

**INDIA - CANADA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION**  
**India-Ontario (Canada) Collaborative Industrial R&D Programme**  
 A Bilateral Framework providing financial support for collaborative R&D ventures  
 between Indian and Ontario (Canada) Industry and Academia  
**Request for Proposal – Terms, Conditions & Guidelines for Applications**

**Joint Request for Proposal for Collaborative R&D Projects (October 2013)**

<p align="center">Indian Implementation Agency</p> 	<p align="center">Indian Funding Ministry/Department</p>  <p align="center">Department of Science &amp; Technology Government of India</p>	<p align="center">Canadian Funding Ministry/Department</p> 	<p align="center">Canadian Implementation Agency</p>  <p align="center">International Science &amp; Technology Partnerships Canada</p>
Name of the Programme	<b>India-Ontario (Canada) Collaborative Industrial R&amp;D Programme</b>		
Applications invited for	Funding support for collaborative R&D Projects between Ontario (Canada) and India leading to commercialization.		
Important Dates	<p>Announcement Date of Request for Proposal: <b>7 October 2013</b>          Submission Date of Expression of Interest (EOI): <b>18 November 2013</b>          Submission Date for full Proposal : <b>19 December 2013</b>          Release of Request for Proposal Results: <b>31 March 2014 (tentative)</b></p>		
Who Can Apply?	<p>Application must be led by the industry from India and Ontario (Canada) and the participation of research institutes and the academia in the projects is strongly encouraged.</p> <p><b>Eligible Indian Applicants</b>  <u>Eligible Indian Project Lead IPL applicants</u> should be Indian companies, registered in India under the Indian Companies Act 1956 with a minimum of 51 percent Indian ownership. <u>Other Eligible Indian applicants</u> include: researchers and managers from academic institutions, research hospitals or other R&amp;D institutions (including not-for-profit research institutes recognized by DST/GITA) that are headquartered and operate in India. Sole proprietors, partnership firms and subsidiaries of firms headquartered and owned outside India are not eligible for support under this programme.</p> <p><b>Eligible Canadian Applicants</b>          Eligible Canadian applicants must be researchers or managers of companies that operate and are headquartered in Canada. Canadian subsidiaries of companies headquartered outside of Canada are typically not eligible for support. However, as 'benefit to Canada' is a key objective and among the most important selection criteria, ISTPCanada may grant an exception to such subsidiaries if they have R&amp;D facilities in Canada and can demonstrate that Canada will accrue clear economic benefit from the bilateral R&amp;D project. Academic institutions, research hospitals, other institutes or research associations are strongly encouraged to participate in the projects as co-investigators.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Representatives from Agencies of the Crown (including Crown corporations, government institutes, government laboratories, etc.) are eligible to participate in R&amp;D projects and related initiatives supported by ISTPCanada, however they <u>are not eligible to receive funding or subsidies from ISTPCanada.</u></p>		
Eligible technology sectors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT);</li> <li>2. Clean Technologies;</li> <li>3. Digital Media;</li> <li>4. Water Technologies (including Water Purification, Water Desalination, Irrigation Technologies, Waste Water Treatment and Management);</li> <li>5. Smart Grids</li> </ol>		
Project funding support	<p><b>In India</b></p> <p>GITA will fund the awardee Indian project partners based on project evaluation and due diligence process . Successful projects will have at least 50% industry R&amp;D component. The active participation of industry will be assessed from the project budget and the R&amp;D performed by the company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Funding will be limited to 50% of the total eligible national cost of the project with a limit of INR 150 Lakhs (approx) per project.</li> <li>o Public funded academic and research organisation applicants may receive grants-in aid up to 100% of its part of eligible national cost in the project.</li> <li>o Industry may receive up to 50% of its part of eligible national cost by way of soft loan repayable upon successful</li> </ul>		

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	<p>completion of the project</p> <p><b>In Ontario (Canada)</b></p> <p>Selected Ontario (Canada)-India R&amp;D project participants will receive funding from MRI in Canada and GITA in India. Funds will be provided in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures established by each organization, and/or each jurisdiction/country. <b>Funding for R&amp;D Project Participants in Ontario, Canada:</b> As the proportion of Canadian and Indian project costs will vary by project, participants from Ontario, Canada are eligible to receive up to a maximum of 50 percent of approved Ontario/Canadian costs for the bilateral R&amp;D project, to a maximum of CDN \$300,000.</p> <p>ISTPCanada (MRI) will award funding to selected project participants from Ontario, Canada: Funding awarding to companies and university researchers will be provided as a non-repayable contribution; these recipients are not required to repay this contribution.</p> <p><b>An Important Note about Stacking Rules:</b> The stacking limit of total government assistance (the combination of federal, provincial and municipal assistance for the same eligible expenditures) for this program is 75 percent. This means the total government funds used to implement an R&amp;D project may not exceed 75 percent of the total budget. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for additional information.</p>
Selection Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project should be innovative aiming to lead to a new product or process with clear commercialization potential</li> <li>2. The project must have equivalence of effort of R&amp;D activities both in India and in Ontario (Canada)</li> <li>3. All projects must be between 12 and 24 months duration</li> <li>4. The industry partners in India must contribute at-least 50% of the total industry project cost incurred in India (??)</li> <li>5. The application will be strengthened by the participation of academic and institutional researchers and by including young researcher exchanges as a component of the R&amp;D program</li> </ol>

**For more information & Guidelines for Applications visit:**

India: [www.gita.org.in](http://www.gita.org.in)

Canada: [www.istpcanada.ca](http://www.istpcanada.ca)

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