Call for Proposals under
Big Data Initiatives (BDI) Programme

The scheme: Big Data Initiatives Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST) solicits proposals in any aspect of Big Data research streams with emphasis on 5Vs (Volume, Velocity, Variety, Value and Veracity) that contribute to address Big Data challenges. This includes but is not limited to the following (for more details visit www.dst.gov.in)


Following are broad categories under which financial support shall be provided to quality proposals in Grant-in-Aid mode.

(a) R&D projects
(b) Establishment of Center for Excellence in Big Data analytics, Predictive technologies, Cyber security, etc.
(c) Conduction of national level Conferences/Workshops/Seminars/Brain Storming Sessions, etc.
(d) Training programmes: In-house short-term training programmes for Faculty/UG/PG/Doctoral students.

Who can apply: Academicians, scientists, technologists and other practising researchers from recognized academic, research institutions and registered scientific societies, etc.

Approval mechanism: All proposals received shall be first scrutinized and screened by BDID, short listed ones shall be referred to peer review comments, those who scored above standard threshold limits only will be called for a technical presentation before Project Advisory and Monitoring Committee (PAMC). Based on recommendations of PAMC, proposals shall be taken up for possible support. Private funded academic/research institutions participation shall be based on cost sharing basis.

How to apply: It is a throughout the year programme and proposals in a prescribed DST format can be submitted any time of a year. For more information, details and for formats, visit www.dst.gov.in

Proposal submission: Proposals completed in all aspects be submitted. A soft copy by e-mail to krm@nic.in and corresponding one hard copy by post to

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