Call for Proposal/Application (2012):
Max Planck Society, Germany–DST, India Programme

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

(i) Max Planck Partner Group (PG) at Indian Partner Institutions (IPI)
(ii) Max Planck–DST Visiting Fellowship

The programme will be administered and implemented in India by the Indo-German Science and Technology Centre (IGSTC) on behalf of the Department of Science and 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 1 January 2013) 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 Groups established at IPI. The Indian side shall provide funding (max. rupee equivalent of 20,000 euro p.a.) for matching the research activities.

**Fellowship – Eligibility and Funding**
Max Planck–DST Visiting Fellowships 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 1 January 2013. Fellowship 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](http://www.igstc.org) (Indo-German Science and Technology Centre – IGSTC) or [www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in) (Department of Science and Technology). Application Deadline – 10 September 2012.