

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**CALL FOR JOINT PROPOSALS UNDER INDO-FINNISH COLLABORATION IN
BIOTECHNOLOGY**

In pursuance of the MOU signed between The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India and The Academy of Finland Research Council for Health, Government of Finland on co-operation in the areas of vaccine research, diagnostics and drug development signed in 2005, the Indian scientists are invited to submit joint research project proposals in collaboration with Finnish scientists.

The aim of the Call is to support systematic research cooperation especially to establish long-term research networks between Finland and India. The broad scientific areas mutually agreed will be pursued. The Research Council for Health and Department of Biotechnology have together specified the following key research areas :

- vaccine development and technologies therein;
- development of new innovative diagnostics using different technologies, and;
- computational biology related to drug development.

The applications for joint projects shall include researchers/research groups both from Finland and India. The applications and appendices shall be sent to the respective funding agencies and must include **a joint research plan of the Finnish and Indian research group, a joint budget including separate budgets of both parties and the curricula vitae of the responsible leaders of both groups.** The research plan shall include a clear description of the planned research cooperation (distribution of work and methods of implementation) and the added value created. The maximum length of the English research plan is fifteen pages. The Finnish research group will apply for funding from Academy of Finland according to their instructions. DBT and Academy of Finland will make the funding decisions in cooperation, so that both Finnish and Indian research groups will get funding from their own funding organisations, if successful.

Financial support for the Indian component would be provided by DBT and financial support of the Finish component would be provided through the Academy of Finland. Because this is a joint partnership between Finland and Indian Govt., involving both euros and rupee funding decisions, it is essential that

- Both Academy of Finland and DBT receive the identical Research Plan with all pertinent details and a description of the relative role of the Finland and Indian collaborators;
- Justification must be provided for the collaboration and must include all necessary supporting documents and signed agreements from respective institutions; and

Twenty copies of the jointly agreed collaborative research project on specific formats would be received by the respective Secretariat of the Programme by **31st January, 2006**. The request for format and projects should be submitted to the nodal persons whose contact details are given below :

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The Research projects would be implemented subject to necessary clearances from the Government and laws and regulations of the host and sponsoring countries.

The details are also available on website : www.dbtindia.nic.in