



Request for Proposal

'<Empanelment of Implementation Partners for AI for Skilling>

Nasscom Foundation

ABOUT NASSCOM FOUNDATION

As the social arm of nasscom, nasscom foundation works with the technology industry in achieving its goals of social transformation and impact through technology. Since over two decades of its existence, the foundation has touched more than one million lives through its efforts towards providing digital literacy, skills for livelihood, supporting persons with disabilities, fostering innovation, empowering non-profits with technology and engaging in volunteerism.

Nasscom Foundation's 'Skills and Employability' department works to bridge the skilling gaps and support in building and upskilling ecosystem in India towards its goals of social transformation and impact through technology.

REQUIREMENT

Nasscom Foundation is looking for a Non-profit/For-profit organisation who could extend their support in mobilisation, training and placements for underprivileged youth in technical and soft skills to provide employment opportunities in the mainstream IT and Banking ecosystem.

- 140 hours of domain/technical skilling
- Additional 60 hours of employability skills/soft skills to enhance placement opportunities

Training Domain

- Artificial Intelligence
- BFSI
- BPM

Below are our requirements

- We need a partner with a special focus in – Delhi-NCR and Bangalore
- Subject matter expertise in emerging technologies and financial services such as Artificial Intelligence, BPM and BFSI
- Strong college connects, MoUs with colleges in Delhi-NCR and Bangalore
- Robust network of companies for relevant job placement in the IT and ITES sector
- Minimum 4-5 years of execution experience in CSR skilling Projects
- 10+ years experience in handling large Government/NSDC-sponsored skilling programs
- Existing centres with 1000/1500/2000 Sq ft area in the above-mentioned locations
- SSC / TOT Certified trainers

From: Nasscom Foundation

RFP No. NF/FY 24-25/Skilling/03

Last Date to Apply: 5th June 2024

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1. AN OVERVIEW

The demand for deep tech engineers in India with skills in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity etc. has been growing rapidly and it is projected that India will require ~2 million deep tech engineers by 2030¹. In addition to deep tech roles, India is also emerging as biggest market worldwide for data analytics and science, with 11 million job openings projected by 2026².

However, there is a huge gap between the skills needed by the industry and those provided by the country's education system. Of the ~1.5 million youth that annually enroll in engineering colleges (thus making them academically eligible for these jobs), only ~40% enter into employment. This challenge is further exacerbated for low-income youth as the colleges that serve them do not provide requisite technical and employability skills and a large proportion of them remain unemployed.

2. ABOUT THE PROJECT

Nasscom Foundation plans on implementing a project through NGO/for-profit partners in Delhi-NCR and Bangalore through skilling and upskilling underprivileged youth in Artificial Intelligence, BPM and BFSI domains along with soft skills to provide employment opportunities in mainstream IT and ITES ecosystem.

- 700 youth will undergo Min. 180 hours-200 Hours of training (120 hrs to 140 hrs domain and 60 hrs soft skill) industry relevant skills
- 100% physical Center-based training for unemployed graduates/youth (70% college and 30% center based)
- Engaging beneficiaries in guest lectures and employee engagement activities
- Min. 70%-75% placement target
- 60% of the beneficiaries to be women
- Post-placement tracking support

The indicative timelines of the project are as follows:

Particulars	Timeline
Project Commencement Date	July 1 st week, 2024
Project End Date	March 31 st , 2025

3. INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Inviting proposals for executing Skilling and Employability Program for Youth to Train, Assess and Certify **700** youth along with **490** placements in IT and ITES with an average salary of 3 lacs per annum to enhance their overall family income.

¹ <https://www.thehindu.com/business/india-will-need-20-lakh-deep-tech-engineers-by-2030-says-iesas-krishna-moorthy/article67050492.ece>

² <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/voices/data-science-a-bankable-career-path-for-indian-youth/>

We are looking at implementation partner/s with below-mentioned criteria:

- Experienced in implementation and training youth on advanced technologies (mentioned above) to leverage youth entry in core emerging tech jobs (minimum 3-5 years' relevant experience)
- Connect with Community, Colleges & NGOs to mobilize the right set of candidates **(Note: Graduates and passout students, students ready for jobs)**
IP has to provide a demo during the presentation post-clearing phase 1 screening
- Strong LMS support system to engage trainees throughout the program and also have the facility to conduct Baseline, end-line & impact assessments
- Experience in providing soft skill training and preparing candidates for interviews and grooming them on professional skills; bringing confidence to face any challenge in the interview and in life.
- Help beneficiaries to learn the basics of financial literacy as a part of soft skill training to help them manage daily expenses and learn how to save.
- Experience in handling both virtual and in person volunteering and employee engagement.
- Strong connections with industry and organizations for placement & recruitment of trained candidates. (minimum 3-5 years' relevant experience with some success matrix)
- The applicant organization should have a minimum 5 years of existence in the current line of operations along with a net worth of 6 to 7 crores.
- Minimum 4-5 years of execution experience in CSR skilling Projects
- 10+ years experience in handling large Government/NSDC-sponsored skilling programs
- Existing college/institutional partnerships
- Existing centres with 1000/1500/2000 Sq ft area
- SSC / TOT Certified trainers
- Strong mechanisms, systems and resources to support post-placements and student retention

With the help of the implementation partners, we are looking at:

- 700 youth will undergo Min. 180 hours-200 Hours (120 hrs to 140 hrs domain and 60 hrs soft skill)
- Training Domains – Artificial Intelligence, BPM and BFSI
- 100% offline training model (70% training in college and 30% training in center)
- 100% of these candidates are ready for future jobs and confident enough to excel in Core IT and ITES career jobs
- Min. 70% of candidates to be placed into gainful employment and join the respective organisations
- 100% of students complete the training and get certified through FSP/3rd Party
- Identify 10% of beneficiaries to create 'Human impact stories' (case studies) on successful training completion and placement in core IT and ITES jobs should be captured and documented.
- 60% of the trained candidates to be women participants

- Post-placement support upto 6 months of the placed beneficiaries

Interested Organization are invited to submit their proposals for the assignment, which must include the following, as detailed subsequently in this document.

- Implementation partner details
- Understanding, scope of work
- Proposal with implementation plan/detailed strategy
- Detailed timeline
- Financial proposal/Budget
- Monitoring and MIS tools and framework
- Basic 'human impact stories' (case studies) framework
- Details of relevant previous experience (budget, timeline and client/donor)

4. RFP SUBMISSION SCHEDULE & TIMELINE

The following table is an overview of the selection activities and timeline.

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
RFP Release Date	29 th May 2024
Intent to proposal Email must be sent to rpforskills@nasscomfoundation.org	5 th June 2024
One (1) electronic copy of the RFP Response must be submitted to nasscom foundation via email by close of business date < 5 th June 2024 > rpforskills@nasscomfoundation.org	
Bid comparisons / Vendor finalization	15 th June 2024
Contract Declaration	20 th June 2024

5. DETAILS OF RFP

S N.	Particulars	Details
		Mobilizing 800+ candidates and enrolling atleast 750+ candidates in Delhi NCR and Bangalore
		Conduct a baseline survey & need assessment of the candidates along with the preparation of implementation plan
		Mobilization and enrolment of 800+ young graduates
	Beneficiary Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiaries from low income group with annual family income below 5 Lakh (Taking BPL cards and or Self declaration as proof of family income) Any Graduate who have completed (only 10% candidates pursuing any degree only final year) with B.Tech (CS/IT), B.Com,BSC/BCA/BBA degrees with or without any work experience
		Pre & post assessment of beneficiaries

1	Nature/ Scope of work	Setting up the required Infrastructure for the batch-wise training for the 700+ youth beneficiaries in the center
		Preparation of training & placement calendar
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program tracker • Beneficiaries tracker • Monthly progress report and tracker • Quarterly progress report • Annual report
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of 700+ candidates on Artificial Intelligence, BPM, BFSI along with soft skill training • Project-based approach • Industry connects through employee engagement and orguest lectures
		Baseline & End line assessment to measure and assess the progress of the project against the desired output & outcomes.
		Placement opportunity to all with min 70% placement Post-placement support to retain candidates in jobs
		Human impact stories (case-studies) of successfully placed candidates who have joined the organisations– min. 10% of the total target
		Weekly & Monthly reporting on all parameters of program execution along with Narrative and comprehensive reports
2	Proposals Requested by	Nasscom Foundation, Plot 7 to 10, Sector 126, Noida – 201303
3	Period of Validity of Proposal	The proposals shall be valid for a period of 15 days from the date of submission.
4	Currency to be utilized (for submitting financial proposal)	Per beneficiary cost shall not exceed INR 14,000/- (Indian Rupees Thirteen Thousand Only*) <i>*Project Proposal Cost to be under to INR 14,000/- (inclusive of all taxes)</i>
		Please note that the above cost is only indicative
5	Tenure of Contract	Tenure of Contract would be effective from the date of agreement till 31 st March '25

* All interventions will be focused in the 'Program Location' namely Delhi-NCR and Bangalore only.

6. LOCATIONS FOR PROGRAM REACH OUT

Locations	No. of Candidates to be trained and certified/ Placements
Delhi-NCR and Bangalore	700/ 490

7. DELIVERABLES

S No.	Deliverables
1.	Identifying 800+ young graduates
2.	Conduction batch-wise baseline survey, need assessment, of the beneficiaries with preparation of implementation plan, development of Min. 180 – Max.200 hours training Module
3.	Mobilization & enrolment of Min. 750+ beneficiaries in batches (Max batch size. 35-40)
4.	ToT of IP trainers on prescribed content
5.	Batch wise training of 700+ young student graduates & upskilling beneficiaries on soft skills
6.	Assessment & certification of trained candidates
7.	End line assessment to measure and assess the progress of the project against the desired outcomes.
8.	Human impact stories (case studies) of successful Placements– 10% of target
9.	Placement & Post placement follow-up and retention tracking
10.	Weekly & Monthly Reporting on suggested formats along with Narrative and comprehensive reports

1. PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Following details to be included in the proposal:

- Cover Page
 - Section 1 - Implementation Partner Details

To be filled in by the Requesting Organization:

i.	Name	
ii.	Registered Address	
iii.	Tel.No./Fax No./E-mail ID	
iv.	Constitution (Society/Trust/Company - Please indicate.)	
v.	Is the organization a "For Profit Organization" or "Not for Profit Organization"	
vi.	Tax Exemption Details (If any)	
vii.	Registration details: Act under which registered, State, date of registration	
viii.	Registration Number/ CIN Number with the date of and address of registration	
ix.	Does organisation has 80G Certificate	
x.	Does Organisation has 12A Certificate	
xi.	Does Organisation has FCRA Certificate	
xii.	Has a Government Department/ Ministry ever blacklisted or imposed funding restrictions on the organization? (Please provide details, if yes)	
xiii.	Does nasscom foundation & your organization have had/would have any previous partnership?	
xiv.	Does the organization have audited Accounts & Balance Sheets for the last three years, indicating receipts, payments, closing balance, income - expenditure statements	
xv.	Certificate of agency that members are not involved in political activities, nor being blacklisted	
xvi.	A certificate to the effect that the officials / staff of the organization are not employees of any Govt./Semi Govt. or PSU.	

xvii.	Certificate of agency that contribution received from nasscom foundation would be used only for given project .	
xviii.	List of Trustee and Directors and Board members and Managing Committee	
xix.	Provide prior experience in reaching out to communities in Delhi-NCR, Karnataka, AP & Telangana, please mention details	
xx.	Mention any prior experience in reaching out / addressing the communities for similar interventions. please explain/ attach report	
xxi.	Share references of the organisations where work for similar interventions have been concluded for. (if possible, please share completion report/ work order/ contract)	
xxii.	Due Diligence documents as per Annexure 1	

- Section 2 - Approach and Methodology
 - Organizational Understanding of the objectives of the Project
 - Detailed approach & methodology to execute the project including work steps, Gantt chart.
- Section 3 - Implementation Partner's Training Centre Details & Technology Infrastructure
 - Availability of required Infrastructure (PC's/Internet/Office equipment & Furniture) in the training centre if required to support beneficiaries who don't have access to any device or required for practice on assigned projects
 - Availability of LMS
 - Capability towards Data Analytics, Dashboards and real time reporting
- Section 4 - Implementation partner – Operation Structure

Major Content

 - Content on Advance skilling course (Data Analysis, BFSI, BPM) highly demanding in industry
 - Soft Skill content topics (including financial literacy etc.)

2. RESOURCE REQUIREMENT

- Project Lead/Manager – 1 (One)
- Trainers and Mentors on Digital skills along with digital transformation.
- Project Coordinator to capture and prepare execution related reports /data -1 (One)
- Placement officer- 1(One)
- Proposed Organogram with job description & responsibilities to be enclosed as annexure. The details of the resources (whether dedicated or shared resources to be mentioned). Please note that timesheet and proof of salary paid to resources will have to be shared with nasscom foundation by the selected bidder who is awarded the contract for this Project.
- Resume of management team and ground team to be enclosed as annexure.

3. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: Detailed activity schedule

4. ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND / OVERVIEW

5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORMAT

Detailed budget breakup to be attached, including personnel cost, mobilization cost, infrastructure readiness cost, training delivery cost etc.

* Points to be noted for submission of proposals:

Detailed Budget in prescribed format :

S.No.	Line Item	Unit Cost	Unit	Total
1	Enrolment cost			
2	Training and Content			
3	Assessment cost			
4	Cloud Infrastusture and other Digital setup cost			
5	Coaching and mentoring sessions			
6	Event - Graduation ceremony/ Launch			
7	Placement and recruitment			
	Total			

1. Nasscom Foundation shall have a right at any time to validate, check and audit either itself or through an independent third party, the utilization of funds by the selected bidder who is awarded the contract.
2. The selected bidder on award of the contract will have to furnish data validation and proof of completion of training, proof of placement etc.
3. All the expenditure will be subject to audit and nasscom foundation would have the right to disallow any expenses. The biodata of the personnel assigned along with their experience in the domain should also be provided prior to their selection for the project.
4. Any expense made in excess of the line items shall be subject to prior approval from nasscom foundation
5. All the out of pocket expenses and travels shall only be reimbursed on actuals.
6. If any of the facts or information is found to be false or incorrect nasscom foundation has a right to terminate the contract
7. Please provide as much as details as possible

For the interested organization, one electronic copy of the RFP response must be submitted to nasscom foundation via official email address of the authorized person of the organization by close of business Date – Wednesday, June 05 2024 5:30 PM IST to **rfpforskills@nasscomfoundation.org**. with Subject line: Implementation Partner for Nasscom Foundation_Name of the Organisation. Please note that no personal calls or emails will be entertained in relation to the submission of the proposals.

Note: This is not a specific RFP as currently this is an open invite to assess organizations in this sector and onboard them once we map relevant projects that will get onboarded in this FY 24-25.