



## **INSA-DFG PROGRAMME FOR THE INITIATION OF INDO-GERMAN BILATERAL COOPERATION**

### **German Research Foundation (DFG) Guidelines**

*The INSA-DFG Programme for the Initiation of Indo-German Bilateral Cooperation is a collaboration between the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG) and the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). The core of the programme is the joint funding of research stays of Indian researchers in Germany, where INSA covers the cost of the Indian scientist's flight and DFG covers the cost of her or his stay in Germany.*

*An Indian scientist wishing to participate in the INSA-DFG programme must have a host researcher working in a German research institution who is eligible for DFG funding. While INSA can, upon application, fund the Indian scientist's flight, the host researcher must request the funds covering the Indian guest's stay in Germany from DFG. The respective proposal must conform to the Guidelines regulating the DFG funding line "Initiation of International Cooperation" as laid down in DFG form 1.813 (see [http://www.dfg.de/formulare/1\\_813](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/1_813)).*

*Note that within the funding line "Initiation of International Cooperation", it is also possible to request funds for travel of German researchers to India as well as for bilateral workshops in India or Germany. Applicants interested in these activities are requested to contact DFG India Office before submitting the relevant proposals.*

*The following is an application guide focusing on the DFG proposal. Indian researchers are asked to make sure that the application guidelines specified by INSA are also followed.*

1. Carefully go through the DFG Guidelines 1.813 for the funding programme "Initiation of International Cooperation" ([http://www.dfg.de/formulare/1\\_813](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/1_813)). Background information about the relevant funding programme is also available under [http://www.dfg.de/en/research\\_funding/programmes/international\\_cooperation/initiation\\_international\\_collaboration/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/international_cooperation/initiation_international_collaboration/index.html).
2. Compile the required documents as per the DFG guidelines ("Proposal Preparation Instructions" listed on page 8 – 11 of the guideline). Note that some of these documents / enclosures are also required by INSA.
3. Note that German researchers from an extra-university research institution such as a Max Planck, Helmholtz, Leibniz or Fraunhofer Institute are required to cooperate with a (further) university-based researcher within Germany ("Kooperationspflicht", "duty to cooperate"). For details (including exemptions), please consult Form 55.01 ([http://www.dfg.de/formulare/55\\_01](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/55_01)).

4. Please note that the funding line “Initiation of International Cooperation” aims at the initiation of joint research activity. A proposal within this funding line must indicate / describe such planned (future) activity.

5. The DFG proposal should be clearly marked as a “DFG INSA proposal”. It should be clearly mentioned that the cost for the flight of the Indian partner is covered by INSA.

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7. The German host must submit the proposal (prepared as per the DFG guidelines 1.813) electronically via the elan portal (<https://elan.dfg.de>). The Indian researcher must submit the duly filled-in INSA application form, along with the required enclosures, to INSA, New Delhi, as per INSA’s submission rules.

**Please note that the DFG proposal is subject to peer review by the expert committees of DFG. The nomination of the Indian partner by INSA does not mean that the research visit will automatically be approved by the DFG.**

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