

**MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT**

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## **2010 call for nominations**

### **Max Planck Partner Groups**

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

Deadline 2 September 2010

#### **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 co-operation with their former hosts. The candidate should be an Indian scientist of proven excellence at Postdoc level and maximum 38 years (i.e. not yet 39 years at the time of application) of age 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 find such a position by 1 March 2010.

#### **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. 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. Two procedures are applicable to bring forward suitable candidates: i) Directors of MPI can nominate candidates to MPG. ii) Candidates for the Head of a Partner Group can apply directly to DST, conditional that they fulfil the criteria as set forth above.

Documents must be submitted in parallel in duly signed original copies to MPG by Directors of MPI and to DST by the Indian scientist.

## **Documents to be submitted**

The following documents must be submitted, both by the Director of a MPI nominating a candidate to MPG and by the Indian scientist for the Head of a Partner Group applying directly to DST:

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 independent reviews, at least one of which will come from outside Germany and India (Note: The actual reviews are to be submitted, not names of potential reviewers).
5. Project description and planned research activities which must also specifically elaborate on the intended bilateral cooperation with the MPI
6. Description of previous and future research objectives
7. Anticipated significance of the research topic of the Partner Group for the relevant field of research in India and Germany (added value).
8. Existing ties of the candidate for the Head of Partner Group to Germany other than to the MPI
9. Details of other grant support
10. Letter of intent by the Director of the Indian host institution in which the acceptance to host a Partner Group is declared.
11. 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
12. Two separate macro-budget outlines for DST and MPG budgets for first year of operations
13. Cover Page (see below)

## **Documents to be sent to the Max Planck Society:**

Send one signed original application to:

Max Planck Society

Mr. Michael Nagel, Division of International Relations , Hofgartenstr. 8,  
D-80539 München, Germany

And one electronic copy to:

Mr. Michael Nagel: E-mail: [nagel@gv.mpg.de](mailto:nagel@gv.mpg.de)

For any questions regarding the programme you may also contact

Felix Kahle

Representative

Max Planck Society

at German Embassy New Delhi. Tel.: 0091-11-4419 9163;

E-mail: [Kahle@gv.mpg.de](mailto:Kahle@gv.mpg.de)

## **Documents to be sent to DST:**

Send one signed original and signed application to DST.

Please contact: Mr. RK Sharma, Scientist B, International Division, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016 (E-mail: [Sharma\\_rk@nic.in](mailto:Sharma_rk@nic.in)).

**Deadline for submitting Nominations: 2 September 2010**

**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	E
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Field of research:

Key words:

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

Director of Max Planck Institute:

Name	Institute	Department	Address	E
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Summary overview of Budget 1<sup>st</sup> year of operations

Funding provided through the Max Planck Society

		MPG	DST - Matching
annual budget:		€ 20,000	
Salaries:	PhD students	€	€
	Postdoctoral students	€	€
Equipment:		€	€
Travel:		€	€
Other:		€	€

Date

Signature

Format for Budget Outline for 1<sup>st</sup> year of Operations (in EURO)

**EXPENDITURES** \_\_\_\_\_Approved budget                      Expenses                      Balance

**Salaries**

Personnel (\*1)

Scholarships (\*2)

Grant support (\*3)

Student labour (\*4)

**Exchange of Scientists**

Visiting German Scientists to India (\*5)

Visiting Indian Scientists to Germany (\*5)

Workshops, Symposia and  
other international meetings (\*6)

**Operations Cost, Materials, Equipment**

Office Expenses

Travel Expenses

Books and Publications

Computer time and services

Small appliances

Laboratory supplies, spare parts

Maintenance, installations

Other (specify)

(\*1) Attach list with names of staff, function and how employed (full/half time)

(\*2) Attach list with names of scientists, home university, place of visit, duration of stay

(\*3) Indicate name of grantee and period of funding

(\*4) Specify total no. of man hours