

Bio-NEST NIPER Guwahati Bio-Innovation Challenge

Ideathon # 2

Guidelines and Selection Process



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The Flyer:



The flyer features a dark blue background with several images: a hand holding a syringe over a petri dish, a glowing lightbulb held by a hand, a collection of herbs and spices, and a mortar and pestle with pills. The text is in white and yellow. Logos for the Government of India, NIPER Guwahati, and Bio-NEST are at the top.

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**Prize Money and
Pre-Incubation Seed Fund
For 10 Best Innovative Ideas**

Application: **Through email** Last Date for Submission: **30th September 2022**

For any queries, mail to:
bionest@niperguwahati.in

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The Challenge:

Bio-NEST NIPER Guwahati announces **Ideathon # 2: Bio-Innovation Challenge** to encourage and support innovative ideas in the field of life sciences and healthcare. Interested candidates shall submit their innovative ideas for participation in Ideathon # 2.

The Scope of Ideas:

- The scope includes any idea/ innovation related to life sciences, health care and other fields of biotechnology including food, agriculture, etc.
- The proposed innovation must have a need in the market or fulfill a wider societal need.
This ideathon is not for basic research.

The Award:

- Top three ideas will be awarded prize money of INR 15,000, 20,000 and 25,000 respectively.
- Top 10 ideas (including the top 3 above) will be provided pre-incubation support (facility to develop a proof of concept from an idea) for six months and a seed fund of INR 1,00,000 with the following breakup:
 - a. Fellowship @ INR 2,500/Month (Total INR 15,000)
 - b. Rental of incubation center @ Rs 2,500/Month (Total INR 15,000)
 - c. Up to INR 50,000 for consumables from NIPER Guwahati
 - d. Hostel accommodation @ INR 750/Month (Total INR 4500) may be provided with prior booking, as per availability
 - e. Instrument user charges up to INR 8,000
 - f. Mentoring the ideas for financial support from different agencies
 - g. Mentorship charges up to INR 7,500
 - h. If for any reason the team decides to discontinue the project in the first 3 months, then all the unutilized assets should be returned to NIPER Guwahati with immediate effect.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The Ideathon is open to all irrespective of their qualification, affiliation, gender, geographical location, and educational background.
- The applicants may apply as an individual, team of individuals, business entity or as a society.
- When applying as a group, business entity or a society, the project must identify a project leader among them, for further interactions with NIPER Guwahati.

Application Process:

- Bio-NEST NIPER Guwahati will launch the program on **18th August 2022** on the NIPER Guwahati website.

- The call for proposal will close on **30th September 2022** at 11:59 pm.
- The applicant needs to fill out the application form provided in Annexure and submit the signed pdf copy through email at bionest@niperguwahati.in
- Applicants are advised to submit their applications early without waiting for the last date in order to avoid any last-minute contingencies.
- Applicants are advised to provide sufficient details in their applications to allow for an informed and fair evaluation/review. Applicants are advised to provide self-contained proposals with essential supporting materials along with the application form.
- Proposals once submitted are final. No changes will be accepted thereafter.
- Providing incorrect information will lead to outright rejection of proposals.

Selection Process:

- As a first step, the proposals shall be shortlisted by an expert committee comprising of experts from business, science, and regulatory backgrounds.
- The evaluation parameters are i) Technical feasibility, ii) Novelty, iii) Commercialization Potential, iv) Societal Impact, v) Business Plan, vi) Team Strength.
- Those shortlisted for Ideathon will be invited for an online presentation and will be assessed by the jury members.
- Based on the reports by the jury, the winners shall be selected for the prize and seed fund.

Important Dates:

- Proposal submission opens: 18th August 2022
- Last date for submission: 30th September 2022
- Evaluation and shortlisting of applications: Tentatively 31st October 2022
- Online presentation of shortlisted proposals: Tentatively by 30th November 2022

General Guidelines, Terms and Conditions:

- The decision of the Panel of Experts will be final and binding with regard to selection at all stages.
- By making a submission in the contest, all participants warrant and represent that to the best of their knowledge, their submission is original and does not violate or misappropriate any third-party trade secret, “know-how,” copyright, patent, or other intellectual property rights. Participants also warrant and represent that there are no obligations of any nature, legal or otherwise, which would prohibit, restrict, or interfere with their participation in the contest or submission of their design report, and agree to obtain any necessary clearances, authorizations and/or approvals prior to participation.
- The participants agree that NIPER Guwahati will share information submitted by the participants to a panel of experts, reviewers, etc. (any information that you may not want to share with these members should not be submitted).
- NIPER Guwahati does not claim ownership over Intellectual Property Right (IPR) for the Innovation that is sent to us by submitting an application. The IPR shall remain with the applicant at all times.
- NIPER Guwahati reserves the right to publish the grantee’s information with regard to i) Title of the project, ii) Brief summary, iii) Deliverables iv) Principal investigator, v) Team, etc.
- The selected applicants for Pre-Incubation Support shall sign a separate agreement with NIPER Guwahati for initiating their works as incubatee of Bio-NEST.

Correspondence:

- Any correspondence with the participant will be done through an email provided by the participant at the time of filling out the application form. Organizers are not liable in case of email delivery failures.
- For any queries, please send mail at: bionest@niperguwahati.in

Disclaimer:

NIPER Guwahati reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, suspend this contest and modify the rules, prizes & funding related to the contest without prior notice. In no event shall NIPER Guwahati or any other organizers be liable for any claims, losses, expenses or damages, arising out of or in connection with the foregoing.

ANNEXURE

Application Form

Please send the complete application form in pdf format to bionest@niperguwahati.in on or before 18th September 2022

1. Title of the proposal:
2. Relevant area: (life-science/ health care/ biotechnology/ food technology/ agriculture, etc.)
3. Application type: (individual/ company)
4. Primary applicant name/ company name (if applicable):
5. Team members (if applicable):
6. Particulars of the applicant/s:
7. Brief background of the primary applicant:
8. Proposal summary (500 words):
9. Opportunity:
10. Preliminary work carried out, if any:
11. Proposed outcome:
12. Market entry strategy:
13. Intellectual property, if any:
14. Work plan in detail with milestones:
15. Are you interested in pre-incubation support? (Yes / No)
16. Have you approached another organization/agency for financial support for the present proposal? please give details:

Date:

Full Name and Signature