



**CSIR – Central Drug Research Institute
Scientific Directorate**



15-09-2025

Ongoing Call for Proposals

Proposals may please be submitted for Director approval at least one-week advance to the last date

Currently Open Grants

Call for Proposal	Focus Area Relevant to CSIR-CDRI	Web Link	Start Date	Last Date
HFSP Accelerator Grants 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic research in the life sciences 	https://www.hfsp.org/accelerator-grant	29.07.2025	23.09.2025
IDRC - Connecting Indigenous Research and Leadership in Canada and the Global South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Health 	https://idrc-crdi.ca/en/call-proposals-connecting-indigenous-research-and-leadership-canada-and-global-south#2	30.05.2025	23.09.2025
First in the World Challenge Grant (2025), ICMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccines, drugs, therapeutics, diagnostics, interventions 	https://www.icmr.gov.in/icmrobject/uploads/Call/1753438937_fiwccall2025final.pdf	25.07.2025	30.09.2025 05:00 PM
Inter-Sectoral Convergence & Coordination for Promotion and Guidance on Health Research under the Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Scheme-DHR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biomedical and Clinical Research Public health and epidemiology Clinical Trial for newer drugs, vaccine, devices, kits and tools etc. 	https://dhr.gov.in/whatsnew/call-research-proposals-under-grant-aid-gia-scheme-inter-sectoral-convergence-coordination	20.08.2025	30.09.2025
India-Canada Collaborative Industrial Research & Development Programme 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and bio-sciences 	https://tdb.gov.in/canada	04.07.2025	17.10.2025
1st BRICS STI Framework Programme Innovation Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Health Challenges 	http://brics-sti.org/files/BRICS_STI_Framework_Programme_Innovation_Call_2025.pdf	-	05.11.2025
Mental Health Award: Transforming early intervention for anxiety, depression and psychosis in young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies of scalable transformative early interventions for anxiety, depression and psychosis in young people 	https://wellcome.org/research-funding/schemes	-	11.11.2025
BRNS - Coordinated Research Projects (CRPs)- 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted Development of Novel Agents for the Prevention and Treatment of Radiation-Induced Lung and Brain Injury 	https://brns.res.in/content_details.php?content_id=69	13.08.2025	13.11.2025

DST DFG Joint call on International Research Training Groups (IRTG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject areas covered by DST 	https://www.indiasciencenetworktechnology.gov.in/announcements/opportunity/dst-dfg-joint-call-international-research-training-groups-irtg	-	31.12.2025
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Proposal Calls Open Throughout

Call for Proposal	Focus Area Relevant to CSIR-CDRI	Web Link
DST-DFG joint call on International Research Training Groups (IRTG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject areas covered by DST 	https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx?Id=2232
Women Scientists Scheme (WOS-A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical Sciences Life Sciences 	https://online-wosa.gov.in/
Humboldt Research Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own research topic in collaboration with a German host researcher 	https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/apply/sponsorship-programmes/humboldt-research-fellowship#h1268
EMBO Scientific Exchange Grants 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research in Life Sciences 	https://www.embo.org/funding/fellowships-grants-and-career-support/scientific-exchange-grants/benefits/
CEPI- Innovations CfP_Focus Area 2: Vaccine candidates for priority pathogens and viral families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad range of vaccine innovations for pathogens with Epidemic or pandemic potential 	https://cepi.my.site.com/call-for-proposal?id=a1zP3000001Dz3VIAS
SERB Research Scientist Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various fields of science (Chemical Sciences, Life Sciences) 	https://dst.gov.in/sites/default/files/SRS-Scheme_0.pdf
Prime Minister's Fellowship For Doctoral Research (PMFDR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science & Technology Medicine 	https://www.primeministerfellowshipscheme.in/#register
Women in Science Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Sciences 	https://www.embo.org/funding/lecture-travel-and-childcare-grants/women-in-science-lectures/
IGSTC- Small Immediate Need Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation, applied research, technology development, and entrepreneurship with a focus on Indo-German industrial R&D 	https://www.igstc.org/home/sing

Call for Proposals relevant to Students and Post-Doctoral Fellow

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75 th Meeting of Nobel laureates & students Lindau, Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine 	https://onlinedst.gov.in/Projectproposalformat.aspx?Id=2371	-	20.09.2025

Indo-French Visiting/Mobility Programme for Women in Science (PROWIS-II)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science & Technology 	https://www.cefipra.org/Docs/PROWIS-II-25.pdf	-	23.09.2025
Indo-French Postdoctoral Research Programme for Women in Science (PROWIS-I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science & Technology 	https://www.cefipra.org/Docs/PROWIS-I-25.pdf	-	23.09.2025
CSIR-Bhatnagar Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thrust area program of CSIR or an area of interest to CSIR 	https://www.csirhrdg.res.in/SiteContent/ManagedContent/ATContent/Call_for_Nominations_under_Bhatnagar_Fellowship_2025_20250812155521277.pdf	12.08.2025	26.09.2025
JSPS-Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Science 	https://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/application.html	-	26.09.2025
Prof. B.K. Bachhawat International Travel Grant for Young Scientists – 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological or biomedical sciences 	Information circulated via mail on 25 th August 2025	-	30.09.2025
ICGEB-Smart Fellowship For Life Science 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All topics relevant to basic biological sciences, biomedicine 	https://www.icgeb.org/fellowships/smart-fellowships/	-	30.09.2025
Radcliffe Fellowship 2026-2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology and Medical Sciences Chemistry 	https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/radcliffe-fellowship/become-a-radcliffe-fellow	-	30.09.2025
CSIR-DAAD Call for Proposals for the Bilateral Exchanges of Scientists/Academics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All subject areas available for research at CSIR Institutes 	https://www.csir.res.in/sites/default/files/2025-07/csir-daad_2025_0.pdf	14.08.2025	07.10.2025
ANRF- International Travel Support (ITS) Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific event (conference, seminar, workshop, etc.) 	https://anrfonline.in/ANRF/its	60-90 days before the start date of the international event	
Financial Assistance to Professional Bodies and Seminar/Symposia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific meetings, seminars, conferences and workshops 	https://anrfonline.in/ANRF/seminar_symposia	3 to 6 months before the event date	

CSIR Project Category

(Calls under all the categories are expected soon. Approved Projects will start from 1 April 2026)

CDRI Scientists are eligible to apply under three themes of CSIR

1. Healthcare (HTC)
2. Chemicals (including leather) and Petrochemicals (CLP)
3. Agri Nutrition & Biotech (ANB)

1. FIRST: Fundamental and Innovative Research in Science of Tomorrow

- Research grant will be scientist-centric
 - Cutting-edge futuristic R&D programs for competitive funding
 - Should have uniqueness of addressing fundamental question(s)
 - Feasibility of the program based on past track record
 - No anticipation of large collaborative/network efforts
 - There may be One or two co-investigators
 - Duration 24 months
- 2. FBR: Focused Basic Research Projects:**
- Focused on high–end basic research projects
 - There must be an initial Proof of Concept indicated with TRL as 2-3
 - Duration 12-24 months
- 3. NCP: Niche Creating High Science/ High Technology Projects**
- Based on a niche already created by a research group at the National level, and focuses on retaining leadership
 - Focused on high–end basic research projects with TRL as 2-3
 - Duration 12-24 months
- 4. FTT: Fast Track Translational Projects**
- Address National Goals, including problems of a common man
 - Clear solutions to predefined problems and challenges
 - Oriented towards technology/product development
 - Short-term outcomes TRL as 3-6 with a suitable business plan
 - Stimulate the participation of a cross-section of scientists and technical personnel towards a defined goal
 - Duration 18-24 months
- 5. FTC: Fast Tract Commercialization Projects**
- Positioned to create new business opportunities or expand existing businesses
 - Follow on from top-rated FTT projects with an identified stakeholder
 - Multiple CSIR Institutional Partners/facilities
 - Minimum TRL 4
 - Duration 06-24 months
- 6. FCP: Facility Creation Projects**
- Aim is to build new infrastructure or upgrading the existing one in order to meet new technological challenges
 - To serve to other R&D and academic and Institutions
 - for generating revenues at the CSIR laboratories
- 7. MMP: Mission Mode Projects**
- Research projects with a significant stakeholder focus
 - Cutting-edge, internationally benchmarked, cost-effective technologies of high national impact
 - Time-bound deliverables and outcomes
 - 36 months' timeframe
- 8. HCP: Headquarters Commercialization Projects**
- Any other R&D and/or non-R&D oriented projects/programs which are not covered under any of the aforesaid categories and emerged out and/or initiated for time-bound execution will fall under this category
 - Examples: Skill Development Program
 - CSIR-Jigyasa Program
 - Establishment of Archives/ Museum, CSIR Units, etc.

9. IST: International Science and Technology Projects

- Strengthens the bilateral/multilateral relations of India with other countries through
- Mutual R&D capabilities and capacities
- HR building at the global level through new knowledge generation, co-development/upscaling/deployment of technologies,
- Developing new technology applications,
- Novel skill upgradation, facilitating capacity development of industry in the mutually agreed priority areas.

CSIR Special Project Scheme

Facility Creation Project (2.0):

Building new critical infrastructure or upgrading the existing ones of technological importance in order to meet with the fast changing new technology and challenges which in turn would cater to the requirements of Indian industries thereby generating revenue to CSIR, apart from S&T service.

Pilot Plant Project (PPP):

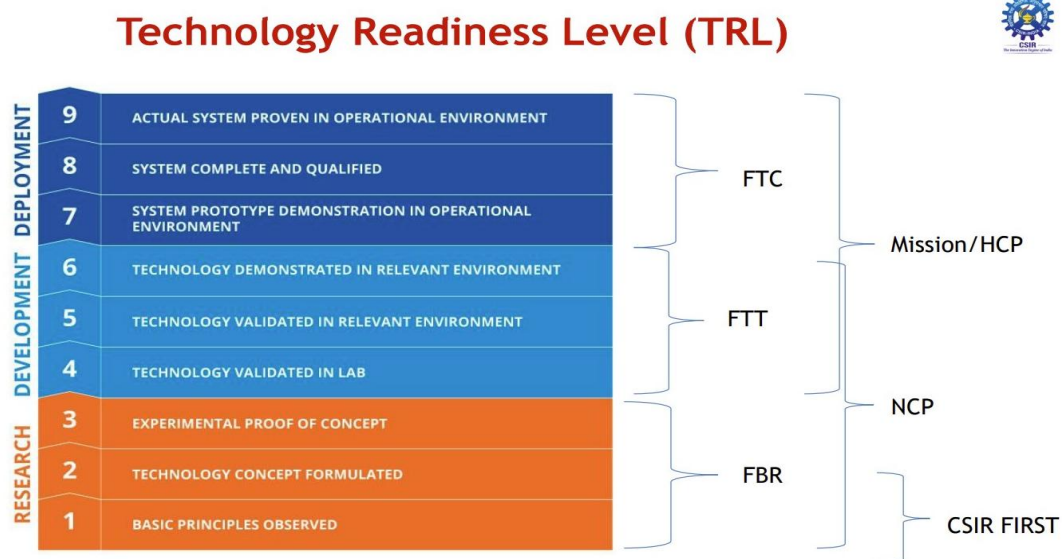
Strengthen the Lab-to-industry activity by providing a special budgetary support for establishing few pilot plants across CSIR to promote potentially important and fairly matured technologies offering larger scope for commercialization/implementation

Prioritized Equipment Fund (PEF):

Primarily aims to support CSIR labs with a provision to establish certain special high end equipment that would be the order of the day or basic requirement of the lab and which cannot be procured under normal P-50 A&E B/H which has been provided annually to CSIR labs.

R&D Seed Fund (RDSF):

To create and nurture the required fundamental platform to oversee the future technological developments in niche areas.



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