

**Australia-India Cyber and Critical Technology Partnership (AICCTP) – Grants Round 1 (2020):
Responses to questions from 23 December 2020 to 12 January 2021**

Question: Are universities eligible partners?

Response: Yes, research organisations located in Australia or India, such as universities, are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. See Part 4.1 of the guidelines for more information.

Question: Is there any requirement about matched funding or co-contributions?

Response: There is no requirement for any co-contribution by any of the partners in relation to an application.

Question: Can Indian-based think tanks apply for this grant opportunity if they do not currently hold a Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) certificate?

Response: All grant applicants should satisfy themselves that they are compliant with the FCRA by visiting the Government of India's FCRA website (or by seeking independent advice) before they apply for this grant.

Question: To be eligible for the grant, can the partner from Australia be an academic institution? Or must a company be one of the partner organisations?

Response: An eligible organisation located in Australia, or located in India, does not have to be a company. It may be an academic institution such as a research organisation. See Part 4.1 of the guidelines for more information.

Question:

Is a Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) certificate required for Indian applicants if they are firm/companies? Or is a certificate necessary only for NGOs?

Response: All grant applicants should satisfy themselves that they are compliant with the FCRA by visiting the Government of India's FCRA website (or by seeking independent advice) before they apply for this grant.

Question: The GrantConnect site has a deadline of 12.00 (AEDT), while the Grant Guidelines have 15.00 (AEDT). Please confirm the correct time.

Response: The correct deadline is 15.00 AEDT (on 5 February) as written in the grant guidelines. This has now been amended on the GrantConnect page.

Question: For partner organisations based outside Australia (Indian partners), can funds from the Australian program support costs undertaken in India by the Indian partner? Or will Indian partners be supported/funded by an equivalent Government department in India?

Response: Grant funding through this opportunity may cover eligible expenditure in relation to activities undertaken in India (or potentially in other countries) by the Indian partner, so long as those activities are not already funded via other means (such as through another Australian Government grant program or another government's grant program).

Question: Please specify what technologies are included in the descriptor in Box 2 (and elsewhere) as 'emerging and critical technologies'? Will the technologies such as clean energy technology and food technology come under this category? Or do applicants need to justify why a particular technology relevant to their application satisfies this descriptor in their application?

Response: This grants opportunity is not limited to a list of specific technologies. However, applicants should note the guidelines describe that these technologies include those "such as (but not limited to) Artificial Intelligence (AI), next generation telecommunications (5G/6G), Internet of Things (IoT), quantum computing, synthetic biology, blockchain and big data." Therefore, as appropriate, applicants will need to demonstrate in their application that the technology or technologies relevant to their application are emerging and critical technologies, consistent with the objectives of the grants program, the eligibility criteria and the guidance provided.

Question: Can the Indian partner be an Indian industry, or does it have to be an Indian research institute?

Response: The Indian partner can be a company incorporated in India, or an Indian research institute, or both.

Question: Does the Indian partner need to apply to an equivalent Government department in India? Or is only a single application required to DFAT?

Response: For this grant opportunity, DFAT only requires an application to be submitted via DFAT's online grant application system SmartyGrants.