



Indian National Science Academy

INSA–JSPS Joint Research Project Programme – 2007

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) invites Research Project Proposals from the Indian scientists/researchers formulated jointly with the Japanese scientists/researchers. The proposals will be subject to review both by the Indian and Japanese experts. The funds for the research projects will have to be arranged by the concerned scientists/researchers from the ongoing programme of their institute/organization or from other funding agencies.

INSA and Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) will only facilitate and support the visit of the scientists/researchers involved in the project from both the sides during the stipulated period. The focussed 2 years research proposal starting from the year 2007 in all areas of Natural Sciences including Engineering, Medicine and Agricultural Sciences should be submitted to Academy by **30 September 2006**.

The detailed guidelines and the application form for the project proposal may be obtained from the Academy by sending a self addressed envelope marked '**INSA–JSPS Joint Research Project Programme**' to the Indian National Science Academy, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002 or may be accessed from website: <http://www.insaindia.org>.

Government of India Ministry of Science & Technology Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

The Department of Biotechnology invites applications for considering setting up of Bioinformatics facility to enable biotechnology activities:

Bioinformatics, the convergence of information technology and biotechnology, a frontline discipline in science, has been attaining rapid developments in India. This scientific discipline emerged simultaneously with the developments of several genome-sequencing programmes. India has recognized the importance of bioinformatics in early 1980's and was the first country to launch the Biotechnology Information System Network (BTISnet) programme in 1986. This network has made high impact in terms of raising quality publications, creation of databases, development of software tools, training manpower, etc. The Bioinformatics website <http://www.btistnet.gov.in> gives more details on the BTISnet.

Considering importance of the bioinformatics for the growth of biotechnology, the department is considering enhancing the BTISnet by supporting grants in aid for establishing bioinformatics facility at various institutions/universities/autonomous accredited colleges in order to support the biotechnology and bioinformatics activities. Under this scheme, DBT will provide a one time financial support for procurement of computer and communication equipments and software with nominal contingency support. The contingency support may be extended for the subsequent years based on the performance. The quantum of support will be decided by the DBT after reviewing the proposals. The proposals must clearly indicate goals and objectives as well as focus area of work in bioinformatics.

Interested institutions may submit their proposals (two hard copies and a soft copy on CD) through proper channel in the prescribed proforma which is available on <http://www.dbtindia.gov.in> on or before **14 August 2006** to **Dr T. Madhan Mohan, Director, Department of Biotechnology, Block-2, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi 110 003**.