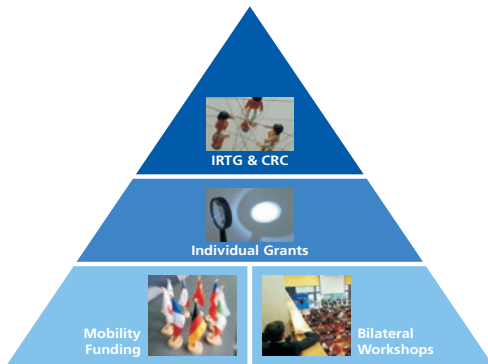


Director's Message

India is one of the countries in Asia which is scientifically most advanced. The successful launching of a mission to Mars in November 2013 was just one of the recent scientific achievements highlighting the Indian scientific, innovation and technical capabilities. Consequently, the country is an important partner for German academics, who are cooperating with their Indian co-workers across the complete range of academia; natural science, engineering, humanities and social science. Since 2006, the DFG India office has taken up the challenge to foster Indo-German cooperation with its long standing and new partners in order to adapt to the new challenges of researchers in both countries.

Our Funding Pyramid



The DFG funds research in all disciplines using a bottom-up approach. That means any researcher with its academic home in Germany can submit an application without any subject restrictions. International collaborations are possible and desired in all DFG funding programmes. DFG provides funds for the full spectrum of funding schemes, i.e. from funding for the initiation of future collaborative research projects of individuals, bilateral projects, to long term coordinated programmes in form of International Research Training Groups (IRTG) or Collaborative Research Centers (CRC). Depending on the scheme of application, funding can be provided under certain conditions in excess of 9 years. In international programs, usually cofunding of local funding bodies may be provided. In order to secure such funding the DFG India Office entertains intensive relations with domestic partner organization.

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About DFG



Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is the central self-governing research funding organization in Germany, responsible for promoting basic research.

It serves all branches of science, engineering and humanities by funding research projects at universities and other research institutions. It promotes excellence by selecting the best research projects on a competitive basis in a transparent process and actively encourages interdisciplinary and international cooperation. It is particularly dedicated to the promotion of young researchers and to gender equality in science and academia.

In organizational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its members are German universities, research institutions, scientific associations and the academies of science.

The DFG receives primarily from German federal and state governments an annual budget of over 2.5 billion Euros.

DFG India Office

The scope and significance of the cooperation between German and Indian researchers has increased substantially in the past years. The mutual exchange of information on universities, research institutions and funding opportunities will further intensify Indo-German academic and research cooperation. The DFG India Office in Delhi, along with its branch in Hyderabad, is striving to achieve this via supporting and coordinating established projects as well as the facilitation, design and implementation of new academic endeavors.

One of the leading goals of these activities is to generate added value beyond the research performance possible of the individual partners alone. This is implemented by creating synergy to allow research which would not be possible without the cooperation between the researchers of both countries.

The DFG India Office is undertaking these tasks in close interaction with the DFG Head Office in Bonn, Germany, and its Indian partners. These include:

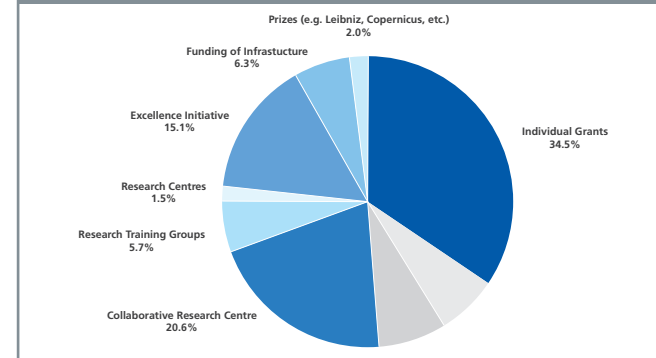
- ▶ The Indian National Science Academy (INSA)
- ▶ The Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- ▶ The Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
- ▶ The Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR)
- ▶ The Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)

In addition to these tasks, the DFG India Office coordinates the activities of the German House for Research and Innovation (Deutsches Wissenschafts- und InnovationsHaus - DWIH New Delhi).

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Mission and Objectives

Information & Research Services

Informing the scientific community on funding possibilities for bilateral cooperation

Initiating & Intensifying cooperation

Organising scientific meetings in India and in Germany
Creating framework conditions that will lead to a sustainable impact on joint research projects between German and Indian researchers

Promotion of Young Researchers

Funding outstanding young researchers from India and Germany within project as well as bilateral research training groups.

Institutional Collaboration

Cooperating with Indian funding bodies to create opportunities for bilateral research

Synergies

Creating and attending platforms for the definition of funding policies for the science-driven cooperation between German/European and Indian funding bodies.

Visibility

Making Indo-German research cooperation and its potential more visible