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## What is CRS scheme and its salient features?

Contract Research Scheme supports Academia for engaging the industry in contract research mode under a specific fees structure for taking forward their leads/technologies towards validation and commercialization.

## How can we compete?

Public and/or Private Universities and Research Institutes can apply under the Contract Research Scheme with pre-determined company partner having a DSIR recognized R&D unit.

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## What is the process of selection?

The Initial screening of the applications will be done by area experts. The shortlisted participants will be called for a presentation to BIRAC office. Based on the proposal and presentation, a site visit would be planned. Based on the site visit recommendations, the committee would recommend the proposal to the APEX. The final selection will be made by the BIRAC apex committee.

## What are the evaluation criteria for short listing the applications?

Applicants should have the Proof-of-Concept (POC)/leads to the industry which in turn would validate it functionally. The study/validation proposed for the CRS scheme should provide sufficient data and evidence as its outcome and should be able to move forward towards scale up/validation/Product Development.

## What is the format to apply for CRS scheme?

The format is available online on the BIRAC website [www.birac.nic.in](http://www.birac.nic.in). The applicant should register as a new user on the BIRAC website as “CRS User” and fill the online form.

## Can Individual Faculty apply for CRS Scheme?

Individual Faculty cannot apply CRS; the faculty has to apply through the institute along with the company partner

## I am a Scientist in an institute, can I apply?

Scientists are eligible to apply for CRS scheme as an integral part of the institute. On event of success, the contract would be signed with the institute and the funds would be transferred to the institute only. .

## I am MSc/PhD Research student, can I apply?

The students cannot apply, only a faculty through his/her institute can apply

## I am a person of Indian origin but hold a foreign passport can I apply?

No, only Indians or Indian Companies are eligible to apply for this scheme.

## Our firm is registered under Society’s act, are we eligible to apply for CRS scheme?

No, the legal entity should be a company registered under the Companies Act.

## Is DSIR recognition needed to apply for this scheme?

YEs, DSIR certification/Applied for status is needed to apply for this scheme.

## Can I apply for Infrastructure development?

No, the CRS scheme does not provide fund for Infrastructure development.

## What should be the duration the project?

The duration of the project will not be more than 3- 4 years .

Is the information provided by me kept Confidential?

We maintain confidentiality of all the proposals we receive under different schemes. All the reviewers sign a non disclosure agreement and no conflict agreement before viewing the proposals.