Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Cyber Security Group
Call for project proposals in Cyber Security

Cyber Security Group, MeitY invites proposals in thrust areas as outlined below with focus on innovation & indigenous technology development leading to productization. The thrust areas of Cyber Security Group include but not limited to

- **Cyber Security for Women and Children**
  - Technological solutions ensuring safety and security of women and children in cyber space
  - Mobile and app based solutions tackling distress and malicious events
- **Hardware Security:**
  - Space and UAV Security and Forensics including Drone Security and Forensics
- **Cyber Security in Critical Sectors:**
  - Energy, Transportation, Banking and Finance, Telecommunications, Defence, Space, Government Services.
  - Virtual Private Network Detection and deanonymisation.
- **Encryption and Cryptography:**
  - Quantum Cyber Ready Systems and Protocols
- **Cyber Security in Artificial Intelligence**:
  - Cyber Security in and for Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- **Vehicle and Autonomous Vehicle Security:**
  - Security and Assurance of Sensors and networks
  - Investigation and Forensics of Vehicles and Autonomous Vehicle

Who can apply: The R&D project proposals for Grants-In-aid support may be submitted by researcher's/Scientists/ Engineers/ Technologists and faculty members working in Universities/ Academic institutions/ Registered Scientific Societies/ R&D institutions/ Laboratories/Autonomous R&D organizations of the Government with due approval of competent authority. The proposals may be submitted by an individual institution or in a consortium model, with defined milestones/ timelines and roles of individual institutions.

What is required information in the proposal: Well defined objectives, scope, outcome and quantifiable deliverables with specific time frame. The proposal should preferably be supported by a user agency/Industry in kind or with fund support.

What is the Criterion for selection of a proposal:
i. New technology development leading to prototypes/ products aligned with the above thrust areas.
ii. Delivery (for pilot scale demonstration, field trial/deployment & commercialization) preferably within 24 months.
iii. The proposal should target development of Technology readiness level (TRL) level of 4 or higher.

Process of Selection of proposal: An Expert Group (Working Group on Cyber Security) would consider the proposals for feasibility and carry out technical and financial evaluation and accordingly recommend for financial support by MeitY. Appraised projects are processed further based on the recommendations of WG and the priority areas of the ministry.

Proforma for submission of proposal: (https://www.meity.gov.in/proforma-submitting-rd-project-proposal), may be sent by the Chief Investigator (CI), duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution in **Soft copy** by email at **gauravg@gov.in** by the **15ᵗʰ September 2025** with a subject line **"Proposal for Research in Cyber Security"** else proposal will not be considered. Only the shortlisted candidates will be notified.