Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), a joint initiative of Government of India (DST) and Government of Germany (BMBF) to promote research partnership of industrial relevance invites:

**First Stage Proposals** for joint R&D+I projects of industrial relevance in **2+2 Mode of Partnership** in the overall thematic area **Advanced Manufacturing and New Materials**, with subtopics:

- Industry 4.0 (new human-machine interaction processes / digital and cloud manufacturing)
- Machine building (low cost sub-systems / components for improved precision, reliability, productivity)
- Process technologies for new materials including nanomaterials
- Light weight design and processes

**Deadline for Submitting First Stage Proposals:** 13th February 2018

**2+2 Mode of Partnership**
IGSTC intends to catalyse innovation centric R&D+I projects by synergising the strength of research/academic institution and public/private industry from India and Germany. This Call for proposals is aimed at supporting joint R&D+I projects of industrial relevance by means of “2+2 Mode of Partnership” i.e. involvement of at least one research/academic institute and one public/private industry from both the countries. Project proposals are expected to provide insights and exploitable research results leading to new technologies, products, processes, patents and/or services.

**Evaluation**
IGSTC will execute a two step evaluation process by a bilateral Scientific Committee. Applicants have to submit a First Stage Proposal first and will be asked to submit the Second Stage Proposal if they are shortlisted. Each evaluation step might take up to two to three months time.

**Funding Support**
Funding will be provided in the form of grants amounting up to € **450000** per project for German applicants and up to ₹ **230 Lakhs** per project for Indian applicants, for a period of up to three years, to cover project related costs including manpower. An additional funding period of up to two years may be granted in exceptional cases.

**Who can Apply**
Applicants from public and private non-profit research organisations, public and private institutions of higher education, universities, and public or private companies having R&D bases (i.e. DSIR recognition for in-house R&D in case of Indian industry partner) are eligible to submit...
applications. The applicants should be holding a regular/permanent position. An Indian / German company is defined as one which is registered in the respective country with 51% or more ownership held by the citizens of the country. Applicants already having an ongoing 2+2 project with IGSTC (on the Call deadline) are not eligible to apply.

**How to Apply**


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