



## **Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)**

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TIFAC has recently started TAP (TIFAC Academic Partner) Program under the ongoing MSME Program aiming at building a platform for facilitating interactions of MSMEs with academia/R&D and Technical Institution. The thrust is on providing technical support to the MSMEs by leveraging the knowledge base of nearby and competent academia R & D and Technical Institutes. Four (04) TAP centres have already been selected in Southern, Western, Eastern and Central part of the Country respectively.

TIFAC now wishes to have partnership with Academic Partner in the Northern Part of the Country. For establishing the TIFAC Academic Partner (TAP), proposals are invited from Academic Institutes/Organizations of academic eminence in the field of S&T and Innovations from the Northern Parts of the Country (Uttarakhand, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh).

The eligibility criteria and role of Academic Partners along with TIFAC support are mentioned below in **Annexure I and Annexure II** respectively.

Five (05) hard copies of the proposals as per the format provided in **Annexure III** may be sent to the In-charge (Finance & Administration), Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), 5th Floor, AI Block, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi- 110016 **on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021**. Proposals may also be submitted by email [toregistrar@tifac.org.in](mailto:toregistrar@tifac.org.in) followed by 5 hard copies of the same.

It may be noted that mere submission of proposal does not entitle for selection and or support from TIFAC. The decision of TIFAC will be final.

## **Annexure-I**

### **Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Criteria for Selection of Institutions**

- Technical Institution (Universities, Engineering colleges, Degree granting R&D Institutes), either Govt. owned or recognized by AICTE/UGC.
- The Institution should preferably be of more than 10 years old.
- Institution and concerned Department to have a prior and proven track record of research work, extra mural funding, R&D consultancy and working with industries in the desired domain.
- Institutes should have track record of reaching out to MSMEs with technology support.

## **Annexure-II**

### **Role of TIFAC Academic Partners**

- Reaching out to proximate MSMEs
- Assessing technology needs of MSMEs, especially in context of local strengths and requirements w.r.t. becoming "AtmaNirbhar"
- Exposure of MSMEs to current technologies and global competitive manufacturing practices
- Skilling of people and capacity building
- Technology stimulus on the basis of Technology Gap Identified earlier - providing support for technology- procurement/development/ refinement
- Handholding & Mentoring with absorption and adoption of technology.
- Organizing awareness and undertaking requisite capacity building.
- Aligning its initiatives with those of Skill India and Make in India towards pursuing the larger goal of "AtmaNirbhar Bharat".

### **TIFAC Financial Support**

TIFAC will provide an annual grant of maximum Rs. 20 lakh(all inclusive) to the selected Academic Partner (TAP).

## **Annexure-III**

### **TIFAC MSME PROGRAM**

#### **Format for Proposal / Expression of Interest (EOI)**

**1.0 General Information about the Institute/University/Engg Colleges etc**

- 1.1 Name of the Institute/University/Engineering Colleges
- 1.2 Date of Establishment
- 1.3 Type of Institute (Govt./Pvt./Trust)
- 1.4 Details about Affiliation/Recognition
- 1.5 Technical infrastructure/knowhow available with the institute
- 1.6 Details of any current initiative and previously undertaken initiatives of Govt of India or state government by the institute.
- 1.7 Bio-data (Coordinator, Investigator & Co-investigator)
- 1.8 Name & Address of the contact person
- 1.9 Any other relevant information
- 1.10 Infrastructural Support to be provided by the Institute/University/Engineering College for the Program.