



Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (A Govt of India Enterprise)

11th Call for Proposals

CONTRACT RESEARCH SCHEME (CRS)

Supporting Academia for Translational Research

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Public Sector Undertaking of Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology (Govt of India) is an interface agency to nurture innovation research and promote affordable product development through Public-Private Partnership

Contract Research Scheme (CRS) supports academia across the country to take forward their research leads through validation and translation by industry. Funding is in the form of Grant-in-aid which is given to both the academic as well as industrial partner

- CRS enables academia to engage industry in contract research mode to carry forward their leads/technologies towards validation and commercialization
- The academia should necessarily have an established lead supported by scientific data for validation by industry
- The scheme also supports academia for some specific services such as toxicology studies, gene sequencing studies, etc. as a part of validation studies and commercial scale development
- Grant-in-aid is provided to the academia for In-House research which forms a part of validation of the PoC
- While the IP rights reside with academia, the industrial partner has the first right of refusal with regard to commercial exploitation of New IP
(Exploratory research or fundamental discovery without PoC is not supported)

Who can apply

Academia has to be the Primary Applicant with one or more partners of which at least one is an industry. The proposers, if so desired can opt for additional partners from another Industry and/or academia

Eligibility criteria for the partner(s)

- Indian company/ies registered under 'The Indian Companies Act 2013' with minimum 51% Indian shareholding, and having DSIR recognized in-house R&D unit
- Public/Private Universities and Research Institutions having a well-established support system for basic and/or applied research with registration/recognition from a statutory body are eligible.

How to apply

Proposals for the Scheme are required to be submitted **online only**. For scheme details and information regarding submission of proposal, please log on to BIRAC website (www.birac.nic.in)

Last date for submission of proposals: 15 March 2017

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