

Iran – India cooperative research projects

Call for proposal

Iran and India have a long history of cultural, political, economic and academic relations. However, there are indeed many untouched areas in the relationships between the two countries which have the potential to be further explored. There are many experts in both countries who have the potential to undertake large-scale projects, but lack the necessary financial resources to do so. Moreover, the two countries can use each other's expertise in different fields of knowledge and there is hence a high potential for further cooperation.

On this basis, the first meeting of Iran-Indo Joint Committee on Science and Technology was held on December 12, 2016 in Tehran, Iran. The signed agreement outlines three roles for the joint committee:

- To create a favorable environment for the implementation of Science and Technology (S&T) activities
- To decide upon the specific areas of cooperation
- To suggest and approve projects and programs in order to foster and support the various cooperative activities for S&T collaboration

One of the main outcomes of this meeting was that every year, 10 projects which are cooperatively done by Iranian and Indian researchers would be supported by both countries. The duration of each project shall be two years, which may be extended by one more year through mutual agreement. During this time, two visits from each side will be supported. In special cases, more visits may be approved through mutual concern.

We hereby invite all researchers and practitioners from Iran and India to send their proposals to iriin@um.ac.ir. The proposals should be in the following areas agreed upon by the joint committee:

- Information Communication Technology
- Life Sciences and Bio-Technology
- Energy and Renewable Energy
- Water Resource Management

- Material Science and Technology
- Aerospace Science and Technology and their applications

The proposals must include the following sections:

- Title
- Introduction & objectives
- Significance of the Project
- Methodology
- Specific information about the project including the **place of conducting the research**, the **duration of the project**, the costs and scientific (papers) or technological outcomes of the research project
- The suggested researcher(s) in both countries with full contact information, clear affiliation and researcher's CVs
- Timeline of the project

All the proposals received by **Mid May 2017** would be evaluated independently by experts from both countries. The assessments will then be exchanged and the decision on supporting the projects would be finalized by the joint committee through physical or virtual meetings. The applicants would be notified of the assessment results in October 2017. The supported projects would receive a maximum fund of US\$ 10000.

Important dates

Application deadline: **Mid May, 2017**

Notification of the results to the applicants: **October 2017**

Start of Projects: **January 2018**

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