

Call for preliminary proposals for establishing new and major programmes in Ferroic Materials

(Department of Science and Technology, Government of India)

Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt of India recognizes that there is a need to establish new and major programmes in the field of Ferroic Materials. To establish such programmes with definite deliverables, DST invites preliminary (concept) proposals from researchers belonging to academic institutes, research laboratories and universities. The preliminary proposals will be screened and short-listed by a duly constituted expert committee. Principal Investigators (PIs) of the short-listed proposals will be called for academic consultation and discussion. The PIs of the proposals with adequate potential as well as credentials will then be requested to submit a complete proposal with detailed budget in proper format to DST. The detailed proposals will be examined by the expert committee and processed for approval.

The preliminary consideration of short-listing will be novelty and scope for innovation of the proposal, deliverables, and scientific justification.

The preliminary concept proposal should contain:

- (1) Name, affiliation and address of PI and Co-PIs (if any)
- (2) Brief CV (one page for each the investigators)
- (3) List of publications in journals during last 5 years
- (4) Short statement of current research activities (one page)
- (5) Facilities currently available with PI and Co-PIs
- (6) Short description of the research proposal in 1000 words stating (a) project title, (b) objectives, (c) methodology, and (d) deliverables
- (7) Facilities required from DST to carry out the proposal.

General long write-ups without specifics are strongly discouraged.

Interested researchers are requested to send the concept proposal (5 unbound copies and a soft copy) to:

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One hard copy of the proposal should be sent simultaneously to:

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Proposals received after **31 January 2006** will not be considered.