

## **MFIRP project proposals (IITD and NII)**

With the objective of enhancing interdisciplinary and collaborative research between IIT Delhi and NII, New Delhi, a Joint FIRP projects are invited from the team of faculty members of both the institutes. There will be two PIs – one from each institute and PIs can submit only one joint research project proposal. The total grant will be of Rs. 20 lakhs for two years - Rs.10 lakhs to IITD team to be funded by IITD (IRD) and Rs.10 lakhs grant to NII team to be funded by NII, New Delhi.

It is expected that these interdisciplinary research groups will attract strong support from external funding agencies and catalyze the ‘cross-research activity’ between the two institutes, leading to joint research publications, patents etc. These projects are to be considered as one-time grant and the success of these projects will be judged based on how these project have contributed to joint research activity between the two institutes leading to external grants the team is able to generate.

Other details regarding submission of proposals can be given as mentioned below.

NII – IITD MFIRP Scheme

1. There will be two PIs – one from each institute. The PI can include Co-PIs from the same or other departments without any financial implications.
2. Projects will be funded in the first phase – purely on scientific merit as judged by a joint review committee setup by the two institutes.
3. The total grant will be of Rs. 20 Lakhs for two years - Rs.10 lakhs grant by IITD (IRD) and Rs.10 lakhs grant by NII, New Delhi.
4. Of the selected project proposals, each Institute PI will be awarded Rs.5 lakhs for the first year followed by similar funds in the second year, after review of the annual progress report and submission of Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate to respective institutes.
5. The full joint project proposal should be submitted online by the Faculty PI from IITD in IRIS. Faculty PI from NII should submit 1 printed copy of the proposal (submitted by the IITD counterpart in IRIS) to the office of Director NII.
6. The funds of the projects can be used for consumables, contingencies and support staff salary (NOT for PhD students, JRF, SRF, etc.).
7. The project work can be part of the thesis/dissertation work of MD/MS/MCh/DM/MTech etc. (the student will have joint supervisor as co-guide).
8. Collaborative Research Agreement and Intellectual Property Right and joint supervision issues will be addressed as per the guidelines of the two institutes described in detail in the IITD-NII MOU.

9. It is expected that the joint research team will submit at least one research project to an external funding agency on the completion of the first year.

10. A final technical report highlighting the achievements vis-à-vis proposed objectives, outcome in terms of publications, patents, conference proceedings, etc and details on projects submitted to external agency will be submitted after completion of joint project.

11. The last date of submission of joint research project proposal will be 31st July, 2019 (Wednesday).