FUNDING INSTRUMENTS

Institutional Networking Programme

Description: Grants for Institutional Networking Projects are meant to create links and to foster collaboration in research between Indian and Hungarian institutes working in similar thematic fields of research and recognised for their excellence. The following forms of cooperative activities are envisaged:

- Joint research activities within IHSRF priority areas
- Exchange of faculty members for the purpose of research, seminars and lectures
- Exchange of doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows for research and trainings
- One joint workshop (small-scale)
- Exchange of information (e.g. teaching material, databases, ...) and material

Institutional Partnerships are expected to create a synergy of activities that will ensure that the involved institutes increase their scientific competitiveness and reach their goal of being firmly established at the forefront of research and innovation.

The forming of inter- and multidisciplinary research teams and linkages to industrial partners (end-users) are highly encouraged. Support for Hungarian private partners shall be offered according to the national legislation of the Hungary. However, the private partners from Indian side will have to bring in their own funds for participating in the project.

Purpose: To assemble the critical mass of Indian and Hungarian experts needed to achieve breakthroughs in cutting-edge areas of research and innovation.

- To provide a regional focus for scientific and technological expertise
- To draw on the pooling and leveraging of already existing facilities and equipment

Duration: 36 months

Eligible costs: Institutional Partnership Projects will receive a comprehensive budget including research funding. Requested budget items must relate to the project research activities.

Allowable budget items:

- Consumables required to do the proposed research
- Support of one small-scale jointly organised workshop
- Travel expenses connected to visits to the partner institute(s) in the counterpart country
- Local hospitality to host project partners (faculty members and students) from the counterpart country
- Minor Equipments required under the project
- Labour costs
- Other costs: Overhead charges to participating Institutes from each side as per regulations of each side.

Submission of Applications: Indian & Hungarian scientists shall submit joint applications to DST and NKTH in response to a call for proposals.
Eligibility criteria:
- Proposal received before the deadline indicated in the call
- Completeness of proposal
- Proposal involves at least one partner from Hungary and one partner from India
- Proposed research is related to the programme's priority areas
- At least 3 research institutes from each side will constitute a “Network”.
- Each Network will have a Group Leader

Evaluation of proposals:
Proposals will be considered on the basis of peer-reviews conducted both in India (DST) and Hungary (by NKTH).

Reporting and evaluation of reports:
Indian and Hungarian scientists will report separately. Scientists will have to submit an annual scientific and financial report to DST and to a Hungarian programme management body designated by NKTH.