**FAQs**

1. **Would funding be provided to individual applicants?**

We do not provide funding to individuals, affiliation to any organization is mandatory.

1. **Are collaborations mandatory requirements**

For full grants, collaborations or a consortium approach is strongly encouraged, partner organization that is currently implementing a program upon which the intervention or approach will be layered.

1. **Can one applicant apply for more than 1 proposal?**

Yes, GCI supports more than one active project for an entity. However, at decision time only one project will be supported if technically approved.

1. **Would BIRAC assist to connect to the required collaborations?**

Yes, BIRAC would be happy in connecting the applicants to possible institutes/ organisations for possible collaborations.

1. **Does the MOU have to be shared at the time of LOI submission?**

No, at the time of LOI submission the MOU is not mandatory, but if selected for full proposal submission, it is mandatory.

1. **What is the evaluation criteria for shortlisting LOIs?**

We seek proposals that clearly demonstrate the attributes below:

* Potential to lead to solutions with substantial impact related to the specific topic
* Scientific and technical excellence & innovation
  + including creativity of the project’s approach and clear differentiation from existing approaches
  + including a clear and rigorous conceptual framework for the activities
* Project Plan including:
  + investigator and organization capabilities and potential for collaboration
  + Value in terms of appropriateness of the budget and timeline relative to project complexity, risk, and potential impact

1. **How many proposals will be funded under seed/full grants?**

We are looking for quality projects which are able to successfully tackle the challenges of the announced call. The maximum number of projects funded will be within the funds allocated for the call.

1. **If the technology has been validated whether the applicant may apply for full grant?**

Yes, the applicant may apply for full grant.

1. **Is the primary applicant required to be Indian?**

An Individual should be a Citizen of India;

Indian entities are defined as those established under any relevant statute, agreement, rule or regulation in India.

1. **How many collaborations are permissible?**

There is no fixed number of collaborations defined. The number of collaborations should be as per the proposed work plan to ensure that thestrengths and expectations of each collaboration is leveraged to maximize the benefits.

1. **Who will own the Intellectual Property (IP) Rights?**

As per the agreement, GCI grantee(s) will need to agree to conduct and manage the Project and the resulting products, services, processes, technologies, materials, software, data or other innovations (collectively, “ Funded Developments”) and any IP that arises in the manner that ensures “ Global Access.” Global Access requires that

1. The knowledge and information gained from the Project be promptly and broadly disseminated
2. The Funded Development is made available and accessible at an affordable price to people most in need within developing country.

Establishing suitable Global Access agreements among the GCI grantees will be a condition of receiving funding.