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# Call for Proposals Indo-U.S. Virtual Networks for COVID-19

Across the world, countries are being challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic in ways they have never been before. To support the global efforts of the medical and scientific community, the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) announces a **Call for Proposals** to support **COVID-19 Virtual Networks**. IUSSTF invites proposals that highlight the value of the Indo-U.S. partnership to advance research and address critical challenges related to COVID-19.

Virtual Networks would allow Indian and U.S. scientists and engineers currently engaged in COVID-related research to carry out joint research activities through a virtual mechanism, leveraging existing infrastructure and funding. Proposals are invited in two categories:

- **Knowledge R&D Networks** that enable Indian and U.S. scientists from Academia and Laboratories to conduct joint research and encourage the integration of research and education.
- **Public-Private Virtual Networks** that enable Indian and U.S. scientists from Academia and Industry to collaborate on pre-commercial R&D activities having potential towards applied research and product development.

## Eligibility

- Teams at Indian and U.S. Academic Institutions, Laboratories and/or Industries that are actively engaged in COVID-19 research funded by Federal Agencies and/or Foundations.
- Each proposal must involve at least one Indian and one U.S. Institution.
- All partners should have intellectual and financial stake in the activities by contributing resources required for project execution.

## Type and Extent of Funding by IUSSTF

- INR 25,00,000/- to INR 50,00,000/- per project [approx.. \$33,000/- to \$66,000/-].
- Funding would be available for a period of 18 months.
- The Grant-in-Aid would cover:
  - ◆ Partial support for Personnel (Students/PostDocs);
  - ◆ Basic Infrastructure (limited supplies), if needed;
  - ◆ Limited travel (with justification); and,
  - ◆ Contingencies for dissemination of research, educational materials and reports.

## Application Process

Applications will be accepted online from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 onwards  
with a submission deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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