

AISRF allocates \$4M to cutting-edge science research projects in India and Australia

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AISRF is the Australian Government's largest bilateral program dedicated to science. It has supported over 370 collaborative activities since 2006.

Round 16 offers grants from \$200,000 to \$1 million per project, with \$4 million available in total. Collaborations can include joint research projects, workshops, fellowships and institutional partnerships.

This grant opportunity provides Australian researchers with up to \$1 million in funding to help them collaborate on projects with Indian science and technology research partners.

The Australia-India Strategic Research fund aims to:

- increase the uptake of leading science and technology by supporting collaboration between Australian and Indian researchers in strategically focused, leading-edge scientific research and technology projects
- strengthen strategic alliances between Australian and Indian researchers
- facilitate Australia and India's access to the global science and technology system
- positively impact the participation of women in scientific research and technology projects.

The intended outcomes of the program are:

- greater profile and reputational gains for Australian and Indian science, research and innovation capabilities in each other's country and globally
- stronger links between Australian and Indian research and business communities to grow long-term collaboration
- an opportunity for any postgraduate students involved in the project to spend time in the other country and work with collaborating researchers to help form lifelong networks and build on institutional links
- enhancement of Australia's reputation as a destination of choice for Indian tertiary students
- strengthening and deepening of the bilateral diplomatic relationship and strategic partnership.