

## DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### UK-INDIA SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FUND

#### Call for Joint Research Proposals

As a Continuing Programme, the Department of Science & Technology (DST) of the Government of India and the Office of Science & Technology (OST) of the British Government jointly invite applications from Scientists/Engineers from the University sector, their affiliated colleges, deemed Universities, autonomous research institutions and industrial R&D units for financial support under the UK-India Science & Technology Research Fund (UISTRF) to jointly develop and implement R&D projects in pre-determined areas of mutual interest. The following areas have been identified for continue support during 2000-2002:

- \* Agro-food and Biotechnology
- \* Advanced Manufacturing System, including Materials Research
- \* Telecommunications, including Information Technology

Whilst considering proposals, particular importance will be attached to scientific merits, value of money and likely long-term industrial relevance. Preference will be given to projects with clear industrial relevance or identifiable industrial potential. The participation will be taken automatically as evidence of such relevance. The proposals are required to have the signatures of both Indian and British collaborators, and should have the necessary support from the respective Heads of the Institutions.

Financial support will be limited to international travel. While the sending country would meet the international travel cost, the local hospitality expenses and such other related costs would be met by the receiving side. Funding for equipment, bench fee, institutional overheads will not be provided under this Programme. Token money will, however, be provided to meet the expenses towards consumables, as well as a limited amount for internal travel expenses for the scientists visiting from other country.

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The proforma can also be down-loaded from DST Homepage Address or British Council Homepage Address respectively as given below:

<http://www.nic.in/snt/news.htm>  
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Request for application may be made latest by 31 January 2000 along with a self-addressed envelope (12 cm x 27 cm). The proposals completed in all respects should be submitted latest by 1 March 2000.

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