

**INDO-US S&T FORUM  
REQUEST FOR PRE-PROPOSALS – June 2002**

The Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, a non-profit corporation formed under India's autonomous society act, was created to promote interaction between government, industry and academia in the fields of science and technology on issues of common concern and mutual benefit to India and the United States.

In fulfillment of its mission, the Forum is seeking proposals to carry out workshops in either India or the United States. These workshops would convene Indian and American scientists to discuss the state of the art in a particular field of science, technology, engineering or medicine and to deliver to the Forum a snapshot of the field with particular emphasis on India and the US as viewed by the workshop participants.

The Forum aspires to provide catalytic investment in burgeoning areas of science, technology, and medicine and, in selecting activities for Forum sponsorship, strongly considers the likelihood of further interaction beyond the funding capacity of the Forum.

Thus, as a result of Forum-sponsored Workshops, the participants would be encouraged to develop recommendations in the form of proposals for collaborative scientific work that would result in further advancement of the field and mutual benefit to India and the United States. The target audience for proposals resulting from Forum-sponsored Workshops should be established public or private funding sources in either or both countries.

In this spirit, the Forum is requesting the submission of pre-proposal concept papers for Workshops of two to four pages in length. The pre-proposal paper would describe in layman's terms the importance of the subject field to researchers in both countries. The pre-proposals would, for both countries, highlight the centers of excellence pursuing the frontiers of this field, the target participants for the workshop, suggestions for venue and timing, and preliminary estimates of funding required, including any funding provided by other sources.

The Forum would provide support for travel and per diem (within strict Forum guidelines), local transportation and other meeting costs, and staff time required to develop the workshop activity.

*Thus, For purposes of preliminary budgeting, do not include costs of airfare or subsistence as; the Forum will provide economy class airline transportation for all sponsored workshop participants and per diems appropriate to the duration and location of the Workshop.*

The scale of past Forum-sponsored workshops has ranged from 10-15 international participants and 15-50 domestic participants. With an eye to the future of scientific relations between India and the United States, the Forum strongly encourages the participation of young scientists, and the inclusion, to the extent possible, post-doctoral researchers, and graduate and undergraduate students. By way of scale, fifty young scientists at different stages in their professional development attended one recent Forum workshop in India.

Complete guidelines to the information required for the pre-proposal are on the attached sheet. The Forum would like to receive pre-proposal submissions through the Secretariats by September 3, 2002. The Forum will review these preliminary submissions and by September 13, 2002 will request that a limited number of applicants submit detailed proposals. These full proposals should follow the same guidelines on the attached sheet, listing expected participants, cost details, etc. Full proposals must be received by October 1, 2002. The Forum will announce its sponsorship of selected activities by November 4, 2002.

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