



## Scaling new heights in Indo-German Research Cooperation: Indo-German International Research Training Groups (IRTG)

**Launch and Information Online Event on Tue, 31 May 2022  
from 2 to 3.30 PM IST / 10.30 AM to 12 noon CET via Webex**

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| 2.00 IST / 10.30 CET | <b>Welcome Address</b><br><br>S. K. Varshney, Head of International Cooperation, DST<br>Katja Fettelschoß, Deputy Head of Division Research Careers, DFG  |
| 2.10 IST / 10.40 CET | <b>Words of Greeting</b><br><br>DST Secretary Srivari Chandrasekhar<br>DFG President Katja Becker   |
| 2.20 IST / 10.50 CET | <b>DST and DFG – Introduction into Agency Profiles<br/>and Funding Opportunities</b><br><br>Rajiv Kumar, International Cooperation, DST<br>Franziska Langer, International Cooperation, India Desk, DFG |
| 2.30 IST / 11.00 CET | <b>IRTG: A new Indo-German Funding Opportunity<br/>Key Information for Future Applicants</b><br><br>Martin Roatsch, Research Careers, IRTG Team, DFG  |
| 2.50 IST / 11.20 CET | <b>An Example of a Successful IRTG – Words from an IRTG Speaker</b><br><br>Armido Studer, Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of Münster   |
| 3.10 IST / 11.40 CET | <b>Questions and Answers</b><br><br>All members of the audience are invited to ask questions  |

## International Research Training Groups

International Research Training Groups (IRTG) provide opportunities for joint doctoral training programmes between German universities and universities abroad. The new DST-DFG agreement opens up this funding line for cooperation between German and Indian universities. An Indo-German IRTG brings P.I.s and doctoral researchers from both countries together under a joint research topic or theme.

Indian and German doctoral researchers attending an Indo-German IRTG perform their research and write their dissertations in a structured and international setting. Apart from academic courses, this includes a qualification programme, cross-border supervision from both partner institutions, winter or summer schools, and longer-term, coordinated and reciprocal research visits at the respective partner institution.

Funding can be obtained for a maximum of 9 years, divided into two funding periods. The renewal is dependent on a successful mid-term evaluation after approximately 4 years. In the 9 years of an IRTG, up to three consecutive cohorts of doctoral students can be funded, individually for a maximum of 48 months. A typical IRTG comprises between 30 and 45 doctoral researchers at either partner institution.

IRTGs impact their research fields both by allowing top-notch research and by qualifying new researchers in the field. They strengthen research cooperation between the partner countries, forming new ambassadors of cultures and of science.

For more information on Research Training Groups, including its international programme variant IRTG, please visit [www.dfg.de/gk/en](http://www.dfg.de/gk/en) or [onlinedst.gov.in](http://onlinedst.gov.in) or contact the DST or the DFG:

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