

2015 call for nominations

**Max Planck Partner Groups
for
Junior scientists/postdoc and junior faculty**

**Max Planck Society
&
Department of Science & Technology, India**

Deadline 15 September 2015

General

Max Planck Partner Groups have been developed as an instrument for the support of cooperative research in target areas which are scientifically promising and innovative, geared to the future and of mutual interest to Max Planck Institutes (MPI) and to the designated partner institutions in India. Max Planck Partner Groups enable both the MPI and the Head of the Partner Group to continue a sustained scientific interaction. Heading a Max Planck Partner Group is a distinction.

The Max Partner Group is initially established for a three-year period allowing the scientist to build up their own research group in India and to remain in close research interaction with a MPI. It can be extended for a further two years (maximum period: five years) based on the outcome of the review and the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Board.

Candidates for Max Planck Partner Groups will be officially and finally designated by the President of Max Planck Society (MPG) and the Secretary of Department of Science & Technology (DST).

Qualification

Partner Groups are led by former Indian guest researchers of MPI of proven scientific excellence, who have returned or are about to return to a high-performance research institution / university in India and continue their research activities in close cooperation with their former hosts. The candidate should be an Indian scientist of proven excellence at young faculty/ postdoc level and maximum 38 years of age (i.e. on 1 January 2016) who has spent minimum 12 months at a MPI. If the candidate is not working at a research institution / university in India at the time of submitting the nomination, the candidate is expected to find such a position by 1 March 2016.

Funding

MPG will allocate up to 20,000 EURO p.a. for up to 5 years for the Max Planck Partner Group. Funding provided by MPG will be allocated through the MPI towards the Indian host institution according to standard MPG rules for Max Planck Partner Groups. Funding provided by MPG towards the Max Planck Partner Group will be governed by a bilateral standardized agreement between the MPI and the Indian host institution. The MPI will only take responsibility for the funding provided by MPG.

For nominations from the BMS and CPTS, DST will provide matching funds as per project approval, according to standard DST rules and under a separate agreement. Funds should be utilized, as far as possible, for the purpose of creating MPI like facilities at the respective Indian host institution.

Application Modalities

The programme for Max Planck Partner Groups is open to all MPI and to all research institutions / universities in India.

Documents to be submitted

The following documents are to be submitted, both by the Director of a MPI nominating a candidate to MPG and by the Indian scientist applying for the Head of a Partner Group directly to DST (for BMS and CPTS only, see page 1):

1. Detailed letter of reference (laudation) from the Director of MPI where the candidate has spent minimum 12 months
2. List of publications
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Three letters of reference from senior scientists, one from India, one from Germany (not from the nominating MPI) and one from a third country
5. Names and contact details of three potential reviewers of the application, one from India, one from Germany (not from the nominating MPI) and one from a third country
6. Description of previous and future research according to the following scheme: State of the art, previous research, planned research activities including elaboration of the intended bilateral cooperation with the MPI
7. Anticipated significance of the research topic of the Partner Group for the relevant field of research in India and Germany (added value).
8. Letter of intent by the Director of the Indian host institution in which the acceptance to host a Partner Group is declared.
9. For candidates who at the time of nomination are not based in India, please state: The name of the Indian host institution to which the candidate will return and the date by when candidate will take up this position
10. Two separate macro-budget outlines for DST and MPG budgets for the first three years
11. Cover Page (see below)

Documents to be sent to the Max Planck Society:

Send one signed original application to:

Max Planck Society, Ms Renate Bischof-Drewitz

Division of International Relations

Hofgartenstr. 8,

D-80539 München, Germany

and one electronic copy to: e-mail: bischof-drewitz@gv.mpg.d

Documents to be sent to DST:

Send one signed original application to DST.

Director, Indo-German Sciences and Technology Centre (IGSTC)

Plot No. 102, Sector 44

Gurgaon – 122003

Haryana (India)

Phone: 0124 4929400

and one electronic copy to:

e-mail: director@igstc.org and director.igstc@gmail.com

Deadline for submitting Nominations: 15 September 2015.

Note:

Please ensure to send only complete applications, i.e. submitting documents consecutively is not accepted and such applications will be rejected. Indian candidates are requested to refer to the DST website for detailed information at <http://igstc.org/#>.

**Nomination
For
The Head of a Max Planck Partner Group
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Candidate for the Head of a Partner Group

Name Institution Department Address

Field of research:

Key words:

Brief summary describing research activities and objectives (max 80 words):

Director of Max Planck Institute:

Name Institute Department Address

Summary overview of the Budget for the first three years of operations

	MPG Year 1 €	MPG Year 2 €	MPG Year 3 €	DST Year 1 €	DST Year 2 €	DST Year 3 €
Annual budget	20.000	20.000	20.000			
Research Manpower: ¹ PhD students Postdoctoral students						
Minor Equipment ²						
Travel & hospitality						
Operating costs ³						
Total Expenses						

¹ Please indicate the research manpower required for the PG at the Indian Institute: scholarships, grant support, student labour

² Indicate quoted price for the equipment

³ Consumables, office expenses, books and publications, computer time and services, laboratory supplies, spare parts, maintenance, installations

Date

Signature Director of Max Planck Institute