

Bharathiar University
(A State Government University)



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EOI on Course collaboration with Industry

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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest (EOI) has been invited from Industries for designing and development of M.Sc Artificial Intelligence programme for Bharathiar University

Institutes and Universities may please submit their interest to Bharathiar University with following details (s):-

1. Contact Details of the Person In charge

Head of the Department
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For Signing Authority

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1. Introduction:

University would like to collaborate with Industry who is capable of carrying out various Educational Services in the following areas: -

- Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence programme
- Providing Internship for Students
- Reskilling Staff on Latest AI Technologies
- Act as Advisor on Key Dept Activity

University invites Expression of Interest (**EOI**) from Industry (**Applicants**) having Interest of Design, Develop comprehensive curriculum in accordance to the University Norms on latest Artificial Intelligence Technology and deliver upto 60% of the Master's degree programme if it wishes to be considered for MOU as **Industry Partner** with University for the Department of Computer Science.

University will sign MOU for the programme enhancement as well as reskill staff on Industry 4.0 technologies. The Industry will be empaneled with University for workshop, promoting university at a global level for next 5 years.

In view of the Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited in email or sealed envelope superscripted as **<Expression of Interest –Academic & Industry collaboration with Bharathiar University for Dept of Computer Science >**.

- a. From the applicants who meet the eligibility criteria as set out in Annexure-‘A’,
- b. Agree to abide by the terms and conditions contained in this Request for EOI document without any condition.

2. Background:

About the University

The Government of Tamil Nadu established Bharathiar University at Coimbatore in February 1982 and received the recognition from University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi in May 1985. The University was named after the Great National Poet Subramaniya Bharathiar is enshrined with the motto 'Educate to Elevate'. The aim of the University is to provide quality higher education to all the people. We develop the citizens with knowledge, skills, innovation in research, creativeness which reach out internationally and nationally by offering selfless services.

About the Department

The Department of Computer Science is providing all facilities, motivating seminar and project presentation with teaching. The Department offers the PG programme in M.Sc Computer Science, M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes to enrich the research activities for the young graduates. The thrust areas of research in the Department of Computer Science are Neural Networks, Speech Recognition, Wireless Sensor Networks, Data Mining, Image Processing, Natural Language Processing, Big Data and Bioinformatics.

3. Agenda of the Collaboration through MOU:

- a. Mutual collaboration on development area for new programme M.Sc Artificial Intelligence
- b. Identification of potential Students to work in Industry with Internship Program.
- c. Cooperation between Industry and university on solving real world challenges in Industry 4.0 Technology.
- d. Industry must engage students of University for internship.
- e. Collaboration with Industry on training & skill development for the facility available in the University
- f. Exposing the university to various industry across Nation.

4. Course Collaterals

- Design a M Sc. Artificial Intelligence Programme.
- Providing 1-week TTT programs for the faculty in the department at least yearly once.
- Providing Global recognized Industry certificate for students enrolled for the programme
- Delivery upto 60% of the programme
- Industry should deploy faculty who are meeting the UGC teaching eligibility norms and having Minimum of 8 Year experience and currently working in AI related role.
- Facilitating University to collaborate with brands such as Intel/Nvidia/AWS Etc.
- Assuring Internship to students enrolled for the program in reputed company across India
- Providing Placement assistance program for the students enrolled in the Programme

5. Applicant's Eligibility Criteria:

This process is open to all applicants who fulfill the eligibility criteria as set out in **Annexure- 'A'** of this document. The applicants should furnish information on the lines of Annexure-A in their EOI proposal.

- i. **Modification in Request for EOI document:** At any time prior to the deadline for submission of EOIs, BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY may modify any part of this document. Such change(s) if any may be in the form of an addendum/corrigendum and will be uploaded in BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY's website <https://www.b-u.ac.in> All such change(s) will automatically become part of this EOI and binding on all applicants. Interested applicants are advised to regularly refer the BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY's URLs referred above.
- ii. **Presubmission Meeting:** No formal Presubmission meeting has been planned for this EOI. However in case of any clarifications needed, they may send their clarifications on mail.
- iii. **Submission of EOI:** The Industry may submit the EOI as per EOI Schedule through email or in a sealed envelope. The BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY may ask applicants for clarifications or additional documents/ credentials at its discretion. Clarifications (if any) will be e-mailed to the applicants.
 - a. Contact detail of the authorized signatory and an authorized contact person on behalf of the applicant is to be provided as in Annexure-A
- iv. The applicants should demonstrate in EOIs that they meet all parameters given in **Annexure-‘A’** of EOI.

5. EOI Schedule:

Date of Issue/Publishing	22.04.2021
Document Download/Sale Start Date	22.04.2021
Document Download/Sale End Date	07.05.2021
EOI submission Start Date	23.04.2021
Last Date and Time for Submission of EOI(s)	07.05.2021
Date and Time of Opening of EOI(s)	08.05.2021
Address for EOI(s) Submission (Note :Please send EOI(s) documents in sealed envelope with title : EOI for empanelment of vendor against EOI No on the envelope with due date)	The Registrar Bharathiar University Coimbatore – 641 046

6. Process after submission of EOIs:

- i. All EOIs received by the **7th of May 2021** will be opened and examined by the BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY to determine if they meet criteria/terms and conditions mentioned in this document including its subsequent amendment(s), if any and whether EOIs are complete in all respects.
- ii. The MOU will be signed Institute or University after evaluation of application through email or in a sealed envelope.
- iii. On scrutiny, the EOIs found NOT in desired format/ illegible/ incomplete/ not containing clear information, in view of BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY, to permit thorough analysis or failing to fulfill the relevant requirement will be rejected for further evaluation process.
- iv. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY reserves the right, at any time, to waive any of the requirements of this Request for EOI document if it is deemed in the interest of BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY.
- v. If deemed necessary, the BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY may seek clarifications on any aspect of EOI from the applicant. If a written response is requested, it must be provided within specified period beyond which if the response is received, will not be considered. However, that would not entitle the applicant to change or cause any change in the substances of their EOI document already submitted. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY may also make enquiries to establish the past performance of the applicants in respect of similar work. All information submitted in the application or obtained subsequently will be treated as confidential.
- vi. After examining the EOI, some or all of the applicants may be asked to make presentation of the solution and the technology, if required.
- vii. All the applications received till **7th of May 2021** will be open by BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY and will be evaluated. The evaluated Industry will be empaneled accordingly and intimated about their status.

7. Terms & Conditions

- i. Lodgment of an EOI is evidence of an applicant's consent to comply with the terms and condition of Request for EOI process and subsequent bidding process. If an applicant fails to comply with any of the terms, its EOI may be summarily rejected.
- ii. Willful misrepresentation of any fact in the EOI will lead to the disqualification of the applicant without prejudice to other actions that the BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY may take. The EOI and the accompanying documents will become the property of BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY. The applicants shall be deemed to license, and grant all rights to BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY, to reproduce the whole or any portion of their product/solution for the purpose of evaluation, to disclose the contents of submission to other applicants and to disclose and/ or use the contents of submission as the basis for EOI process.
- iii. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs received without assigning any reason therefore whatsoever and the BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY's decision in this regard will be final.

No contractual obligation whatsoever shall arise from the EOI process.

- iv. Any effort on the part of applicant to influence evaluation process may result in rejection of the EOI.
- v. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY is not responsible for non-receipt of EOIs within the specified date and time due to any reason including postal delays or holidays in between.
- vi. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY reserves the right to verify the validity of information provided in the EOIs and to reject any bid where the contents appear to be incorrect, inaccurate or inappropriate at any time during the process of EOI or even after award of contract.
- vii. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY may re-visit any of the conditions of this EOI.
- viii. BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY shall have the right to cancel the EOI process itself at any time, without thereby incurring any liabilities to the affected Applicants. Reasons for cancellation as determined by BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY in its sole discretion include but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Services contemplated are no longer required.
 - b. Scope of work not adequately or clearly defined due to unforeseen Circumstance and/or factors and/or new developments.
 - c. The project is not in the best interest of BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY.
 - d. Any other reason.

8. Disclaimer:

BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY is not committed either contractually or in any other way to the applicants whose applications are accepted. The issue of this Request for EOI does not commit or otherwise oblige the BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY to proceed with any part or steps of the process. Subject to any law to the contrary, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, Bharathiar University and its Directors/ Officers/ Employees/ Contractors/ Agents and Advisors disclaim all liabilities (including liability by reason of negligence) from any loss or damage, cost or expense incurred or arising by reasons of any person using the information and whether caused by reasons of any error, omission or misrepresentation in the information contained in this document or suffered by any person acting because of any information contained in this EOI document or conduct ancillary to it whether or not the loss or damage arises in connection with any omission, default, lack of care or misrepresentation on the part of BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY or any of its officers, employees, contractors, agents or advisors.

Annexure -‘A’

a) Contact details of the applicants

Particulars	
Name of the organization	
Form of Organization (State the act under which registered and registration date) Area of Operation (Pan India or Regional presence)	
URL of company	
Landline	
Fax No.	
Address of Organization with year of establishment	

b) Eligibility Criteria may be considered for Evaluation of EOI

Following will be the minimum pre-qualification criteria. All Agencies must satisfy all the criteria listed below. Responses not meeting the minimum pre-qualification criteria will be rejected and will not be evaluated.

Sl No.	Eligibility Criteria	Documents Required
1	The Company should also provide details of Knowledge partner and technology partners Minimum of 2 or 3 partner	Supporting document of MoA / MoU Copies
2	The Average annual turnover of the Company during last 3 years should be Rs. 5.00 Cr (It should be shown separately/certified by the company's auditor). (Last four Years)	Certificate from the statutory auditor mentioned the overall annual turnover and separately annual turnover from training activities
3	The Company should have Minimum of 10 years' experience in the space of technology and should have Global presence in at least 3 Continent	Supporting documents for providing training on the latest technologies in IECT to be enclosed.
4	The company should have empanelment with Global recognized company such as Nvidia/Intel/AWS for providing Certification in field of Industry 4.0 technology	Empanelment as Vendor registration document
5	The Company should possess the essential infrastructure & manpower facilities, which are required to carry out the activities.	Course wise list of faculty and infrastructure available with the Company.
6	The Company having black-listed/ debarred in participating in any procurement activities by any State or Central Government in India are not allowed to participate in the EoI process.	Non blacklisting certificate to be submitted on stamp paper duly certified by Notary. (As per Form 1).

Note: Please supply documents which directly indicate above parameters, do not attach documents from where the information needs to be interpreted/inferred.

Form 1: No Blacklisting

(On Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs 100/- duly attested by the Notary Public)

In response to the EoI Id _____ Dated _____ for “COLLABORATION WITH IT INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS AND DOMAIN EXPERT COMPANIES/ ORGANISATIONS IN CAPACITY BUILDING/TRAINING BUSINESS IN THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES IN IECT”, I/We hereby declare that presently our Company/ Firm _____ is having unblemished record and is not declared ineligible for corrupt & fraudulent practices either indefinitely or for a particular period of time by any State/ Central Government/ PSU/Autonomous Body.

I/We further declare that presently our Company/ firm _____ is not blacklisted and not declared ineligible for reasons of corrupt & fraudulent practices by any State/ Central Government/ PSU/ Autonomous Body on the date of EoI Submission.

If this declaration is found to be incorrect then without prejudice to any other action that may be taken, our EOI to the extent accepted (if any) may be cancelled.

Deponent

Notary