

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the important role of MI country partner?

Mission Innovation is an international initiative where 23 countries along with EU are participating and the call for proposals is bilateral /multilateral collaborations between Indian scientists and scientists from MI member countries of respective Innovation Challenge. For more details please follow the MI websites <http://mission-innovation-india.net/> and <http://mission-innovation.net/>

2. Is there any financial sharing to the MI country partner's?

Indian Government funding will be Limited to Indian Investigators to spend the funds within India.

3. Is there any abroad visit for PI to the MI country research partner lab and vice versa, if so, how long? What about the financial remuneration?

Indian applicants can budget for travel (Domestic and International) of student/researcher of their institutes. Local hospitality and travel assistance to visiting researchers from participating MI country can also be budgeted. For more detail please follow the instruction under components of funding in FOA and format given in the LOI. Duration of travel to MI countries could be **project dependent** for researchers and PIs with remuneration as per Govt. of India norms.

4. Is it possible to involve more than one MI country research partner in the proposal under this programme?

There is no restriction on upper number of participating MI countries (including European Union), but participation of at least one organization (institution/researcher) from MI country is mandatory.

5. Indian and DSIR Institutes eligibility

- (i) The proposals have to be led by qualified researchers/ professionals from Science, Technology and Engineering disciplines working in regular position at Indian academic institutions and **public funded** R&D laboratories/ Not for Profit NGOs registered under Darpan of NITI Aayog.
- (ii) Industry can participate by offering matching grant however they need to collaborate with Researchers from Academia/Research organization who will be principal PI and first applicant.

6. Funding allotment from the call for proposals?

The GOI funding under these calls will be provided to selected proposals by Indian researchers/ academic Institutes / NGOs registered under Darpan of NITI Aayog.

7. How to Find MI Partners?

Lead Indian PIs submitting this LOI proposal are responsible to identify and contact researcher/institute from MI member countries engaged in this Innovation Challenge.

8. MI country partner's funding needs for research in these proposals? How the funding will be provided to MI country partners?

Funding from Government of India will be provided to Indian Investigators/Researches including travel grants for local hospitality of foreign research collaborator and student exchange from collaborative countries. Researchers /applicants from MI Member countries needs to find their own means to support their research, these could be via their running grants or new calls for proposal in their own country.