

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

Call for Proposals

**Indo-US Programme on Contraceptive and
Reproductive Health Research**

Under the Indo-US Programme on "Contraceptive and Reproductive Health Research" (CRHR), new proposals are being invited for consideration. Areas of research to be supported by the programme include:

- Male methods and male involvement in contraceptive choices; areas to be considered include hormonal approaches, physical approaches (condoms of various composition), and research on increasing male participation in family planning.
- Long-acting contraceptives: biomedical, acceptability and introductory research related to current and new long-acting injectable contraceptives.
- Contraception and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Prevention: including research on current and new contraceptive methods that provide protection against pregnancy and STD, including HIV infection.
- Emergency contraception: research on current and new methods that prevent pregnancy after unprotected intercourse.
- Social and Behavioural research: in addition to research factors affecting acceptability of current and new contraceptives and methods to prevent STD, social and behavioural research is needed to better understand factors affecting contraception and reproductive health.
- Epidemiology: studies are needed to understand the relationship between contraceptive methods and health-related issues and concerns. Of particular concern is the understanding of the relationship between contraceptive use and STD/HIV protection and susceptibility.
- Immunocontraception: development of compounds formerly referred to as contraceptive vaccines.
- Basic, Applied and Clinical research in reproductive health: this may include studies to advance the understanding of male and female reproduction, including various reproductive tract disorders.
- Transgenic animal models for reproductive research: joint research for transgenic knock-out mice models.

Twenty copies of the jointly agreed collaborative research project on specific formats would be received by the Secretariat of the Programme. Research proposals will be peer-reviewed in India and the United States and approved research projects would be supported appropriately on the Indian and US side to meet research costs and other resources. The research projects would be implemented subject to necessary clearances from the Government and laws and regulation of the host and sponsoring countries. Indian investigators interested in establishing collaborative research projects with US scientists should contact Dr B. M. Gandhi at the following address for format and submission of projects.

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Last date for submission of full proposals: **31 December 2001**

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