



Department of Biotechnology  
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## Centres of Excellence and Innovation in Biotechnology (CEIB): Call for Letters of Intent

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) invites Letters of Intent for long-term R&D support in a group of schemes known as Centres of Excellence and Innovation in Biotechnology (CEIB). The scheme will provide funding to augment and strengthen institutional research capacity for promotion of excellence in interdisciplinary science and innovation in specific areas of biotechnology. The programme is intended for institutions with a substantial investment in, and commitment to, biotechnology research. The programme will provide flexible long-term support for highly innovative research (both basic and translational in nature) in biotechnology, which creates not only high-quality publications and intellectual property but also translational outputs through mid and high end innovation.

The overall aim of the CEIB programme is to establish Centres of Excellence, provide long-term support to outstanding scientists and provide institutional/departmental Programme Support. The specific goal is to enhance the innovative ability of the institutions and investigators with well-developed research programme in specific areas of biotechnology.

### Types of grant

The following three categories of grants will be provided under this programme:

- Category I**
- **Centres of Excellence (COE) in Biotechnology** with a specific thematic focus, that can involve single or multiple institutions.
    - The above will provide support, in part or full, research and development activities from very basic or fundamental to translational or applied in areas of health, agriculture, energy, environment, industrial biotech research, etc.
- Category II**
- **Outstanding Scientist Research Programme in Biotechnology**
    - Meant for providing long-term R&D support to an individual outstanding investigator of high scientific caliber with publications and/or patents record at the highest level.
    - The support is recognition of investigators for their recent performance and planned future work.
- Category III**
- **Institutional Programme Support** (to both single institutional programme as well as multi-institutional programme) to the identified institution(s)/department(s) with multiple investigators in various disciplines.
    - To create and strengthen research capabilities at university or institutional level for categorical research by a number of investigators from different disciplines for a joint research effort; or investigators from the same discipline who focus on a common research problem. Support is proportional to size and quality of Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral programmes.
    - To enable re-design of objectives and research programme to be interdisciplinary and address specific weaknesses.

Each category of proposals under this scheme has its own set of eligibility requirements.

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The last date for the receipt of letter of intent (one electronic copy in MS-Word format + three hard copies): **23 December 2011**.

For details on the scheme and the proforma for letter of intent, please visit DBT's website: [www.dbtindia.nic.in](http://www.dbtindia.nic.in) or [www.dbtindia.gov.in](http://www.dbtindia.gov.in).