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Joint Call for Proposals 2019/20

Between

Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (Inria)

Under Indo-French Programme in Information and Communication Science & Technology (ICST)
Targeted Programme of CEFIPRA

(Deadline for Submitting Proposals: 31st October, 2019)

Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (Inria) launch a joint call for proposals to foster collaboration between scientific Communities of two countries in the area of Information and Communication Science & Technology.

In India, on behalf of the Department of Science & Technology, Indo-French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA) invites proposals from the Indian scientists / researchers, organize expert & review committee meetings for management/ disbursement of funds to the approved projects, etc.

Areas of Collaboration (targeted topic for the call)

The Project proposal will be supported in the following scientific areas:

- Big Data
- Computer science for Biology and Life Sciences
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cyber Physical Systems
- Any other proposal in ICST and Applied Mathematics may also be considered

Eligibility

Applicants from both countries must fulfil the following requirements:

On the Indian side: Applicants have should hold a permanent position as scientists/ faculty members in universities/ deemed universities, academic institutes and national research and development laboratories/institutes.

On the French side:

Inria's Call for Proposal: Proposals from French applicants must be submitted through Inria's online portal via this link: https://drisi.inria.fr/eaEquipeAssociee/new

Application:

The joint proposal shall be written in English. Proposal submitted to only one Party will not be considered. All applicants must fulfil their national eligibility rules for research grant. A format is given for the submission of proposal. Applicants from Indian side should ensure that French collaborator must submit the proposal to Inria (who wants to collaborate with Inria Research Team)

Evaluation of Project Proposal:

After the closure date of Call, DST/CEFIPRA and Inria will exchange list of proposals, received on their side. Commonly received proposals will be evaluated by DST/CEFIPRA, and Inria according to their own evaluation rules, and will rank the proposals based on scientific quality and interest.

The evaluation criteria will be based on the following:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call
- Technical and Scientific quality of the proposal
- Quality of the project management & methodology
- Global Impact of the proposal
- Quality of the consortium and good synergies between the partners
- Mobilization of resources
- Added value to be expected from French-Indian research collaboration
- Balanced Scientific and Financial contribution

Based on the scientific evaluation, national ranking, and consensus reached through discussions, a joint committee will select the joint project (s) to be supported.

Project funding:

Jointly selected proposals will be funded in India by DST through CEFIPRA and in France by Inria (for Inria Research Team). The joint proposal must meet the criteria of the funding institutions for consideration. Each project will be funded for a period of three years. The indicative funding from each side will be up to Euro 10.000-15.000 (Rs. 8- 12 lakhs) per project per year. The support will be given under the following heads:

- International travel (including airfare (India to France & vice-versa), daily allowance, accommodation and domestic travel in the receiving country during a participant's stay abroad) for researchers, engineers, post-doctoral Fellows, Ph.D Students, as per CEFIPRA norms ***(Click here to download)***
- Support for JRF /SRF / RA/ PDF (as per DST's guidelines)
- Contingency up to Rs. 30,000 per year

The cost of accident and sickness insurance during travel will not be supported under this Programme. Since, the project is supported mainly for collaboration; applicants have to indicate about the status of co-funding.

Intellectual Property:

The rights of Intellectual Property (IP) arising from the programme shall be, in principle, the joint property of the project participants and their employing institutions. In respect of each result, which is to be protected, the project participants shall decide the modalities of protecting the rights. For each selected joint proposal, the project participants shall prepare a joint Intellectual Property Management Plan. A template for this IP Plan will be provided by partner institutions of this programme. Fund will be released only after receiving of the mutually accepted IP management Plan.

Guidelines for submission of applications:

DST advises Indian applicants to make sure that their French partner is eligible to apply for funding from Inria

Proposal to CEFIPRA is to be submitted by only Indian PI at the online submission system of DST-Inria Targeted Programme (http://www.cefipra.org/dst_inria/index.aspx) after pre arranging all the relevant documents.

Prescribed formats are as follows:

i. **Scientific Proposal** (*Click here to download*)
ii. **No Objection Certificate from HoD** (*Click here to download*)
iii. **Joint Submission Agreement** (*Click here to download*)

Hardcopy of application in prescribed proposal format and other relevant documents along with joint submission agreement signed by both the partners and certificates duly signed by Heads of the Institutions should also be submitted to the Director, Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research, 5B, Ground Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003 (India) on or before **31st October, 2019**.

Proposal in online submission system is to be submitted in advance before sending the hardcopy.

Proposals received after due date or received on only one side will not be considered for evaluation**.**

Important Dates:

- 5th September, 2019: publication of the call
- 31st October, 2019: deadline for submission of joint proposals
- November-December, 2019: national evaluations
- December, 2019/ January, 2020: Joint Selection Committee
- End of February, 2019: notification of grants and publication of results

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