Department of Scientific and Industrial Research

General Guidelines for Funding Support under A2K+ Studies

1. The objective of A2K+ Studies program is to support studies in emerging areas of technology aimed at providing useful information and knowledge base to industry, industry associations, academia, research institutions, consultants, entrepreneurs, research students and policy makers for doing any further work in these areas; to study and analyze the developments in the emerging technology areas and document the findings, leanings and outcomes for wider dissemination; and preparation of status reports on technologies from public funded institutions, that are ready for commercialization with a view to catalyze the translation of research output from institutions to market.

2. Department regularly advertises theme areas for the studies, hence proposal should focus on advertised theme area and address the identified scope of the study. Ensure that the theme area for the study is clearly spelt out in the application. The agencies/ organizations have to submit application in the prescribed format routed through the Head of the Institute.

3. The duration for the proposal study should be not more than 1 year.

4. Types of Agencies to be considered for support:
   (i) Industry Associations including Sectoral Industry Associations, Export Promotion Councils and Chambers of Commerce and Industry;
   (ii) Central and State Government Departments and their associated bodies including Technical Consultancy Organizations (established by State Government, Financial Institutions & Banks);
   (iii) National R&D Institutions and Organizations including SIROs recognized by DSIR and PFRIs registered with DSIR;
   (iv) Approved Universities and Colleges as listed in UGC/AICTE website;
   (v) Institutions having a distinct legal entity (as per Rule 228 of GFR 2017).

5. DSIR support shall be towards the following items of expenditure:
   (i) Manpower
   (ii) Travel for networking, survey, stakeholder meetings, experts, resource persons, etc; (International travel is not permissible under a project.)
   (iii) Consultation fees for experts and resource persons.
   (iv) Contingencies and consumables (Consumables may include research equipment essential for the study and approved by TAC);
   (v) Overhead charges are fixed at 15%
   (vi) Any other item upon recommendation by the TAC and approval of the competent authority

   DSIR support towards manpower expenses shall remain fixed respective of change in fellowship rates if any.
   Please note, no support is granted for setting up of general purpose infrastructural facilities.

6. Proposal should clearly state outputs, outcomes and benefits to the stakeholders; application form should include brief resume of PI & CoPI.

7. For each call of proposals, only one proposal will be accepted from each applicant organization. Not more than two proposals of any single agency shall be supported in

any Financial Year.

8. Funds should be utilized as per approved head without deviation from one activity to the other. Unspent amount shall be returned to Govt. of India, DSIR.

9. In case the expenditure incurred exceeds the funds available, the same will be borne by the organization and no further support will be made available from DSIR.

10. The study will be monitored and evaluated periodically by a project review committee (PRC) constituted by DSIR. The grantee organization will submit to the DSIR the draft report during the PRC meets. The suggestions and comments made by the Committee should be incorporated in the report and revised draft report should be submitted to the DSIR within a month.

11. DSIR reserves the right to terminate support to the project at any stage, it is convinced that the grant is not being utilized properly or that appropriate progress in the project work is not being made. Further the project can be terminated in absence of relevant information to be provided by the PI/organizing institution at any stage of processing.

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