



Technology Development Board, Bpifrance financing and Indo French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research joint Call for Proposal (s) from Indian & French Companies on Aeronautics; Automotive & Biotechnology

Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and Bpifrance financing (hereafter referred as Bpifrance), a public investment bank, France have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to carry out activities related to the exchanging of best practices and the setting up of coordinated measures to foster technological exchanges and innovation, collaborations between companies, organizations and institutions of France and India.

Under this MoU, TDB and Bpifrance, France launch a joint “Call for proposal (s) for Indian & French Companies/ Industries/ SMEs”. On behalf of TDB, this joint call will be implemented by the Indo French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR/CEFIPRA), India’s first and France’s only binational organization. The targeted areas (with sub-areas in focus, but not limited to) for this call are:

- Aeronautics
- Automotive
- Biotechnology with special emphasis to health biotechnology

Aeronautics

1. Aeronautics Equipment Units
 - ❖ Design & Production for Civil & Military Applications
 - ❖ Mechanical, Hydraulic, Electronic & Electrical Equipments
 - ❖ Optronics, Avionics & Stealth features
2. Airframe Manufacturing Units
3. Aircraft Engine Manufacturing Units
4. Logistics & Fleet Management Solutions

Automotive

1. Automobile manufacturing
2. Automobile spare parts manufacturing
3. Electrical, Electronic & IT equipments
4. Mobility & IoT Integration technologies

5. Fuel efficiency /other Green technologies

6. Electric Motors

Biotechnology

Noninvasive Tools & Devices including Imaging Techniques for Neurological, Cardiology and Oncology Investigations; Preventive Measures, Vaccines, Immunotherapies & other alternative strategies in the area of Non-communicable Diseases.

Who can apply?

- Project shall have at least one registered Company from India and France each as “Joint Applicants” (1+1 model). Other companies may also participate as partners
- An Indian Company is defined as one which is registered under the Indian Companies Act and in which more than 51 % of the ownership is held by Indian Citizens (not OCI or PIO). Financial assistance to Indian companies in the form of the loan will normally be limited to half the estimated approved outlay on the activities eligible for funding
- According to Bpifrance funding rules, French Enterprises with less than 2000 employees are financed through reimbursable loan
- The project should demonstrate an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure, new fields of application, etc.)

How to apply?

Details of the application submission process, eligibility conditions and other information are available on websites of TDB: www.tdb.gov.in and CEFIPRA: www.cefipra.org under TDB-CEFIPRA-Bpifrance Programme

Proposal submission is open during the entire duration of MoU till 10th April, 2021 with quarterly cut off dates for every year as 31st March, 30th June, 30th September and 31st December.

Interested applicants can submit soft copy of complete proposal along with all necessary supporting documents in the prescribed format (link for application format: http://tdb.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Annexure-I_Format-for-submission-of-full-proposal-TDB-CEFIPRA-Bpifrance.pdf or <http://www.cefipra.org/Document/Annexure-1.pdf>) through email to: aparajita@cefipra.org & preeti.sahai@gmail.com or tdbbpifrance@gmail.com; with a copy to: mael.mbaye@bpifrance.fr. The Indian applicant company is requested to send a hard copy with complete proposal along with all necessary supporting documents in the prescribed format to Director, CEFIPRA and/or Secretary, TDB in the addresses given below:

To,
Director,

Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR),
Centre Franco-Indien pour la Promotion de la Recherche Avancée (CEFIPRA),
5B, Ground Floor, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003

To,
Secretary,
Technology Development Board,
Department of Science and Technology,
Wing-A, Ground Floor, Vishwakarma Bhawan,
Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg,
New Delhi-110016

In case the proposal is short listed; the Indian company would be intimated to send five more copies for further processing.

For more information and clarifications, please contact :

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TDB: Dr. Preeti Sahai, Scientist E (preeti.sahai@gmail.com)

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