

COVID-19 Research Consortium by DBT and BIRAC

‘Diagnostics, Vaccines, Novel Therapeutics, Repurposing of Drugs or any other intervention for control of COVID-19’

In response to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID) outbreak caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) there is a pressing need to accelerate development of diagnostics, vaccines, novel therapeutics and re-purposing of drugs for this novel coronavirus. At present, there is dearth of knowledge about this new virus, thus, the critical research question has arisen and needs to be answered at the earliest. New methods and ways have to be found to fund priority research that can contribute to curtail COVID-19 outbreak and prepare for future outbreaks as well.

Government of India, like any other country has felt urgent need to develop safe and effective countermeasures that can be available, accessible and suitable for use in populations who needs it most. Since research is an important integral component of the response to be able to identify key knowledge gaps and research priorities, and thereby accelerate the generation of critical scientific information and the most needed medical products to contribute to the control of 2019-nCoV emergency.

To support the preparedness, readiness and response for COVID-19, project proposals are being solicited for developing Diagnostics, vaccines, novel therapeutics, repurposing of drugs or any other intervention for control of COVID-19 by Industry, Academia, Industry-Academia participation.

Depending on the scope of activities and the applicant, the funding will be made available under DBT/different schemes of BIRAC/Ind-CEPI/National biopharma Mission.