



# Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Set up by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India

Announces 2nd Call for Proposal under

## BIOTECHNOLOGY IGNITION GRANT (BIG)

*For Igniting New Ideas*

(1st January to 15th February, 2013)

**BIG SCHEME ENCOURAGES & SUPPORTS BIOTECH ENTREPRENEURS**

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Section 25 'Not-for-Profit Company' of Government of India, has been set up as DBT's interface agency, to serve as a single window for emerging biotech companies.

BIRAC invites proposals from

- **Biotechnology start-ups / entrepreneurs**
  - Having a registered company incorporated on / after 1st January, 2010.
- OR**
- **Academicians, Scientists, Researchers, PhDs, Medical Degree holders, Biomedical Engg. Graduates**
  - Incubated in a Technology Business Incubator

who have an exciting idea which may be in the nascent and planning stage.

**Support under the BIG Scheme is aimed to help establish & validate proof of concept**

The BIG Scheme will be implemented by our BIG Partners



### How to Apply

Proposal under BIG Scheme has to be submitted online only. Register on BIRAC website under "BIG User" for submission of proposal. User registrations open round the clock. For further details on the scheme, eligibility criteria, FAQs and registration log on to [www.birac.nic.in](http://www.birac.nic.in)

### Scope & Support

- BIG is for high level of innovation in the Biotechnology sector
- BIG Scheme supports only up to Proof-of-Concept stage
- Grant-in-Aid up to ₹ 50 lakh
- Period of study would be 18 months
- Mentoring support and Project Monitoring by BIG Partner

### Important dates

Proposal Submission Starts  
**1st January, 2013**

Proposal Submission Closes  
(midnight of)  
**15th February, 2013**

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