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Notice Inviting Expressions of Interest (EoI) For Empanelment of Partners

The **NFSU Research and Innovation Council (NFSU-RIC)** invites **Expressions of Interest (EoI)** in the prescribed format from eligible parties. Applicants are advised to carefully review all instructions contained in the EoI document, including any addendum(s)/corrigendum(s), conditions of contract, prescribed forms, terms and conditions, technical specifications and eligibility requirements, prior to submission.

Sr. No.	Key Information / Event	Details
1	Key Areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cyber Literacy, Cyber Security & Digital Forensics2. Malware Analysis & Cyber Threat Intelligence3. Establishment of Centres Of Excellence In Forensic Sciences & Allied Disciplines4. Forensic Accounting, Fraud Investigation & Data Analytics5. Criminology, Behavioural Forensic & Forensic Psychology6. Forensic Pharmacy7. Environmental Forensics/Environmental Engineering/ Environmental Sciences8. Forensic Nano Technology9. Forensic Engineering(Civil)10. Food Technology11. Forensic Sciences, Forensic Technology & Allied Disciplines12. Research, Innovation & Training
2	Date of Issue of EoI Document	11 th February,2026
3	Last Date for Submission of EoI	23rd March,2026 up to 5:00 P.M.
4	Mode and address of Submission	Hard copy of the complete EoI application must be sent through Speed Post / Registered Post to: The Chief Executive Officer, NFSU Research and Innovation Council National Forensic Sciences University Sector-9, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382007 On or before: 23rd March,2026 up to 5:00 P.M.
5	Eligibility Criteria	Please Refer Page Number-05 of this document.

ISSUED BY

NFSU Research and Innovation Council
Address: National Forensic Sciences University,
Sector-9, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382007.



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1. INTRODUCTION:

The NFSU Research and Innovation Council (NFSU-RIC), a Section 8 company established by the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from eligible institutions and organizations for empanelment as collaborative partners.

The empanelment is intended to create a pool of competent entities to support NFSU-RIC in research, training, consultancy, capacity building and establishment of specialised laboratories and Centres of Excellence across forensic sciences and allied disciplines. Engagement of empaneled partners shall be on a need-based and non-exclusive basis, subject to project-specific requirements and approvals of NFSU-RIC.

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

- Promote **research, innovation and technology development** in forensic sciences and allied domains.
- Facilitate **capacity building, training and skill development programmes**.
- Enable joint participation in **Government, PSU, international projects and other projects**.
- Establish **advanced laboratories, Centres of Excellence and knowledge hubs**.
- Deliver **consultancy, advisory and professional services** in specialised domains.

3. SCOPE OF EMPANELMENT / AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

The empanelment under this Expression of Interest (EoI) is intended to identify and onboard competent institutions, organizations and industry partners possessing domain expertise in forensic sciences and allied disciplines. Empaneled partners may be engaged by NFSU Research and Innovation Council (NFSU-RIC) on a need-basis for research, training, consultancy, capacity building, laboratory establishment and project implementation activities.



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The broad scope of empanelment shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- 1. Cyber Literacy, Cyber Security & Digital Forensics**
- 2. Malware Analysis & Cyber Threat Intelligence**
- 3. Establishment of Centres Of Excellence In Forensic Sciences & Allied Disciplines**
- 4. Forensic Accounting, Fraud Investigation & Data Analytics**
- 5. Criminology, Behavioural Forensic & Forensic Psychology**
- 6. Forensic Pharmacy**
- 7. Environmental Forensics/Environmental Engineering/ Environmental Sciences**
- 8. Forensic Nano Technology**
- 9. Forensic Engineering(Civil)**
- 10. Food Technology**
- 11. Forensic Sciences, Forensic Technology & Allied Disciplines**
- 12. Research, Innovation & Training**

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- Empaneled partners may be engaged individually or in consortiums for specific assignments.
- Empanelment does not guarantee allocation of work and shall be subject to project-specific requirements and approvals.
- NFSU-RIC reserves the right to modify, expand or restrict the scope of empanelment based on institutional needs.

5. DURATION OF EMPANELMENT:

The empanelment of the Potential Partner shall be for an initial period of 03 (Three) years which may be extended further for a period of 02 (Two) years based on the performance.

6. RESPONSE TO EoI SUBMISSION:

- Applicants are advised to consider any corrigendum issued on the EoI document prior to submitting their response.
- Please review the EoI advertisement and the accompanying document carefully to understand the required documents to be submitted as part of your response.



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7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Sr. No.	Eligibility Head	Consolidated Eligibility Requirement	Proof / Document to be Submitted	Submitted
				Yes/No
1	Legal & Ethical Compliance	The applicant must not be blacklisted, debarred, penalized for fraudulent practices, involved in illegal activities, charged for criminal acts, or banned by any Central/State Authority, CPSU, or Government-owned body during the last 5 years	Self-declaration / Undertaking Annexure -I	
2	Insolvency Status	The applicant must not be under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)	Self-declaration / Undertaking Annexure -II	
3	Penalty & Performance History	The applicant must not have been penalized with liquidated damages ≥20% of contract value due to delay, or imposed penalty ≥20% for any reason during the past 5 years	Self-declaration / Undertaking Annexure -III	
4	Business Existence & Experience	The applicant must have been in the business of the applied empanelment area for a minimum of 5 years as on 31 March 2025	Incorporation / Experience documents	
5	Financial Capacity	The applicant must have an average annual turnover of at least ₹10 Crores with positive net worth during the last 3 audited financial years	CA Certificate / Audited Balance Sheets	
6	Similar Work Experience	The applicant shall have completed similar work(s) in the relevant empanelment area during the last five (05) financial years ending March 2025 , where the aggregate contract value of such work(s) is at least twenty percent (20%) of Financial Capacity requirement mentioned in above SR.NO 05	Work Orders, Contracts, Completion Certificates, Purchase Orders	
7	Statutory Registrations & Infrastructure	The applicant must possess valid PAN, GSTIN, PF/ESI registrations and shall have office in Gujarat	Registration Certificates / Address Proof	
8	Human Resource Capability	The applicant must have qualified and experienced key personnel relevant to the empanelment area	CVs & Supporting Certifications	

NOTE: All self-declarations and undertakings submitted by the applicant shall be issued on the applicant's official company letterhead and must be duly signed and forwarded by the competent / authorized signatory of the company.

Any self-declaration or undertaking not complying with the above requirement may be treated as **non-responsive** and is liable to be rejected.



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8. PROCESS OF EMPANELEMENT:

- 1. Preliminary Scrutiny:** All Expressions of Interest (EoIs) received within the stipulated timeline shall be subjected to preliminary scrutiny by NFSU Research and Innovation Council (NFSU-RIC) to verify completeness of submissions, conformity with prescribed formats, compliance with submission guidelines and fulfillment of the basic eligibility requirements as stipulated in the EoI document.
- 2. Evaluation of Eligibility & Credentials:** Applications found responsive upon preliminary scrutiny shall be evaluated by a duly constituted Evaluation Committee of NFSU-RIC. The evaluation shall be carried out in accordance with the eligibility criteria and assessment parameters specified in the EoI, including but not limited to technical competence, relevant experience, financial capability, organizational capacity and domain expertise.
- 3. Clarifications and Additional Information:** NFSU-RIC may, at its sole discretion, seek clarifications, additional documents or supplementary information from applicants during the evaluation process. Failure to submit such clarifications or information within the stipulated timeframe or submission of unsatisfactory responses may result in rejection of the application without further notice.
- 4. Approval by Competent Authority:** Based on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee, the list of eligible applicants shall be placed before the competent authority of NFSU-RIC for approval. The decision of the competent authority shall be final and binding on all applicants.
- 5. Empanelment and Intimation:** Applicants approved by the competent authority shall be empaneled with NFSU-RIC for the period specified in the EoI document. Formal intimation of empanelment shall be communicated to the empaneled entities through official written communication.
- 6. Nature of Empanelment and Engagement:** Empanelment with NFSU-RIC shall be non-exclusive and shall not confer any vested right, claim or assurance for award of work, contract or project. Engagement of empaneled partners shall be strictly on a need-based basis, subject to project-specific requirements, availability of funds, statutory approvals and execution of appropriate agreements, as applicable.
- 7. Rights of NFSU-RIC:** NFSU-RIC, being a Section 8 company engaged in research, innovation and capacity building, reserves the absolute right to accept or reject any or all applications, annul or modify the empanelment process, amend the scope or



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terms of empanelment or discontinue empanelment at any stage, without assigning any reason and without incurring any liability whatsoever.

8. **Invitation for Presentation and Project-Specific Selection:** Upon receipt of any project, assignment or opportunity, NFSU-RIC may invite one or more empaneled agencies to submit a presentation, concept note or detailed proposal, as deemed appropriate. Such evaluation shall be undertaken to assess technical suitability, project understanding, methodology and alignment with institutional objectives. Based on the outcome of such evaluation, NFSU-RIC may identify the most suitable empaneled agency and issue a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** for execution of the project(s), subject to mutually agreed terms, statutory approvals and execution of formal agreements.
9. **Joint Development of Products, Technologies and Intellectual Property:** In furtherance of its objectives as a Section 8 research and innovation entity, NFSU-RIC may undertake **joint development of products, solutions, technologies, intellectual property, research outcomes and innovations** with empaneled partners. Such collaborations shall be governed by separate project-specific agreements clearly defining scope of work, intellectual property rights, ownership, commercialization, confidentiality, revenue sharing and other applicable legal and financial terms, in accordance with prevailing laws, institutional policies and Government guidelines.



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Annexure I– Self-Declaration / Undertaking

Self-Declaration Regarding Blacklisting / Debarment

I/We, _____ (Name of the Applicant / Authorized Signatory), on behalf of _____ (Name of the Organization), having its registered office at _____, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that:

1. The applicant **has not been blacklisted, debarred or banned** by any Central Government / State Government / Central or State Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) / Government-owned or controlled body/Private Company or any other agency during the **last five (5) years** as on the date of submission of the application.
2. The applicant **has not been penalized for any fraudulent practices**, and **has not been involved in any illegal activity** during the said period.
3. The applicant **has not been charged or convicted for any criminal offence** by any court of law during the last five (5) years.
4. The applicant is **eligible to participate** in the present application process and there is no adverse order, prohibition or restriction in force from any statutory or regulatory authority that would disqualify the applicant.
5. I/We further declare that the information furnished above is **true and correct** to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. In case any of the above information is found to be false or misleading at any stage, the Empanelment shall be liable for rejection and the applicant shall be subject to appropriate action as per applicable rules.

Place:

Date:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Organization Seal: _____



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Annexure II – Self-Declaration / Undertaking

Declaration Regarding Insolvency Status (CIRP)

I/We, _____ (Name of the Applicant / Authorized Signatory), on behalf of _____ (Name of the Organization), having its registered office at _____, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that:

1. The applicant is **not undergoing Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)** under the provisions of the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016**, by any Central Government / State Government / Central or State Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) / Government-owned or controlled body/Private Company or any other agency during the **last five (5) years** as on the date of submission of the application
2. No application has been admitted against the applicant by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) under CIRP and the applicant is **not declared insolvent, bankrupt, or under liquidation.**
3. The applicant is **financially solvent** and legally eligible to participate in the present empanelment process.
4. I/We further declare that the information furnished above is **true and correct** to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. In case any of the above information is found to be false or misleading at any stage, the Empanelment shall be liable for rejection and the applicant shall be subject to appropriate action as per applicable rules.

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Annexure III – Self-Declaration / Undertaking

Declaration Regarding Penalty & Performance History

I/We, _____ (Name of the Applicant / Authorized Signatory), on behalf of _____ (Name of the Organization), having its registered office at _____, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that:

1. During the **last five (5) years** preceding the date of submission of this application, the applicant **has not been penalized with liquidated damages amounting to twenty percent (20%) or more of the contract value** due to delay in execution or for any other reason by any Central Government / State Government / Central or State Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) / Government-owned or controlled body/Private Company or any other agency during the **last five (5) years** as on the of submission of the application.
2. The applicant **has not been imposed with any penalty equal to or exceeding twenty percent (20%) of the contract value** by any client, Central/State Government Department, CPSU, Autonomous Body, Statutory Authority, or Government-owned, Private or any other entity during the said period.
3. The applicant has maintained a **satisfactory performance record** and has duly complied with contractual obligations in past and ongoing projects.
4. I/We further declare that the information furnished above is **true and correct** to the best of my/our knowledge and belief. In case any of the above information is found to be false or misleading at any stage, the Empanelment shall be liable for rejection and the applicant shall be subject to appropriate action as per applicable rules.

Place:

Date:

Signature: _____

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