



## BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Under the aegis of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India



10<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals under

### BIOTECHNOLOGY IGNITION GRANT (BIG)

*For Igniting New Ideas*

(1<sup>st</sup> January to 15 February, 2017)

**BIG scheme encourages and supports Biotech Entrepreneurs to establish & validate Proof of Concept (PoC) for their idea**

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Section 8 'Not-for-Profit Company' of Government of India, has been set up as DBT's interface agency, to serve as a single window for emerging biotech companies.

#### BIRAC invites proposal from

- Biotechnology start-ups / entrepreneurs
  - Having a registered company incorporated on/ after 1st Jan 2014.
- OR
- Academicians, Scientists, Researchers, PhDs, Medical degree holders, Biomedical Engg. Graduates
  - Incubating in a Technology Business IncubatorWho have innovative technology idea with considerable potential for impact/commercialization.

#### Scope & Support

- BIG is for high level of innovation in the Biotechnology sector. BIG does not support basic research projects.
- BIG scheme supports only up-to Proof-of-Concept stage.
- Grant-in-aid up-to Rs 50 lakhs
- Grant period is 18 months
- Mentoring support and Project Monitoring by BIG Partner

#### How to Apply

Only online submission of proposal is allowed under BIG scheme. Register on BIRAC website under "BIG User" for submission of proposal. User registration is open round the clock. Prior recipients of BIG grant are ineligible. For further details on the scheme, eligibility criteria, FAQs and registration log on to [www.birac.nic.in](http://www.birac.nic.in).

#### Important dates

Proposal Submission  
Starts  
**1<sup>st</sup> January,  
2017**

Proposal Submission  
Closes (midnight of)  
**15<sup>th</sup> February,  
2017**

#### The BIG scheme is implemented by our BIG Partners



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