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## Invitation for BIRAC SRISTI Appreciation Grant 2017

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Dear Prof. Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi,

Greetings from SRISTI, Ahmedabad.

We are glad to inform you that SRISTI has signed an agreement with BIRAC-DBT (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, A Govt. of India Enterprise, Set up by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India) to facilitate grassroot innovations.

Under the agreement, BIRAC will support 100 such innovations. A research grant of Rs. 1 lac each will be awarded to reveal the science and aid in development of a product.

The innovations supported under the scheme will only be drawn from the Grassroots database of SRISTI. Students are invited to participate in the initiative of SRISTI-BIRAC by going through the details as announced on our website <http://www.sristi.org/cms/sristi-birac> in the name of BIRAC-SRISTI appreciation awards.

SRISTI has a Microbial Bank containing 8000+ organisms (bacteria, fungi, and actinomycetes) isolated from the soil samples collected in Shodh Yatras from different parts of the country (<http://www.sristi.org/cms/shodhyatra>). In collaboration with IMTech Chandigarh, CDRI Lucknow, NIF Ahmedabad, and Karnataka Antibiotics Bangalore, with support from DST New Delhi, several of these actinomycetes have been identified as novel from an antimicrobial perspective.

The students interested in revealing the science of Grassroots Innovations and bio-prospecting SRISTI's Microbial resources are requested to submit their proposal in the prescribed format of application (<http://www.sristi.org/cms/files/annexure-l-new.pdf>). Students from the departments of Pharmacy, Life Science, Microbiology, Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, etc. are especially encouraged to participate in this initiative. The mentoring faculty of respective students can also be associated with the project as their supervisor. The students can also come to SRISTI to avail its lab facilities, and in this case, actual cost of consumables and minimum overhead will be charged to the projects out of the fellowship granted for the purpose.

Please inform your students of the initiative and encourage them to participate.

**Last date for submitting application in this scheme is 31st August 2017.**

Thanks and regards,

Dr. Chhavi Gupta

Project Coordinator

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