

**Government of India
Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science & Technology
(International Division)**

**Call for Proposals
Under Indo-South African Programme of Cooperation
in Science & Technology**

The Indo-South African Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology facilitates bilateral co-operation between the scientific communities of two countries by way of joint research projects, bi-lateral workshops/seminar, exploratory visits of scientist, scientific delegations and composite (scientific and industrial) delegation. Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, New Delhi and the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology (DACST), Government of South Africa, Pretoria are the Nodal Agencies in India and South Africa respectively. Proposals are invited from time to time.

Areas of cooperation: The support is available to the following broad scientific areas:

- Agricultural and Rural Development.
- Basic and Fundamental Sciences, including Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Astrophysics, etc.
- Biotechnology.
- Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.
- Energy, including Renewable Energy Sources.
- Food Science and Technology and Food Processing.
- Health Science.
- Information Science and Software Development.
- Manufacturing Technology and Engineering Sciences.
- Micro-electronics and Communications.
- Material Science.
- Mineral and Mining Technology.
- Ocean Science and Technology.
- Science Popularization/Public Understanding of Science.
- Science and Technology Policy Studies.

Who can apply: Scientists/faculty members working in regular capacity in Universities, and National Research & Development Laboratories/Institutes can apply under this programme.

Kind of support available: Financial support is available from the respective nodal agency from the two sides for the exchange visit component only as per the financial terms given below:

1. The sending side provides international fare up to the capital city or arrival city of the host country.
2. The receiving side makes the following arrangements:
 - 2.1 The South African scientists visiting India are paid an amount of Indian Rupee 350/- per day in case of short-term visits (up to 31 days), and Indian Rupee 6,000/- per month in case of long-term visits (more than 31 days) towards food and out-of-pocket allowances.
 - 2.2 The Indian scientists visiting South Africa on short-term basis are provided an amount of Rand 50/- per day, and Rand 1000/- per month on a long-term visit towards food and out-of-pocket allowances.
 - 2.3 For short-term visits, however, the maximum payment made to the researchers shall not exceed the total per diem for 23 days only.
 - 2.4 The receiving state provides free furnished accommodation in a Guest House or Hotel with reasonable amenities.
 - 2.5 The receiving state arranges transport to and from airport for all visiting scientists. In case of senior scientists (in the rank of Director or above), transport shall be provided for all official engagement.
 - 2.6 Airport tax, if any, shall be paid by receiving side.
 - 2.7 The receiving state arranges the in-country travel of the visiting scientists from the capital city or arrival city to the receiving institute by appropriate means.
 - 2.8 The receiving state pays the registration fees for participation of visiting scientists in seminar, workshop, etc. in accordance with Article 5.
3. All visiting scientists should take out medical insurance for the duration of their stay in each other's countries. The sending state reimburses the scientists with the amount that such insurance might cost.

It is expected that participating institutes themselves support for equipment manpower, consumables, etc. Further, for scientists belonging to the private sector, only local hospitality as part of exchange visit is available.

Processing: The required forms may be obtained before **15 February 2002** from **The Under Secretary**, International Division, Department of Science & Technology, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016, India; e-mail: rajivdst@hotmail.com.

Joint research projects are required to be submitted simultaneously by the Indian and South African collaborating scientists to the respective nodal agency on or before 28 February 2002. Unilaterally submitted projects shall not be considered.

All received proposals are peer reviewed by independent referees and processed independently by both sides. The projects mutually agreed by both the nodal agencies are likely to receive support from the financial year 2002–03.