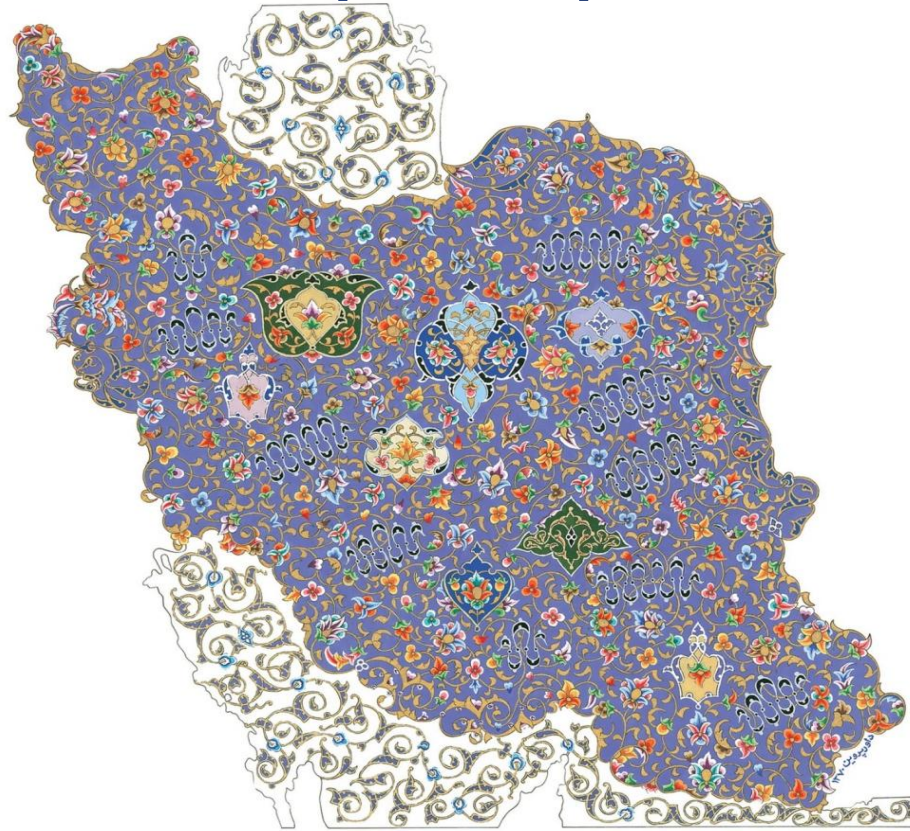


Funding Opportunities at the Ministry of Science, Research & Technology (MSRT)



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Highlights on Cooperation with Germany



□ Recent Cooperation

- ❖ University Information Tours, 2016 & 2017
- ❖ 1st Joint Steering Committee Meeting in Germany, 2017
- ❖ German Science Day in Iran, Feb. 2018

□ Near Future Cooperation

- ❖ University Information Tours, 2018 & 2019
- ❖ Joint MSRT-BMBF Call; announcement by late 2018
- ❖ 2nd Steering Committee Meeting in Iran, 2019
- ❖ Iran Science Day in Germany, 2019

Iran Funding Organizations



There are **5** main Funding Organization in I. R. Iran:

1- Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT)

- Student Affair Organization (SAO)
- Centre for International Scientific Studies and Cooperation (CISSC)

2- Ministry of Health and Medical Education (MOHME)

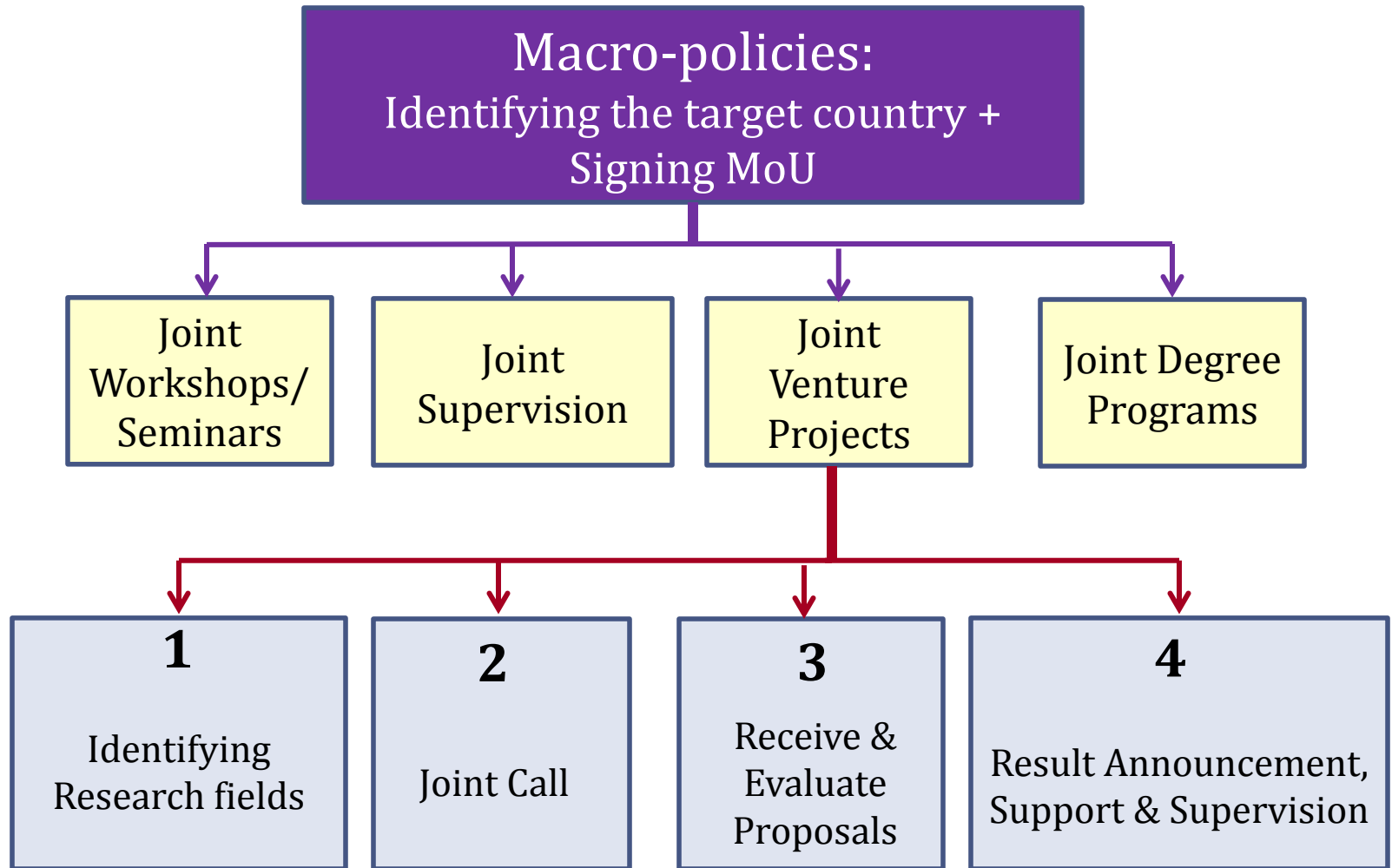
- National Institute for Medical Research Development (NIMAD)

3- Iran National Science Foundation (INSF)

4- Iran's National Elites Foundation

5- Innovation and Prosperity Fund

MSRT's Policies for Conducting Research Projects



Funding Schemes



1. Student Scholarship Program

2. Joint Venture Research Project

A. Call - based

B. Non - Call Based

3. International Cooperation in Educational Development



Student Scholarship Scheme



- Degree scholarship: for 1500-2000 international students to study in Iran
- 1500–2000 annual PhD scholarships for Iranian students to study abroad; duration of 6-9 months



Procedure:

- Iranian universities introduce PhD students to the MSRT;
- Students receive acceptance letter from an international university

Joint Venture Research Projects



- Total of **345** joint venture projects are approved with many countries in the world, out of which:
 - **150** are call-based joint venture projects have been defined and initiated, with countries such as:
 - Austria
 - France
 - Germany
 - India
 - Italy
 - Pakistan
 - South Africa
 - **195** are non-call based

Joint Venture Research Projects: Non Call-based Funds



- Procedure:
 - **Step 1:** Make contact with an overseas faculty member;
 - **Step 2:** Define a field of cooperation;
 - **Step 3:** Define financial breakdown and cost estimate of project;
 - **Step 4:** Undertake and complete project.



Joint Venture Research Projects: Bilateral Call-based Funds



- Procedure:
 - **Step 1:** Announcing mutually agreed list of prioritised areas with the partner country;
 - **Step 2:** Faculty members making contact with an overseas faculty member;
 - **Step 3:** Making decision in the Steering committee, evaluating and confirming the selected projects;
 - **Step 4:** Providing Financial support for mobility programmes

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds

Example 1: **Impulse Iran-Austria**



- The project was defined, based on a mutual interest to considerably improve knowledge exchange on an international level, aimed to strengthen the international profile of the institutions involved.
- **Iranian Side:** Centre for International Scientific Cooperation (CISC), through Kharazmi University

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds

Example 2: **Gundishapur Fund**



- Designed to promote collaborations among **Iranian** and **French** researchers and faculty members
- Aimed to support mobility of researchers
- Research priorities: 'Humanities', 'Social Sciences', 'Life Sciences', 'Agriculture' and 'Environment'.
- 15 annual projects (two years long each)
- **CISSC & French Embassy in Tehran**

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds

Example 3: **Pietro Della Valle**



- MoU was signed between the **MSRT** and the **Italian** Ministry of Education, Universities and Research
- Two-year long projects; co-funded by both countries
- Research priorities: ‘Human and social studies’, ‘Museum, Arts and cultural heritage’, ‘Natural sciences’, ‘Life and medical sciences’, ‘Engineering’, and ‘Information technology’.
- **CISSC is in charge of Pietro Della Valle in Iran**

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds



Example 4: **Invited Collaborative Research Program (ICRP)**

- The prominent international researchers are invited to travel to Iran for a specific period of time, to engage in collaborative research projects with Iranian scholars.
- Concentrates on research areas, ranging from 'Basic Sciences' to 'Social Sciences' and 'Art'.
- **CISSC is in charge of ICRP in Iran**

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds



Example 5: International Cooperation in Applied Research Development (ICARD)

- Aims to fund for brain circulation
- Facilitates international scientific collaboration between Iranian researchers all over the world
- Provides opportunities for sabbatical leaves for faculty members who want to immerse themselves in a foreign community and gain experience in international research collaborations
- CISSC is in charge of ICARD in Iran

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds



Example 6: International Cooperation in Educational Development (ICED)

- Aims to:
 - Financially support &
 - Foster teaching-based collaborations among Iranian scholars & researchers residing & working overseas and those in the country, through inviting those abroad to teach at Iranian universities
- Teaching duration typically lasts up to **6 weeks**.
- **CISSC is in charge of ICED in Iran**

Joint Venture Research Projects- Call Based Funds Example 7: **Simorgh**



- Provides opportunities for the faculty members and students at Iranian universities to enhance their research and training by establishing ties with foreign scholars,
- Designed to attract overseas outstanding scientists and experts in various fields to deliver scientific talks
- **CISSC is in charge of Simorgh in Iran**

Summary



- There are several Funding bodies in Iran, that are available for research, education and technology developments;
- Many of these funding bodies are allocated to internal bodies and organizations;
- **MSRT welcomes co-funded joint venture research projects with Germany!**

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