

First Connect FIRP (Call-2019) is now open for submission through IRD-IRIS portal.

The objective of FIRP is to enhance interdisciplinary and collaborative research interest in the institute. After two successful calls of FIRP, the First Connect FIRP is aimed to encourage and facilitate research interactions with faculty member who have joined in last 3 years w.e.f. 1st August, 2016.

Project proposals are invited from team of two or more faculty members, who would like to forge new interactions, having expertise in different disciplines working in different departments/centers/schools. In some cases, the teams can be from within an academic unit provided the interdisciplinary component can be established. All the participating faculty would have equal stake in the project. It is expected that a faculty member would participate in one project at a time. Further, faculty members who are already working in a group and publishing jointly/executing project together are ineligible under this scheme. The interdisciplinary research groups expected to grow in size or merge with other research groups in future and in the process enhance the level of expertise and scope of research in a specific interdisciplinary theme.

It is expected that these interdisciplinary research groups will attract strong support from external funding agencies and catalyze the synergic 'cross-research activity' between different faculty members across the institute leading to joint research publications, patents and PhD supervisions. These projects are to be considered as one time grant and the success of these projects will be judged based on the external grants the team is able to generate.

It is proposed that about 30 more projects will be funded in the third phase. Preferences will be given to joint project proposals in which at least one of the PI should have joined institute in last 3 years w.e.f. 1st August, 2016. Selected project proposals will be given an initial grant of Rs. 10 Lakh. Rs. 5 lakh will be given as the seed fund for the first year followed by similar fund in the second year. It will be expected that the joint research team will submit at least one research project to a funding agency on the completion of the 1st year. Additional funds covering the teaching assistance of a PhD student for 4 years can also be provided, if required and justified based on the progress of the first year.

Kindly submit FIRP proposals through IRD-IRIS portal by September 6, 2019 (Friday).