

**COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

**UNDER**

**NEW IDEA FUND SCHEME**



**Council of Scientific & Industrial Research**  
Anusandhan Bhavan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research has an ongoing 'New Idea Fund' scheme through which support is given to test and validate novel and highly creative ideas, even if they have a high probability of failure. Till now the scheme was open only to CSIR scientists for support. The experiment proved rewarding. Based on its initial experience, the scope of the scheme has now been enlarged to incorporate joint proposals between CSIR laboratories on one hand and scientific institutions or universities on the other.

### **The Scheme**

CSIR invites joint proposals from CSIR laboratories in association with scientific institutions/universities under the 'New Idea Fund'- for support from CSIR. These proposals are meant for pursuing hitherto unreported novel ideas having far reaching scientific or industrial implication. The scheme is for individuals or a group of collaborating scientists and is non-transferable.

The scheme is intended to be carried out by R&D institutions/ laboratories/ departments, etc. where basic infrastructure already exists.

The research scheme will have a Principal Investigator (PI) either from CSIR Lab or from University/R&D Institution and Co-PI from the other collaborating Lab. The consent of each collaborating institution must be furnished with the proposal.

### **The tenure**

The tenure of the scheme is normally two years. However, in case of lack of progress, it can be terminated earlier.

### **Who can apply**

Under the expanded scope, scientists from Indian R&D institutions and faculty members from universities can write proposals in partnership with a CSIR laboratory. Such joint proposals shall be forwarded through the collaborating CSIR laboratory.

### **Procedure for applying**

Ten copies of the research proposal in the prescribed format (form A1 & A2) should be submitted to DG, CSIR. The application should be forwarded, through the Head of the concerned institution duly certified that (i) the core facilities are available and will be provided to the investigator(s) to work on the proposed scheme, and (ii) the department/ institute will discharge all its obligations, particularly in respect of management of the grants given.

The proposal can be submitted either in the month of September or March. The proposal format can be obtained from Head, RDPD, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110 001.

### **Monitoring**

Sanctioned projects are monitored on six monthly basis. The progress reports shall be submitted by the investigators to CSIR. These should be received by CSIR by 1st February and 1<sup>st</sup> September every year. The PIs are also required to present the progress of research work before the NIF Committee for midterm correction and appraisal.

**FORM-A1**  
**COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**  
R&D Planning Division  
Anusandhan Bhavan, 2 Rafi Marg, New Delhi - 110001

(This application is for financial support by CSIR for the collaborative research proposal and should be typed. Ten copies addressed to DG,CSIR needs to be submitted/ forwarded at the above address)

1. Institutes to administer the grant (both CSIR and collaborating R&D Lab):

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2. Project Title (use not more than four lines):

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3. General area of the proposed research (refer to the subject area here):

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4. Principal Investigator (PI) along with the name of the Institution:

a. Title: Prof./ Dr./ Mr./Ms	Sex M / F	
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**FORM-A2**  
**DETAILED RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

Give the particulars in the format shown below and send 10 copies of the entire project proposal along with Form A1:

**The proposal shall include:**

- i) Title of the Research Proposal
- ii) Name of the collaborating CSIR laboratory
- iii) Project Investigator(s) from CSIR laboratory
- iv) Name of the collaborating R&D University/ Institute
- v) Principal Investigator (either from Univ./R&D instt.) (Please mention the name along with lab)
- vi) Project Investigator(s) from Univ./ Instt. (name, designation and address)
- vii) Objectives
- viii) Newness/Novelty/Uniqueness including anticipated impact

ix) Financial Requirements (year-wise):

Proposed Budget	Year I	Year II	Total
CSIR laboratory			
University/Institute			

- x) Scientific and technological status of the proposal vis-à-vis international developments in the related area along with the latest status on international patents and scientific research papers.
- xi) Plan of work and methodology including time schedules and milestones.
- xii) Details of available resources including personnel and equipment to carry out research.
- xiii) Justification of Budget (for each item of equipment, and contingencies
- xiv) List not more than 25 of your publications with full bibliographic details/ reports/ patents or other documents in the last 10 years (use asterisks to identify publications relevant to this proposal).