Department of Science and Technology (DST)  
Government of India  

India-Tunisia Science and Technology Cooperation  

Call for Joint Proposals (2006)  

Deadline for the Submission of Proposals: 30 September 2006  

Under the Programme of Cooperation in the fields of Science and Technology for the years 2006–2008, the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology and the Tunisian Ministry of Scientific Research, Technology and Competency Development (MSRTCD), invite Indian and Tunisian universities, research centers and institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research and development projects.


Proposals in other fields may also be considered within the budgetary limitations.

Kind of Financial Support Available: Financial support for the approved projects is usually provided for exchange visits of project team members. In the exchange of project researchers, the sending party covers the costs of international travel and receiving side covers the local hospitality.

Further details and project proposal format are available on the websites www.dst.gov.in and www.stic-dst.gov.in. In case of difficulty, these may also be obtained sending e-mail to rajivdst@nic.in

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Madurai Kamaraj University  

Genographic – India project funded by The National Geographic Society, IBM and The Waitt Family Foundation, USA. At Madurai Kamaraj University Research Fellowship in Human Population Genetics. We are seeking research students (Senior and Junior Research Fellows) in the area of human population genetics and allied training starting 1 September 2006. Candidates with M.Sc., in Genetics, Biology related subjects with good score and experience shall apply. The Senior Research Fellowship will carry Rs 12,000–16,000 p.m. and Junior Research Fellows Rs 6000–8000 p.m. depending on the experience, qualification and publications. Successful applicants will be expected to carry out a 4 to 5-year research project comprising field sampling and laboratory analyses to reconstruct historical human population events.

The fellowship is funded by the Genographic Project, a research partnership of the National Geographic Society and IBM, with field research support provided by the Waitt Family Foundation. These position will be supervised by Prof. R. M. Pitchappan, the Principal Investigator heading the Regional center at Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai 625 021, Tamil Nadu, India (http://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/).

The aim of the project is to reconstruct the ancient migration events that led to the peopling of India and the world and to assess regional patterns of human genetic diversity. The applicant should have a Post Graduate degree in the field of human population genetics and related subjects. Past experience in DNA work, fieldwork experience, and related laboratory techniques is preferred. Ability to speak English and at least one other Indian language are preferred. Please send full CV with 3 letters of reference and Xerox copies of supporting documents to the undersigned by post and through email on or before 4 September 2006. Shortlisted candidates will be tele interviewed and if required will be asked to attend the interview in person.

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