Australia-India Strategic Research Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	**Does the limit of one application per organisation apply to each of the two AISRF components (Science and Technology Fund and Biotechnology Fund), or one in total for this round?**	An organisation can submit only one application in total in AISRF Round 9. The single application can be under either the Science and Technology Fund _or_ the Biotechnology Fund (not one for each component).
2	**Will applications outside the listed priority areas be considered?**	No.
3	**Is there are any further guidance on what research fits under the announced priority areas?**	It is up to an applicant organisation to explain how the proposed project would align with the relevant priority area and sub-topics identified.
4	**Will there be another round of research grants under the AISRF?**	It is expected another round will be held in 2016. Priority areas for that round will be announced closer to the time.
5	**Who are eligible Indian partners?**	Indian partners should confirm eligibility with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) or Department of Biotechnology (DBT), which administer the two AISRF components in India.
6	**Is an industry or other end-user partner a mandatory requirement in order to submit an application?**	No, but involvement by industry or other end-user partners is strongly encouraged and funding will be aimed at projects that can demonstrate a clear path to end use.
7	**Is there any further guidance on what constitutes an industry or other end-user partner?**	It is up to an applicant to demonstrate how its industry or other end-user partner will maximise the application and/or commercialisation of research outcomes, or otherwise contribute to the project.
8	**The application form only has space for 10 key personnel (in addition to the Australian Project Manager) – is this the most a project can have?**	No, there is no limit on the number of people who are involved in a project, but you are only required to list a maximum of 10. There is also no expectation that a project will have a minimum of 10 key personnel.
9	**One or more key personnel will only be recruited if the application is successful – do they have to be listed in the key personnel fields?**	No, only include details of known personnel who will work on the project. However, the role of post-doc researchers, PhD students, etc. yet to be employed should be addressed under Assessment Criterion A.

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10	**What if a full list of Indian partner researchers is not available by the application closing date?**	The Indian Project Manager *must* be included as a minimum under key personnel. Other Indian partner researchers only need to be listed if they will play a significant role and have been identified already.
11	**If my organisation has more than one prospective application, which is the best priority area to apply in (e.g. is there a quota for each)?**	The decision on which application to submit rests entirely with the applicant organisation. There is no quota or preference between priority areas.