

**Ministry of Science and Technology,
Department of Science and Technology (DST)**

Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)

**Call for proposals for establishing a ‘Response and Facilitation Centre’ for the
INSPIRE program.**

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) under Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, is currently implementing a scheme called *Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)*. The Program has three components namely i) Scheme for Early Attraction of Talent (SEATS), ii) Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) and iii) Assured Opportunity for Research Careers (AORC). The program targets students of various age groups ranging from 10 to 32 years. So far, nearly 4.5 lakh students have been enrolled into the various components of this program and are widely expected to attain a healthy progression in the coming years.

In light of its large science based outreach across various age groups and scientific research institutions in the country, it is proposed to establish a **‘Response and Facilitation Centre’** to cater to the needs of the existing and prospective students enrolled in the INSPIRE program. Proposals are invited from reputed agencies for setting up Response and Facilitation Centre for the INSPIRE program under the guidance of the DST. The key tasks that the agency will be expected to undertake, while not limited to the following, will include addressing queries, grievance redressals and feedbacks of the beneficiaries of the INSPIRE program. The agency undertaking this ‘Response and Facilitation Centre’ is expected to achieve the above functional objectives through interpersonal communications by means of interactive voice based and web based media.

INSPIRE through DST is looking for ‘Knowledge Dissemination’ based service agencies for taking care of the responses and facilitation activities under the program. The agencies should have relevant domain expertise and proven experience in providing such services to Government sectors who are engaged in science education and research activities. Proposals are sought from interested and capable agencies for this purpose. The agency must submit their proposal to Dr S.V. Prasanna, Scientist ‘B’; INSPIRE Program Division, Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110016; E-mail: sv.prasanna@nic.in, within 15 days of the release of the advertisement. The details of the INSPIRE program can be found at www.inspire-dst.gov.in.

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Proposal format

The Proposal shall be developed in two parts i.e. Part A and Part B separately and needs to be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes.

Part A:

1. Name of the Organization with complete address and contact details:
2. Status of the organization (Company, Institute or any other):
3. Registration Number including PAN/TAN details:
4. Last three years annual turnover:
5. Details of Personnel to be engaged (with their academic profile and experiences):
6. Work carried in this sector in the last three years including details of organizations served:
7. Detailed Plan of execution of the proposed activities in the next three years:

Part B

8. Detailed break up of cost for the proposed activities for the next three years: