

Fostering Research/Education/Business Development Anchors in India

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Office of Engagement, Purdue University

Background:

During the 2011-2012 academic year, roundtable discussions on “Engaging India” identified a number of existing collaborations with Indian institutions, as well as the potential for establishing partnerships in new areas. An agenda for engaging with India formulated based on these discussions focuses on the establishment of anchor institutions for research, education and business development (in addition to continuing and new individual partnerships). A campus-wide web-based survey was conducted in Spring 2012. A total of 42 faculty/staff from seven colleges (plus Grad School) completed the survey, listing 80 partnerships with 44 Indian institutions. Many of the partnerships were in the individual or small group category, although there were a few larger partnerships; some institutions were involved in multiple partnerships. The document “An Agenda for Engagement with India” and summary results of the campus-wide engagement survey are available upon request (jagibbs@purdue.edu).

Overview of Program:

Internal funding is available* to support travel and workshop expenses associated with expanding/coalescing partnerships with Indian Institutions; funds may be requested for other activities that support the proposed effort, but should be adequately justified. The overarching goal is to advance the scope of (or build) partnerships, with a focus on Indian institutions that could become research, education and/or business development anchors in technical areas of broad interest, where university-level coordination and support is warranted and appropriate. Creative means of achieving the goals laid out in the Agenda document are welcome.

Proposal Guidelines:

The project description should contain an overview of the proposed effort, including: i) description of existing or new partnerships, ii) proposed activities (including timetable), iii) expected participants from Purdue and Indian partner institution(s), including their departments/colleges, iv) expected outcomes, including potential for future external funding, v) potential for a comprehensive anchor involving proposed partner(s), and vi) key personnel, including identification of point person at Purdue and at Indian institution, and responsibilities of key personnel. Demonstration in the proposal of resonance with aspects in the India Engagement Agenda would be helpful.

* Funds contributed for this initiative from Colleges and administrative units are greatly appreciated.

A given proposal should involve participants from multiple departments and have the potential for fostering broader technical participation and/or multi-faceted (research, education, business) partnerships. The proposal should clearly describe existing partnerships and potential/goals for expanding these partnerships. The Indian partner(s) may consist of a single institution or network of institutions linked by existing or proposed programs. While the firm establishment of a comprehensive anchor is likely beyond the scope of the current effort, the suitability of the partner(s) as an anchor institution and attributes of a regional/disciplinary anchor institution should be discussed in the context of the proposed disciplines.

Budget Guidelines: Awards are expected to range from \$5k to \$20k, but each budget will be evaluated for a match with the stated goals of the proposed activity. Matching support from the proposer's Department Head to demonstrate commitment will be favorably viewed, but is not essential.

Allowable Expenses: Funds are meant to support international travel and costs associated with organization of workshops/conferences; any other expense requests should be fully justified. No indirect costs apply.

PI Eligibility: Proposals may be submitted by tenure-track faculty at Purdue University. Interested proposers who are not tenure-track faculty may be eligible to submit proposals but should contact the Office of Engagement (sureshg@purdue.edu) to discuss the opportunity.

Proposal Format and Deadline:

3-5 page project description (single-spaced with reasonable margins and font size).

1-page budget (informal, COEUS not required).

Letter of endorsement and support from relevant Department Head or Dean.

Letter(s) of support from relevant Indian partner institution(s).

Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm Friday, August 31. Proposals will be reviewed as they are received, and therefore, early submissions are encouraged.

Submission Instructions:

Proposals should be submitted via email (as a single pdf file) to Julie Gibbs (jagibbs@purdue.edu) in the Office of Engagement.

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