



**Government of India  
Department of Scientific & Industrial Research  
Ministry of Science & Technology**

**Patent Acquisition and Collaborative Research and  
Technology Development (PACE)**

**Call for Proposals for financial support - Sixth Batch**

The Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR) invites proposals from **REGISTERED INDIAN COMPANIES/FIRMS/SMEs** etc under the PACE Scheme for funding development and demonstration of innovative product/ process technologies, traversing the journey from proof-of-concept or laboratory stage to pilot stage, ready to be launched for commercialization. For more information visit us at <http://www.dsir.gov.in> and see PACE Guidelines.

**UNIQUE FEATURES OF PACE:**

- Development and Demonstration of Technology by industry (either alone or in collaboration with R&D organization/ academic institution/ university in India or abroad.
- Loan to Indian industry and grant to Indian (foreign excluded) R&D organization/ academic institution/ university. Grant will be concurrent with loan and it shall not exceed the amount sanctioned as loan.
- The scheme shall support proposals in any industrial sector\* leading to industrially useful applications.
- The scheme shall support proposals which give evidence of existence of proof-of-concept and aim at fulfilling an unmet need.
- Special consideration for projects aimed at benefitting women.

\* Except for proposals purely in the area of Bio-technology, which may be submitted to Department of Bio-technology

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Company should be registered in India under the relevant act or hold SSI/MSME registration which is at least 3 years old and profit making.
- Atleast 51% of the shares of the company should be held by Indian Citizens, including NRIs.
- Industry should have IP ownership, acquired or developed by it (patented or un-patented), that will be used for value addition or up-scaling in the proposed project.
- Industry should preferably have a DSIR recognized in-house R&D unit.
- Industry must be in a position to provide evidence that it shall be able to raise its share of funds in the project.
- Collaborating partner, if applicable, should be Indian public funded research institution, implying that one of the criterion should be that at least 50% of the recurring expenses of the institution should be met by the government.

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

The prescribed guidelines and application format can be downloaded from the website: [www.dsir.gov.in](http://www.dsir.gov.in). The Applicants should apply online by using the website: [www.dsir.gov.in](http://www.dsir.gov.in). They must also submit five hard copies of the proposal duly signed + one soft copy [MS Word file and not a PDF file] through E.mail and by enclosing a pen drive) to: **Head (PACE)**, Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, Hall-B, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110 016. Email: [ashwani@nic.in](mailto:ashwani@nic.in) super-scribing "CONFIDENTIAL, PACE PROJECT" on the document holder.

*DSIR will ensure the confidentiality of the documents.*

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