

## Indo-Dutch collaborative project in plant research

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The aim of the call for proposals is to stimulate sustainable Indo-Dutch research collaboration by funding joint research projects on the topic "Plant sciences creating societal and commercial perspective towards crops with improved tolerance to heat and drought".

The call will be implemented by the DBT, government of India and by the Earth and Life Sciences department (ALW) of NWO. The program offers funding opportunities for bilateral research co-operation between Dutch and Indian research groups. The call for proposals, is valid until the closing date September 4, 2014.

The call budget covers funding for a maximum of three joint bilateral projects, jointly funded by DBT and NWO. A project allows for the application of four PhD or post-doc positions: two in India (duration and fellowship amount as per terms and conditions of DBT) and two in The Netherlands (duration and fellowship amount as per terms and conditions of NWO, including terms contained in this brochure and website). On the Dutch side, a maximum budget of â‚¬466,500 per project can be applied for. DBT will provide matching funds to Indian scientists.

Both countries have a strong history in plant research. This program will contribute to the further enhancement of bilateral innovative research that is aimed at solutions for challenges the current and future society faces. Projects should contribute and foster the collaboration between the best research institutes or groups in both countries