

India – Taiwan Cooperation for Science & Technology

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Can the project have multiple partners from Indian side?
 - A. Only one Principal Investigator (PI) each from India and Taiwan side is permissible. However, a Co-PI can be included in the project, which should be declared in the proposal application form.

2. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to be signed between Indian Project Partners or between Indian and Taiwanese partners? If we have industry associated with the proposal, is MoU required with them? What is the format for MoU?
 - A. No MoU is required to be signed between Indian and Taiwanese partners. MoU is to be signed between Indian partners only, in cases of involvement of Indian Co-PI (Co-Principal Investigator), once the project gets approved. This is for purpose of ensuring internal collaboration between Indian PI and Co-PI. There is no specific format for it, however, it may include clauses of potential conflict subsequently such as intellectual property rights, roles and duties, confidentiality etc.

3. Can the project partners be from different institutes in India?
 - A. There can be additional Co-PI in the project from same or different institutions in India, however, only one PI each from India and Taiwan side is permissible and mandatory.

4. Is having ongoing NSTC project a mandatory criterion for host eligibility?
 - A. The project proposals should necessarily be developed jointly by the scientists/researchers/engineers from the institution on both sides, duly endorsed by the heads of the respective institutions and possessing an ongoing NSTC project is not mandatory to submit a proposal in India.
Further clarification can be sought from NSTC regarding the eligibility conditions of the Taiwanese PI.

5. Is it possible to submit a proposal in case of an ongoing project under the India-Taiwan Science and Technology Cooperation in collaboration with GITA/INAE?
 - A. In case of an ongoing project, a new proposal can be submitted only if the existing project will be completed before the start of the new project. It will also be necessary to settle project account before the commencement of the project as 2 projects cannot be implemented simultaneously. The project execution partner was GITA earlier and same has now been taken over by INAE.

6. Can INAE help finding a Taiwanese partner?
 - A. The PI has to find a Taiwanese partner for collaboration to submit the joint proposal. INAE would not be able to find a Taiwanese partner.

7. If a PI can apply for two separate projects with different collaborative partners from Taiwan side?
 - A. Only one application can be submitted by a PI. Multiple proposals with different roles or with different Taiwanese PIs cannot be submitted.

8. Whether an application be submitted, acting as PI in one proposal while as a Co-PI in another proposal?
- A. Only one application can be submitted either acting as a PI or as a Co-PI. Multiple proposals with different roles or with different Taiwanese PIs cannot be submitted.
9. What are the emoluments for the Indian research scholars visiting Taiwan for long term?
- A. The emoluments been provided by INAE has been mentioned on our website. The benefits which shall be provided by NSTC can be confirmed through NSTC, however the cost of travel for Indian partners shall be provided through INAE.

For further information on Taiwanese side, please contact the undersigned:

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10. Do we need to take the INAE membership to submit an application under the call?
- A. There is no requirement to be a member to apply for the subject call. In order to apply for the subject call, please visit INAE website <https://www.inae.in/india-taiwan-programme/>. Please read the detailed guidelines, and fill the Google form with completed proposal.
11. What are the specifications regarding the eligibility of Taiwanese partner to participate in this program?
- A. For any queries pertaining to Taiwan side, please contact NSTC who shall be able to provide clarification on your query. You may reach NSTC through the contact details given on INAE website <https://www.inae.in/india-taiwan-programme/> which are also reproduced below:

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12. Can an application be submitted under the call, in case another project under a different scheme of DST/INAE is ongoing?
- A. An application for India-Taiwan program can be submitted provided any India-Taiwan project is not currently in progress. No two projects from the same program can be implemented at the same time.