



Call for Proposal / Application (2014) : Max Planck Society, Germany – DST, India Program

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in October 2004 between Max Planck Society (MPG), Germany and Department of Science & Technology (DST), India, applications/proposals are invited for

(i) Max Planck Partner Group (PG) at Indian Partner Institution (IPI)

(ii) Max Planck - DST Mobility Grant

The program will be administered and implemented in India by the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) on behalf of the Department of Science & Technology (DST).

Partner Group - Eligibility and Funding

Max Planck Partner Groups can be established at an Indian Partner Institute (IPI) when a young scientist (Post-doc/young faculty, max. age 38 years as on 1st January 2015) of proven excellence - after a minimum stay of 12 months at an MPI - returns to a high-performance and appropriately equipped laboratory at an IPI and continues to work on a topic that also enjoys priority at the previous host institute (i.e. MPI). Partner Groups therefore, enable both the MPI and the Head of the Partner Group based at an IPI to continue a sustained scientific interaction.

MPG will allocate up to 20,000 euro p.a. for up to 5 years (initially for 3 years duration) for Partner Group established at IPI. The Indian side shall provide funding (max. rupee equivalent of 20,000 euro p.a.) for matching the research activities.

Mobility Grant - Eligibility and Funding

Max Planck-DST Mobility Grants are awarded to scientifically outstanding, promising and talented young Indian scientists at the post-doc/young faculty level not older than 35 years as on 1st January 2015. Mobility Grant holders will receive from MPG/MPI a sum of 3,000 euro p.a. for up to four years. A minimum one month's visit per year is obligatory. Travel cost will be awarded for each visit to MPI by the Indian side.

Details and application procedure available at www.igstc.org (Indo-German Science & Technology Centre – IGSTC) or www.dst.gov.in (Department of Science & Technology) – from **10th June 2014**.
Application Deadline – 15th September 2014

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A. Max Planck Partner Group at Indian Partner Institution

Eligibility

1. The program for Max Planck Partner Groups is open to all Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and all research/academic institutions in India. Candidates for the Head of a Partner Group can apply directly to IGSTC in India, and Directors of MPI can nominate candidates to MPG.

2. The criteria to qualify for the position of Head of Partner Group are as follows:

Max Planck Partner Group can be established at an IPI when a young scientist (Post-doc, max age 38 years as on 1st January 2015) of proven excellence - after a minimum stay of 12 months (as on date of submission of the application) at a MPI - returns to a high-performance and appropriately equipped laboratory at an IPI and continues to work on a topic that also enjoys priority at the previous host institute (i.e. MPI). Partner Groups therefore, enable both the MPI and the Head of the Partner Group based at an IPI to continue a sustained scientific interaction.

3. The following documents must be submitted:

Detailed letter of reference (laudation) from the Director of MPI where the candidate has spent minimum 12 months; list of publications; curriculum vitae; three recommendation letters, at least one of which will come from outside Germany and India; a project description which will also specifically elaborate on the intended bilateral cooperation; letter of intent by the Director of the IPI at which the Partner Group will be based declaring that IPI agrees to hosting a Partner Group; two separate macro budget- breakups for Indian and German side of funding.

Funding

1. MPG will allocate up to 20,000 euro p.a. for up to 5 years (initially for 3 years duration) for Partner Groups established at IPI. Funding provided by MPG will be allocated through the MPI towards the IPI according to standard MPG rules for Partner Groups. Funding provided by MPG towards the Max Planck Partner Group will be governed by a bilateral standardised agreement between MPI and IPI. MPI will only take responsibility for the funding provided by MPG. IGSTC shall provide funding (max. of rupee equivalent of 20,000 euro p.a.) for matching the research activities, based on the budget projections made in the proposal as per the prescribed norms. Indian funding shall be released by IGSTC to the Director of the Indian Institute where the IPI will be

hosted under a separate sanction order subject to receipt of MPG funds by the Indian Institute hosting the partner group.

2. Financial accounts for the funding provided by MPG will be reported on an annual basis by the Head of the Partner Group through the IPI to MPI and copy sent to IGSTC. Financial accounts for the funding provided by Indian side will be reported on an Indian financial year basis by the Head of the Partner Group through the IPI to IGSTC and copy sent to MPI.

3. The Head of the Partner Group shall, as far as possible, ensure that the funds received from MPG and IGSTC will be utilized for the purpose of creating MPI like facilities at their respective institutes.

4. The Budget of a Partner Group should not be used towards salary increments of scientists in a regular position.

5. The portion of the budget of the Partner Group allocated towards mobility shall, as a rule, not exceed 25% p.a. Exceeding this limit requires prior approval by

- MPI for the budget provided through MPG

- IGSTC for the budget provided through IGSTC.

6. Generally mobility expenses (travel, accommodation, per diem) for senior scientists from Germany (MPI) should not be covered from the budget of the Partner Group. Rather, mobility expenses (within the limits as per no. 5 above), shall be directed at junior scientists from Germany to India and scientists from India to Germany.

7. The Partner Group must operate economically. It is therefore, to be ensured that international air travel between Germany and India is undertaken by lowest economy class and that expenses on local stay for Indian scientists going to Germany and for German scientists visiting the Partner Group in India will be covered in an appropriate and reasonable range.

The format for submitting applications for Max Planck Partner Group at IPI is at Annexure-I

B. Max Planck-DST Mobility Grant for Indian Scientists

Eligibility

1. The program “**Max Planck-DST Mobility Grants for Indian Scientists**” will be open to all Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and all research/academic institutions in India. Candidates for Mobility Grant can apply directly to IGSTC in India and Directors of MPI nominate candidates to MPG.

2. The criteria to qualify for Max Planck-DST Mobility Grant are as follows:

- Max Planck-DST Mobility Grants are awarded to scientifically outstanding, promising and talented young Indian scientists not older than 35 years as on 1st January 2015.
- Candidates must hold a PhD degree and have a proven research record and profile.
- For the candidate to have previously visited an MPI is an asset, not a pre-requisite.

3. Candidates for MPG Mobility Grant must be affiliated to an Indian research/academic institution at the time of application as well at the time of availing the Mobility Grant. In case the Mobility Grant holder moves out of India during the 4-year granting period, the Indian support shall be terminated as soon as the candidate leaves his/ her Indian institution while MPG support can be continued and will be decided on a case by case basis.

4. Candidates for Max Planck Mobility Grant for Indian Scientists will be officially designated by MPG and DST. To this extent the Mobility Grant holder will receive one official letter/document of nomination each from DST and MPG. Each of these letters/ documents of nomination will make reference to the program of cooperation, the MoU and MPG/DST respectively.

5. The following documents must be submitted:

Detailed letter of reference (laudation) on the candidate by the Director of MPI; curriculum vitae; list of publications; project description; an outline by the candidate on the intended cooperation with the MPI and a statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to spend minimum one month p.a. at the MPI; letter of intent from the Director Indian institute to which the candidate is affiliated.

Funding

1. Mobility Grant holders will receive from MPG/MPI a sum of 3,000 euro p.a. for up to four years. A minimum one month's visit per year is obligatory. Travel expenses for this purpose are covered from the Mobility Grant. The host is committed to covering local expenses. However, if agreed between MPI and Mobility Grant holder, some local expenses may also be covered from the Mobility Grant itself. Aside from these requirements, the Mobility Grant holder is free to decide on the use of funds within the given framework and for all purposes in connection with the ongoing cooperation with the MPI (e.g. participation in international workshops in Germany or in third countries, visit to other German research institutions, financing travel of co-workers to the MPI etc.).

One return economy-excursion air fare ticket p.a. to the candidate for a round trip to Germany will be provided by the Indian side as travel expenses.

2. Funding provided by MPG will be allocated through the host MPI according to standard MPG rules and under the provision that they are to be used exclusively according to the terms as set forth. Only the Mobility Grant holder himself/herself will have access to the funds through the MPI. MPI will only take responsibility for the funding provided by MPG. Funding provided by Indian side will be allocated according to standard IGSTC/DST rules. Expenditures by the Mobility Grant holder will be duly reported to MPI and IGSTC.

The format for submitting application under DST-MPG Mobility Grant is placed at Annexure-II

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR PARTNER GROUP (Annexure I) AND MOBILITY GRANT (Annexure II)

Applications are to be submitted in parallel to IGSTC in India and MPG in Germany in the format attached. One original set by the candidate for the Head of a Partner Group to IGSTC and one set by the Director of the MPI nominating a candidate to MPG.

The last date for submission of applications is 15th September 2014. The applicants are required to send only one original hard copy of the complete application to:

Director, Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), Plot No. 102, Sector 44, Gurgaon – 122003, Haryana (India) and

a soft copy in a single file (MS Word or pdf format) by email at director@igstc.org and director.igstc@gmail.com

and; one set of application to:

Ms Renate Bischof-Drewitz, Max-Planck- Gesellschaft (MPG), Referat für Internationale Beziehungen, Division of International Relations, Hofgartenstr. 8, D-80539 München, Germany (email- Bischof-Drewitz@gv.mpg.de)

Indian applicants may contact IGSTC for any clarification at:

Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC)

Plot No.102, Sector 44, Gurgaon – 122003

Ph: 0124 4929400

Email : director@igstc.org / director.igstc@gmail.com

Note:

- i. Incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected.
- ii. Please ensure to send only one application complete in all respect and containing all documents and information asked for.
- iii. Advance copy or any supplementary information/ documents by post or by mail shall not be accepted after submission of the formal application.
- iv. The signature is not required in the soft copy of the proposal. Hence, kindly do not insert any scanned page in the soft file of the proposal.

APPLICATION FOR

Max Planck Partner Group at Indian Partner Institute

Part - I

1. Research topic/ title:

2. Field of research (broad subject area):

3. Name and full coordinates (with telephone /mobile /email address) of the applicant:

Indian applicant	MPI counterpart

4. Keywords

PART-II

Detailed Proposal highlighting the following

1. Project title
2. Scientific objectives and significance of the research topic/Partner Group: (max. 1 page)
2. Current state-of-art in the field (max. 1 page)
3. Preliminary activities (max. 1 page)
4. Detailed research plan and description of the Indo-German co-operation (max 4-5 pages)
5. Existing or previous connectivity between Indian and German partners (½ page)
6. Expected results/outcome (½ page)
7. Detailed CV including list of important publications of the candidate (*please do not send copies of the publications*)
8. Three independent reviews (at least one of which should be from outside Germany and India)
9. Budget Outline

Budget head	Indian fund (INR)			MPG fund (Euro)		
	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3
Research Man-power ¹						
Minor Equipment/ Accessories/Spares ²						
Consumables ³						
Travel & hospitality ⁴						
Overhead Expenses						
Total						
Grand Total						

¹ Please indicate the research manpower (number, level – JRF/SRF/RA etc) required for the PG at Indian institute.

² Indicate name, make and quoted price for each of the equipment/accessories and detailed justification vis-à-vis project objectives (**use separate sheet**).

³ Names of different consumables, unit price and quantity along with justification (**use separate sheet**).

⁴ Whenever Indian scientist/project researcher visits Germany, travel cost by sending side and stay expenses/Mobility Grant amount by the receiving side to be applied.

Signature of the applicant with date

INSTITUTIONAL ENDORSEMENT:

Certified that all necessary administrative support will be extended to support activities under **Max Planck Partner Group at Indian Partner Institute**.

Head of Indian Institution
(Signature with office seal)

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Application Dossier for Max Planck-DST Mobility Grant

Documents to be submitted

The following documents must be submitted, both by the Director of a MPI nominating a candidate to MPG and by candidates for the Mobility Grant applying directly to IGSTC in India:

1. Detailed letter of reference (laudation) from the Director of MPI
2. Curriculum Vitae with list of publications
3. Project description
4. An outline by the candidate on the intended cooperation with the MPI
5. Statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to spend minimum 1 month p.a. at the MPI
6. Letter from the Director of IPI to which the candidate is affiliated supporting the nomination and accepting the conditions as set forth.
7. Cover Page (as above at Part-I)

Applicant
(Signature with office seal)

Head of Indian Institute
(Signature with office seal)