



**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DST)  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

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**JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (JST)**

**Strategic India-Japan Cooperative Programme on  
'Multidisciplinary Research Field, which combines Information and  
Communications Technology with other Fields'**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS (2008)**

**Last date for proposals to be submitted: 15 August 2008**

Under the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Government of India and Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and on 8 December 2006, JST and DST have started a new programme for joint funding of Indian-Japanese joint research projects in mutually agreed fields to achieve world-class scientific results, leading towards new innovative technologies.

JST and DST invite Japanese and Indian scientists/researchers to submit proposals for cooperative research projects in the research field described below. An important criterion of the proposed collaboration is that it should build on and reinforce already on-going research activities in each research group and contribute significant added value to these.

**RESEARCH AREAS COVERED**

'Multidisciplinary Research Field, which combines Information and Communications Technology with other Fields' (Multidisciplinary ICT). For the current Call for Proposals priority may be given to ICT combined with nano-technology/nano-science, Security and Cryptography and Software Technology and Theoretical Computer Science. However, other areas of multidisciplinary ICT would also be considered on merit.

**KIND OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE**

Support is available for cooperative research projects including project related visits of Indian and Japanese researchers to the counterpart country. The cooperative research period shall be 3 years. As the main objective of the Programme is to promote collaboration between Indian and Japanese scientists, funding will preliminary be for exchange visits of scientists. To facilitate the objective of the project, incremental funding towards research personnel, consumables and minor equipments/instruments/accessories may also be supported based on the experts' assessment of the proposals.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

Indian and Japanese applicants shall submit a common application form in English to DST and JST respectively. For Japanese applicants, a Japanese version is also required. For Indian applicants supplementary national forms are also to be submitted. Application forms prepared by Japanese researchers shall be submitted to JST and those prepared by Indian researchers shall be submitted to DST by **15 August 2008**. Application forms prepared by Japanese researchers shall be submitted to JST through its online system (<https://puf.jst.go.jp/rqp>). For Indian applicants, the Application forms and Guidelines may be downloaded from [www.stic-dst.org](http://www.stic-dst.org) or [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) and 10 hard copies (by post through proper channels) and one soft copy (through e-mail and CD) are required to be submitted.

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