



Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

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Set up by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India

Announces

5th Call for proposals under **Contract Research and Services Scheme (CRSS)** to facilitate Academia-Industry Interaction

(1st February to 17th March, 2014)



Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Section 25 'Not-for-Profit Company' of Government of India, has been set up as Department of Biotechnology's interface agency, to develop lab scale technologies into products through public-private partnership

Key Features

- * Contract Research and Services Scheme (CRSS) provides support to academia in the form of grant-in-aid for taking proof of concept (PoC) of their leads /technologies towards commercial scale with industry under a specific contract and fee structure.
- * Exploratory research or fundamental discovery with no PoC will be discouraged.
- * The requirements of the Academic groups for some specific services from the industry such as toxicology studies, gene sequencing towards translational work, studies using specific industrial equipment etc. forming a part of commercial scale development could also be supported under this scheme.

Modalities of Funding

- The academic partner will be provided Grant-in-aid for further translational work required at their site (if any) and for the contract research/service component(s) to be outsourced to the collaborating company(ies).

How to Apply?

Proposals under CRSS are required to be submitted online only. For submission of proposals, institution need to register with BIRAC through "Institution User Registration". Detailed guidelines are available at <http://www.birac.nic.in>

- User Registration is open round the clock.
- Online Proposal Submission would begin from **1st February 2014**
- No hard copy to be submitted. Proposals submitted online only would be considered.

Who can Apply?

Academia has to be the primary applicant with one or more partners of which at least one of them has to be a company

Primary applicant (academia) :-

Public/ Private Universities and Research Institutions having a well-established research support system for basic or applied research are eligible.

Primary applicant may consider the following as partner(s)

- Academia that are meeting the criterion mentioned above for the Primary applicant.
- Indian Company(ies), registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 with atleast 51% Indian shareholding and having DSIR* recognised in-house R&D unit.

(*Companies in the process of obtaining DSIR recognition may also be considered)

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**Last date for Submission of
Proposals under the CRSS scheme
17th March 2014**