

BRFST : Guidelines for submission of project proposal for funding under NFP

- It is mandatory to have a coordinator from Institute For Plasma Research for every project.
- It is preferred that the project budget is kept moderate (typically up to about Rs. 10-20 Lakh/year. However, this is NOT a pre-condition and the final budget allotment will be decided by the committee on a case-to-case basis as well as depending on the number of proposals received per year).
- It is preferred that PI's from one region pool their resources (expensive instruments and facilities) so as to reduce the project budget. PI's are requested not to propose high cost projects involving setting up of centre's etc at this point of time.
- Time scales of the project can be from 1-3 years for proposals from academic institutions. Extension of the project (if required) would be decided by the review committee. For proposals from industrial establishments, the time is 1 year.
- The PI is requested to closely interact with BRFST and his/her project coordinator from IPR for smooth operation of the project.
- **Please read the document "Guidelines for implementing BRFST R & D projects" carefully before submitting the proposal. This document is available on the BRFST website.**
- Please provide detailed specifications for **Equipment / Computers / Software** and other high value items that are being budgeted in the project proposal. Purchase of computers & peripherals needs to have prior sanction of the board.
- An institutional overhead of ~ 15% of the project budget may be added to the project. This overhead is NOT applicable to additional funds sanctioned in subsequent years.
- Fellowships for the project personnel : JRF : Rs.12,000/- p.m. (+ HRA as per PI's institute norms) - fresh Postgraduate (MSc, MTech, MCA etc). Non-scientific staff (tech. assistant, project asst. etc) will not be supported by BRFST. Non scientific staffs are to be provided by the PI's institute.
- SRF : Rs. 14,000 p.m. (+ HRA as per PI's institute norms) - Post graduation + 2 years research experience

- Qualifications (for both JRF & SRF) : **NET qualified OR 1st Class** in the qualifying examination.
- Hiring of manpower for using contingency/consumable funds is not allowed.
- Travel grant (for travel within India ONLY) is restricted to a maximum of Rs. 1.0 Lakh per year, and will be as per the travel entitlements granted to the PI by the PI's institute.
- Contingency and Consumable heads are restricted to 0.5 Lakhs per year for non-experimental projects and 1 Lakh for experimental projects.
- All equipment intended to be purchased in the project should be listed in detail with appropriate justifications (including computers & peripherals).
- The PI should provide details of past and present R&D projects being undertaken by him/her. Details to be provided are, Title, name of the funding agency, tenure (from-to date), total amount.
- Please submit the signed documents (1) Undertaking from PI (2) Guidelines for implementing NFP project. These documents are available on the BRFST website. http://www.nfp.pssi.in/documents/for_new_projects.html
- From April 2010, BRFST will support partial funding for foreign travel (subject to approval of the Board on a case-to-case basis), for presentation of papers arising out of BRFST funded projects that have been accepted for presentation in a foreign conference. This support will be available only for PhD students working in the BRFST project and will be subject to scrutiny and approval by the Board. Funding will be provided only after the student undertakes the journey. Please note that BRFST does not support registration fees & other expenses for foreign conferences.
- If you have any queries regarding the funding process or submission of project proposal, please feel free to contact BRFST.



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