List Funding Agencies

(1) **Department of Science and Technology (DST)**

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The Government has decided to set up a Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) in the country as an autonomous body through an Act of Parliament. SERB is being set up for promoting basic research in Science and Engineering and to provide financial assistance to scientists, academic institutions, R&D laboratories, industrial concerns and other agencies for such research.

**Scientific & Engineering Research**

- [Mission on Nano Science and Technology (Nano Mission)](http://nanomission.gov.in/)
- [Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST)]
- [Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facilities (SAIFs)]
  
Deep Continental Studies (DCS)
- Himalayan Glaciology (HG)
- Indian Climate Research Programme (ICRP)
- Instrument Development Programme (IDP)
- International S&T Cooperation (ISTC)
- Joint Technology Projects under STAC/IS-STAC
- Monsoon and Tropical Climate (MONTCLIM) & Agrometeorology
- Natural Resources Data Management System (NRDMS)
- Pharmaceuticals Research & Development Support Fund (PRDSF) Programme
- Programme Advisory Committee on Earth Sciences (PAC-ES): R&D Projects Scheme
- Science & Engineering Research Board(SERB)
- Science & Society Programmes (SSP)
- Seismology Programme (SP)
- State Science & Technology Programme (SSTP)
- Technology Development Programme (Joint Technology –Technology System Programme)
- Utilisation of Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientists (USERS)
SERC Fast Track Scheme For Young Scientists (FAST)

FAST track Young Scientists programme, Initiated in the year 2000, is aimed at providing quick research support to young scientists to pursue their bright ideas in newly emerging and front line areas of research in science and engineering. This is also to encourage S&T institutions, professional bodies and other agencies including State S&T Councils to develop S&T programmes involving young scientist. The Department implemented a policy change and opened up submission of proposals under the FAST Track Scheme for Young Scientists. Now, Young Scientists can submit proposals anytime of the year, subject to eligibility. Under this scheme, the upper limit for duration of the project is 3 years with total cost limited to Rs.17.00 lakhs(excluding Overheads). The Young Scientist not drawing any fellowship/salary are eligible for a lump sum fellowship of Rs. 20,000 per month apart from grants under travel, contingency, consumables and minor equipments. The institute that hosts the project on approval gets a grant of 20% of project cost as overheads.

(2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

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i. Research Schemes
To promote research work in the field of S&T including agriculture, engineering and medicine. Multi-disciplinary projects which involve inter-organisational cooperation (including that of CSIR Laboratories) are also considered. Preference is given to schemes which have relevance to research programmes of CSIR laboratories.

ii. Sponsored Schemes
The Directors of CSIR laboratories may invite applications for research grants in specific areas of interest to their respective laboratories. They will forward these to the CSIR HRD Group. The scheme enables the CSIR laboratories to interact with university system, so that the CSIR laboratory can take the help of the faculty there to undertake part of the work of its core programme, for which it either does not have the time and or expertise.

iii. Emeritus Scientist Scheme
To provide support to superannuated outstanding scientists to pursue research in their respective field of specialization and having relevance to the programmes of CSIR.

iv. Research Fellowships/Associateships
(3) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

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i. Extramural Research Scheme
§ Research sponsored in academic institutions under the extramural research (ER) scheme For scientific or technological progress in the broad topic area of relevance to military R&D.
The ER scheme also supports the instrumentality of Memoranda of Collaboration (MoC) between DRDO Laboratories & Establishments and academia.

(4) University Grants Commission (UGC)

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Website: www.ugc.ac.in

The various schemes available are:

(i) Major and Minor Research Projects

(5) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

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schemes:

i) Research & Institutional Development Schemes
a) Modernization & Removal of Obsolescence Scheme (MODROBS)
b) Research Promotion Schemes (RPS)
RPS aims to create research ambience by promoting research in technical disciplines and innovations in established and emerging technologies; and to generate Masters and Doctoral degree candidates. The three research avenues within RPS are the following:

§ Proof of Concept work – Independent research activity which can lead to growth of knowledge/process in an area, which can grow into a major project. Funding for such projects would be limited to a one time grant of Rs. 5-10 lakhs.

§ Capacity Building for research – A young faculty (30 years limit) with grant of Rs. 10-12 lakhs, is encouraged to carry out research at Doctoral level in a reputed institution. The funding can be used for both drawing of salary during leave without pay condition and towards purchase of equipment to carry out research in a Novel area.

§ Patentable technology development by a group of faculty members, having proven tract record, who aim at developing new research facilities, at the parent institution, being motivated chiefly by high-end output such as patentable technologies. Funding to such projects would be limited to a one time grant of Rs. 20 lakhs.

ii) Industry-Institute Interaction Schemes
a) Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC)
To establish institute-industry liaison by encouraging: (1) conduct of industrial training programmes (2) facilitating exchange of resource personnel (3) carry out industrial R&D (4) conduct of industrial visits (5) developing appropriate curricula and (6) undertake consultancy services, etc.

b) Entrepreneurship Development Cells (EDC)
To encourage students to consider self-employment as a career option and provide training in entrepreneurship.

c) National Facilities in Engineering & Technology with Industrial Collaboration (NAFETIC)
To establish national level facilities in the frontier areas of Engineering & Technology through collaboration between industry(s) and institutions for product development, basic research, trouble shooting, consultancy, testing & training purposes.

d) Nationally Coordinated Project (NCP)
To plan, coordinate & execute integrated R&D programmes at national level by a group of institutions. The technical/ financial/ administrative deliverables are to be spelled out clearly by the networking institutions with the lead institution being an IIT/IISc/IIM/NIT.

The areas of support include Engineering and Technology, Architecture, Town Planning, Management, Pharmacy, Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Applied Arts and Crafts etc.
(6) Aeronautics Research & Development Board

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Government has set up Aeronautics Research & Development Board to coordinate, fund and sensitize futuristic, scientific technological areas having potential application for aeronautical systems, at academic institutions and national scientific laboratories. For this purpose, Grants-in-Aid of Rs. 5 Crores per year has been earmarked. The objectives are: § the Aeronautics R&D Board has instituted a Grants-in-Aid Scheme to nurture the available research talent and to develop facilities in IITs, Universities, Higher Technological Institutes, Colleges and other research centers including industry in the country for promoting research, design and development programmes in Aeronautics and Allied Sciences, keeping in view the future needs of the country with respect to aircraft, helicopters, missiles and all other air borne vehicles and their operation. § besides the projects activities, the Board promotes Centres of Excellence in selected areas like Computational Fluid Dynamics, Systems Design & Engineering and Composite Structures Technology. Some more centers are under consideration. § the Board also promotes Seminars, Presentation of papers in India & abroad, Writing of books, and promoting airmindedness in School children.

(7) Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)

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1. R&D Project
Fostering research capabilities and manpower development in universities and similar institutions of higher learning and research.

2. Symposium/Conference/Workshop
To promote large scale interactions in various disciplines of science and technology that are of interest to DAE.

3. DAE Young Scientists Research Award
To support young scientist below the age of 35 years in their initial years of settling down in a career of R&D.
4. Dr. K.S. Krishnan Research Associate ship
To support talented science and engineering research scholars

5. Raja Ramanna Fellowship
To utilize the services of active retired scientists/engineers and technologists, who have been involved in high quality research in their specialized discipline in the units of the DAE or any National Laboratory or University/Institute

6. Visiting Scientists
To promote close interactions on specialized scientific and technical topics between the scientists and technologists from DAE and Universities/IITs/IISc/ National Labs.

7. Homi Bhabha Chair Professorship
These Chairs are instituted in recognition of sustained record of excellence and creative contribution to research and/or teaching in the area of interest to DAE.

8. DAE Graduate Fellowships
To provide excellent career opportunity to students qualifying for admission to the M.Tech Course in Indian Institute of Technology at Mumbai, New Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Chennai or Roorkee.

9. DAE Graduate Fellowships for Ph.D.
To provide an opportunity to work on projects of interest to DAE to those students who aspire to attain the highest academic qualification, (ii) to achieve the basic objective of strengthening linkages between the grant-in-aid institutions and the research centres for the benefit of advancing the pace of research in nuclear sciences, and (iii) to accelerate the speed to translating R&D into technology products and their applications.

10. DAE-SRC Award
The core objective is to augment support to individual research workers with highly innovative ideas and with proven abilities to pursue advanced research in frontier areas of science and engineering at an accelerated pace.

(8) Department of Biotechnology (DBT)

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(9) Department of Ocean Development (DOD)

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I. Name of scheme(s)
1. Assistance for Research Projects (ARPs) in Ocean Sciences (MRDF)
2. Manpower Training for Ocean Research & Management (MMDP)

Areas of research support
The areas of support include newly emerging and front-line areas of Marine Geology and Geophysics, Marine Coastal Ecology, Marine Biology, Marine Microbiology, Coastal Marine Culture Systems, Marine Benthos, Beach Placers, Ocean Engineering and Under Water Robotics.

(10) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)

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The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) is a part of the Ministry of Science and Technology, which was announced through a Presidential Notification, dated January 4, 1985. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) has a mandate to carry out the activities relating to indigenous technology promotion, development, utilization and transfer.

The various schemes available are
Technology Promotion, Development and Utilization Programmes & its Components.

(11) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) – Department of Space

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1. ISRO Sponsored Research Programme (RESPOND)
2. Space Science Promotion (SSP)

The Areas of research support include Space science, application, technology, space communication, earth resources survey, meteorology and satellite geodesy.

(12) Ministry of Communications & Information Technology (MOCIT)

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The Secretary, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology
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Department of Information Technology

I. Name of scheme(s)
1. Microelectronics & Nanotech Development Programme
2. Technology Development Council
3. Convergence, Communication & Strategic Electronics
4. Components & Material Development Programme
5. Electronics in Health
6. Human Computer Interface – TDIL
7. E- Commerce & Info-Security
8. IT for Masses (Telemedicine)
9. Media Lab Asia
10. Photonics Development
11. Industrial Applications

The Areas of research support include Information Technology (Hardware/Software), Convergence, Communication & Broadband Techniques, Micro-electronics & Photonics, Industrial Electronics - E-Commerce & Information Security, Nanotechnology,
Electronic Components & Material, Strategic Electronics, Rural Application, Health & Biotechnology, Materials and Components including Microwaves & Millimeter waves, Emerging Areas of Information Technology, Human Computer Interface / Language Technology

(13) Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF)

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The various schemes available are:
1. Environmental Research Programme (ERP)
2. Ecosystems Research Scheme (ERS)
3. Eastern and Western Ghats Research Programme (E&WRP)
4. Biosphere Reserves
5. Mangroves and Coral Reefs
6. Wetlands
7. National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS)
8. Ganga Action Plan/National River Conservation Programme
9. Research and Consultancy Projects in Wildlife

(14) Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES)

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The Ministry promotes renewable energy technologies in the areas of biomass energy, solar thermal and solar photovoltaics, wind energy and small hydro power. It also promotes and supports studies and research in new technology areas such as tidal energy, geothermal energy, alternate fuels for transportation, hydrogen energy and fuel cells. The programmes of the Ministry are actively involve research institutions, universities, industries and non-governmental organizations.

The various schemes available are:

§ Industry/Institution Participation in Research and Development Projects
To encourage public as well as private industrial sector for research and development in NRSE sector on cost sharing basis.
The Areas of research support available are: New Technologies, Solar Thermal, Solar Photovoltaics, Wind Energy, Biomass Energy, Small Hydro

(15) Ministry of Power, Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)

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The various schemes available are:

§ Research Scheme on Power (RSOP)
The scheme provides funds for carrying out need based research projects in power sector including solving of power system operational problems and the research areas include: Power system planning, improvement, studies, Diagnostic and condition monitoring of power system equipments. · Reliability enhancement of power station equipment etc

(16) Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR)

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The various schemes available are:

Research & Development for Water Resources Management

Engineering; and Instrumentation and Measurement Techniques INCCMS Construction Materials, Concrete Technology and Structures.

(17) Science and Technology Application for Rural Development (STARD)

Science and Society Related Programmes
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(18) Science & Technology for Weaker Sections (STAWS).

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(22) Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)

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(24) British Council

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(25) Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR)

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The project proposal are accepted in the area of Pure and Applied Mathematics, Computer and Information Sciences, Life and Health Sciences, Pure and Applied Physics, Pure and Applied Chemistry, Instrumentation, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Material Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Others.

(26) DST (BOYCAST) Fellowship

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Better Opportunities for Young Scientists in Chosen Areas of Science & Technology (BOYCAST) Fellowship, invites application from all the PG graduates/ PhD holders (Engineering/ Technology/ MD) to do advanced research for a period of three to twelve months abroad

It provides opportunities to the young Indian scientists to visit institutions abroad, interact with scientists there, get trained in latest research techniques and conduct R&D in specially chosen frontline areas of science & technology.

Research areas:

- Atmospheric and Earth Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences
Eligibility: Master’s Degree in Engineering/Technology or equivalent or M.D. in Medicine or equivalent with research experience or Ph.D. in Science/Engineering or equivalent. Age up to 35 years (as on 1st April), SC/ST/OBC and women candidates may be allowed relaxation in the age limit up to 5 years. The candidate should hold regular position in recognised Science and Technology Institution and should be actively engaged in research in the relevant area. An Institution abroad should have expressed its willingness to accept the applicant on a BOYSCAST fellowship for training/ research based on their proposed research work plan, past research experience and publication record indicating, period of stay necessary to complete the work.

Sponsorship: Candidates must be officially sponsored (their applications to be formally forwarded) by their employer/ head of the institution or agency with the commitment to depute them for research/ training under BOYSCAST scheme.