



**Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)**  
(Statutory Body established through an Act of Parliament: SERB Act 2008)  
**Department of Science & Technology, Government of India**  
**Call for Research Proposals**

**Empowerment and Equity Opportunities for Excellence in Science**

The Government of India established the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) through an Act of Parliament, viz. the Science and Engineering Research Board Act, 2008. Promoting basic research in emerging areas of Science & Engineering is one of the prime objectives of the Board.

SERB is expanding its reach across wider sections of the research community through various schemes and programmes. It strives for promoting excellence in research, together with equity and inclusiveness. Initiation of a special scheme, 'Empowerment and Equity Opportunities for Excellence in Science (EMEQ)' is a significant effort towards facilitating enhanced participation of weaker sections of society in the arena of Research and Development. The objective of the scheme is to provide support to researchers belonging to SC/ST in undertaking research in the emerging and frontier areas of science and engineering.

Application under the EMEQ scheme for project based support on a competitive mode is sought from eligible researchers.

**Eligibility**

1. The scheme is open to Indian nationals only.
2. Should be an active researcher belonging to the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe category working on regular basis in academic institution/national lab or any other recognized R&D institution in the field of Science and Engineering.
3. The applicant should have at least four years of service remaining before superannuation as on the date of submission of the proposal.
4. Researchers who are running an ongoing project under this programme as on the date of submission of the proposal are not eligible to apply.

**Nature of Support**

1. Funding is provided up to a maximum of Rs 50 lakh (excluding overhead charges).
2. Duration of the project shall be for a maximum of four years.

The proposal should be submitted online only, through the website [www.serbonline.in](http://www.serbonline.in). The format, guidelines and other details of the scheme are available in the same website. No hard copy of the proposal will be accepted.

Call for Proposals under this scheme will be open from  
**1 July 2016 to 31 August 2016.**

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