CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM INSTITUTIONS OF NORTH EASTERN REGION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL BIOTECH HUBS

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology invites proposals from institutes/colleges/Universities of higher education of the North Eastern Region of India offering undergraduate and/or postgraduate courses in any branch of Biology/Life Science/ Biotechnology/ Environmental Science/ Chemistry/ Physics/ Computer Science/ Biomedical Sciences/ Agri/ Veterinary Sciences for establishment of Biotech Hubs under the special programme for the North Eastern States. R&D institutions in this region those are actively engaged in biological research will also be considered for this program. The broad purpose of the programme is to promote education and research in Biology/ Life Science/ Biotechnology and to attract brilliant young students to build their career in different fields of biological sciences/ biotechnology. The support under this programme will be provided initially for a period of 3 years.

Under this programme DBT proposes to provide the following facilities to each Biotech Hubs.

- A biotechnology lab with basic set of equipments
- Support for site preparation/ renovation
- Computers with Internet connectivity
- Biotechnology electronic journal access facility
- Recurring budget for procurement of chemicals, glassware and for maintenance of Internet connectivity
- Support for Organizing Trainings/Workshops for teachers
- Travel Support for Conference allowance, short term training in any Institute in India.
- Student Fellowships etc.

Depending on the status and potential, the institutions will be identified for providing necessary infrastructure support both for teaching and research activities and will be funded accordingly. Each biotech hub will be looked after by a Coordinator to be named by the host institute and guided by a small committee constituted as per guidelines framed by DBT. The host institution shall have to provide necessary space and accommodation. Applications from the institutions those have already received either institutional level or state level Biotech hubs will not be considered.

Interested institutions may submit two copies of their proposals in the prescribed format, (http://dbtindia.nic.in/docs/nerbhubs.doc) signed by the Coordinator and duly endorsed by the respective Heads of the Institutions, should reach to

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A soft copy of the proposal is also required to be sent to nerbpmc@dbt.nic.in.