



# Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

## SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH INITIATIVE (SBIRI)

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS (26th Batch)

(15th Sep - 31st Oct, 2014)

#### THE PROGRAM

Small Business Innovation Research Initiative (SBIRI) is a flagship Public-Private Partnership Programme of BIRAC, a Not-for-profit, Public Sector Company set up by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India to promote and nurture innovative research in Biotech Enterprises.

#### UNIQUE FEATURES OF SBIRI

- Supports start-ups, small and medium enterprises and other 'for-profit' private companies.
- Financial support for early stage & proof-of-concept for innovations based on valid hypothesis, R&D aimed at affordable product development, lab - scale technology refinement, validation of a technology at pilot scale, platform technologies / prototypes development, etc.
- The support is extended as grants-in-aid.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- **The proposals can be submitted**
  - ▶ Solely by a Company Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 / 2013 or Limited liability Partnership (LLP) incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 or Joint Ventures either in the form of Company/ LLP.
  - ▶ By any of the above entities jointly with other private or public partner(s) (Universities or Institutes).
  - ▶ Minimum 51% of the shares of the Company should be held by Indian Citizens.
  - ▶ Minimum half of the persons who subscribed their names to the LLP document as its partners should be Indian citizens.
  - ▶ The main industry applicant should have DSIR\* recognized in-house R&D unit or a patent granted or acquired, that will be used for the proposed project; alternatively, the applicant should be incubated at an Incubation Centre / Biotech Park which has a valid SIRO / DSIR Certificate.

*\*The Companies should have DSIR certificate. The Companies in the process of obtaining DSIR recognition may also apply along with the proof of application for DSIR. However, the final decision of such applications would be subject to their getting DSIR recognition.*

#### HOW TO APPLY?

Proposals are required to be submitted **online only**. To submit a proposal online, please log on to the BIRAC website [www.birac.nic.in](http://www.birac.nic.in)

**Last date for Submission  
of Proposals**

**31st Oct, 2014**

**No hard copy to be submitted.  
Proposals submitted online only would be considered.**

**Details of the scheme including eligibility requirements, categories for proposal submission, guidelines for support as grant and loan, agreement template etc. are available at [www.birac.nic.in](http://www.birac.nic.in)**

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