



## Joint Call for Proposals 2018

Between

**Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (Inria) jointly with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique of France (CNRS)**

Under Indo-French Programme in Information and Communication Science & Technology (ICST)  
Targeted Programme of CEFIPRA

*(Deadline for Submitting Proposals: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017)*

Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (Inria) jointly with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique of France (CNRS) launch a joint call for proposals to foster collaboration between scientific Communities of two countries in the area of Information and Communication Science & Technology. In India, on behalf of the Department of Science & Technology, Indo-French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA) invites proposals from the Indian scientists / researchers.

### Areas of Collaboration ( targeted topic for the call)

The Project proposal will be supported in the following scientific areas:

- Big Data
- Computer science for Biology and Life Sciences
- Artificial Intelligence
- Cyber Physical Systems
- Any other proposal in ICST and Applied Mathematics may also be considered

### Eligibility

Applicants from both countries must fulfil the following requirements:

**On the Indian side:** Applicants have to hold a permanent position as scientists/ Faculty members in universities/ deemed universities, academic institutes and national research and development laboratories/institutes.

**On the French side:**

Inria's Call for Proposal ([Click here to download](#))

CNRS's Call for Proposal ([Click here to download](#))

## **Application:**

The joint proposal shall be written in English. Proposal submitted to only one Party will not be considered. All applicants must fulfil their national eligibility rules for their research grant application. A format is given for the submission of proposal. Applicants from Indian side should ensure that French collaborator must submit the proposal to Inria (who wants to collaborate with Inria Research Team) or to CNRS (who wants to collaborate with CNRS Research Unit) in their specified format.

## **Evaluation of Project Proposal:**

After the closure date of call, Inria, CNRS and DST will exchange list of proposals, received on their side. Commonly received proposals will be evaluated by DST, CNRS and Inria according to their own evaluation rules, and will rank the proposals based on scientific quality and interest.

The evaluation criteria will be based on the following:

- Relevance of the proposal to the call
- Technical and Scientific quality of the proposal
- Quality of the project management & methodology
- Global Impact of the proposal
- Quality of the consortium and good synergies between the partners
- Mobilization of resources
- Added value to be expected from French-Indian research collaboration
- Balanced Scientific and Financial contribution

Based on the scientific evaluation, national ranking, and consensus reached through discussions, a joint committee will select the joint project (s) to be supported.

## **Project funding:**

Jointly selected proposals will be funded in India by DST and in France by Inria (for Inria Research Team) or by CNRS (for CNRS Research unit). The joint proposal must meet the criteria of the funding institutions for consideration. Each project will be funded for a period of three years. The indicative funding from each side will be up to Euro 10000-15000 (Rs. 8- 12 lakhs) per project per year. The support will be given under the following heads:

- International travel (including airfare (India to France & vice-versa), daily allowance, accommodation and domestic travel in the receiving country during a participant's stay abroad) for researchers, engineers, post-doctoral Fellows, Ph.D Students as per CEFIPRA norms ([Click here to download](#))
- Support for JRF /SRF / RA/ PDF (as per DST guidelines)
- Contingency Upto Rs. 30,000 per year

The cost of accident and sickness insurance during travel will not be supported under this Programme. Since, the project is supported mainly for collaboration; applicants have to indicate about the status of co-funding.

## **Intellectual Property:**

The rights of intellectual property arising from the program shall be, in principle, the joint property of the project participants and their employing institutions. In respect of each result, which is to be protected, the project participants shall decide the modalities of protecting the rights. For each selected joint proposal, the project participants shall prepare a joint Intellectual Property Management Plan. A template for this IP Plan will be provided by partner institutions of this programme. Fund will be released only after receiving of the mutually accepted IP Plan.

## **Guidelines for submission of applications:**

Application in prescribed proposal format ([Click here to download](#)) along with joint submission agreement signed by both the partners and certificates duly signed by Heads of the Institutions should be submitted to the Director, Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research, 5B, Ground Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003 (India) on or before 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

One advanced copy must be sent by email to [submit@cefipra.org](mailto:submit@cefipra.org) with subject as ‘**Proposal for DST-Inira-CNRS Targeted Programme**’. Applications received after due date or received on only one side will not be considered for evaluation.

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