submitting an application**

The Indian researchers can download the proposal formats from websites [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) / [www.onlinedst.gov.in](http://www.onlinedst.gov.in) and should submit completed application form and all relevant information through e-PMS portal of the DST. Proposals must be submitted to DST through the e-application system provided at [www.onlinedst.gov.in](http://www.onlinedst.gov.in). Indian Applicants also requested to send one hard copy to DST (Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Scientist É), DST) by **20<sup>th</sup> March 2019** through proper channel. It should be ensured that application with identical title has been submitted by his / her Russian counterpart to RFBR by due date. Proposal not submitted through either ePMS portal or hard copy by due date will not be considered. DST will not be liable for any postal delay.

Any query related to submission of proposal against this call would be entertained only till 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019. For further details and clarifications, if any, kindly contact any of the following in India or Russia:

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To  
All Deans of campuses  
All Directors and HoDs (With a request to display on notice board)  
PA to Registrar