

BIMSTEC-INDIA MARINE RESEARCH NETWORK (BIMReN)

TWINNING RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT

A Joint Initiative by



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS



Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional multilateral organisation.

The BIMSTEC-INDIA MARINE RESEARCH NETWORK (BIMReN)

A joint initiative by the **Ministry of External Affairs of India** (MEA) and the **Bay of Bengal Programme Inter Governmental Organisation** (BOBP-IGO), is a platform for facilitating collaboration among the researchers in the Bay of Bengal Region, for sustainable development of blue economy by networking the researchers in the BIMSTEC Member Countries.

About the grant

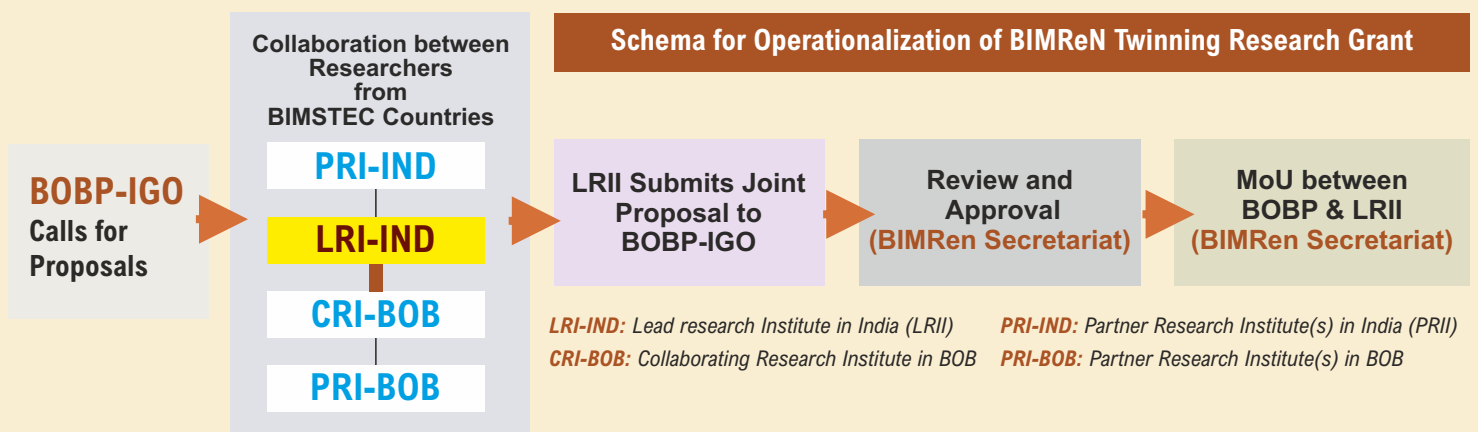
- The BIMReN Grant for Twinning Research Project, a Small Grant Scheme, aims at facilitating collaborations between institutions and individuals with expertise in fisheries/ marine/ ocean sciences from the BIMSTEC Member Countries, to implement research programmes of regional interest.
- Under this, two or more institutions located in different BIMSTEC Countries will implement the project collaboratively.
- The award includes a Faculty Exchange between the collaborating countries and the awardee will be called as BIMReN Visiting Scientist.

BIMReN network criteria

Team Composition: The Organization in India shall be the Lead Research Institute (LRI) and those from BOBR will be the Collaborating Research Institute (CRI), who in turn can network with partner institutes in their respective countries. A single twinning project network shall comprise of two to four Universities/ Research Organizations and a maximum of six researchers/faculty members.

Eligibility: Faculty/Scientist on a regular position in a UNESCO-recognized university or a national laboratory

Schema for Operationalization of BIMReN Twinning Research Grant



Key features of the programme

Visiting Scientist/Faculty: The Grant has an inherent component of faculty exchange (12 person-months);

3-4 collaborators from a twinning project team to visit a foreign lab for 3 months – Researchers from Lead Institute to Collaborating Institutes in BIMSTEC Countries and all Collaborators to respective Network Institutes in India.

Grant Value: INR 5 million / Project

Research Contingency - 60%; Travel – 10%; Living Allowance - 30% to support 12 person-months @ INR 125,000/month.

Tenure: 24 Months (extendable for 6 months without any additional cost)

Flexibility: The grant can be used as a ‘top-up grant’ to strengthen any ongoing research through regional cooperation, wherein the partnering institutes shall meet the expenses beyond the grant amount.

Potential Research Themes

Achieving SDG 14

Promoting Blue Economy

Climate Change

Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

Ocean Policy

Transboundary Resources

NETWORKING SUPPORT SERVICES

The BIMReN cell at BOBP-IGO will facilitate networking among potential researchers from different organizations in the region.

If interested, please write to bimren@bobpigo.org / info@bobpigo.org

Collaborate cross country

Enhance regional research capacity

Build evidence based fisheries management

Recognize traditional knowledge and cultural connect

Create community of Practitioners

Last Date for submit of Proposals
31 May 2025

Proposals will be reviewed during the third week of every month.

Decision on the proposals will be notified to applicants within 30 days of their submission.

Be an Early Bird to Grab the Grant



HOW TO APPLY?

Visit www.bobpigo.org to download **Operational Guidelines** of the Grant



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