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Subject: Share DCLs by Monday for NSF-Indian TIHs AI Collaboration
Attachments: US-India-Guiding-Principles DRAFT 2021-11-25.docx; DCL-draft-US-India (subsections) 2021-11-08.docx; India STA, 2019.pdf

Colleagues,

It was a pleasure to meet with you again last week regarding our NSF-TIH AI collaboration to fund the best joint research on AI. We made good progress, and now have **Guiding Principles for Collaborative Research**. In reviewing it again, I realize that I drafted the final item – which addresses a top a few this have raised: intellectual property rights protection – so that it only mentions NSF. I’ve corrected that in the attached version, so that it now reads:

“NSF and the participating TIHs expect that the collaborating institutions/awardees may establish, as appropriate, agreements regarding intellectual property rights subject to the applicable laws of the respective countries and consistent with the 2019 U.S.-India Science and Technology Agreement.”

I believe this addition is consistent with what you have expressed in meetings, but if not, please send me edits. I have attached the legally binding U.S.-India S&T Agreement that it refers to, which I believe was signed by Dr. Ashutosh Sharma when he was DST Secretary. I also replaced the word “will” in a few places with “intend to” or “plan to” to be consistent with the fact that this will not be a signed or legally binding agreement. Unless I hear of any suggested edits by Monday, I will make this into a PDF, and circulate to the group so that we all have the final *Guiding Principles* to share with our leadership, your Boards, etc. as appropriate.

I trust you are busy working on your versions of a **Dear Colleague Letter** (and thanks to the hub who has finished their draft already). Consistent with the timeline we discussed, please plan to share your hub’s draft with Dhananjay and me by Monday, November 29 (or send us a status update if something has changed or you anticipate needing additional time). In case it is helpful in thinking about the structure and required information, you can consider adding titles to the subsections (e.g., Opportunity, Eligibility, How to Apply, When to Apply) as I have done in the attached otherwise identical version of the NSF DCL to what you have seen previously. In the final section, please include any relevant information about timelines. That is, **are you considering a specific deadline by which proposals should be submitted for consideration?** Or will you accept proposals on a rolling basis (like our supplements)?

In summary: Please send / share with Dhananjay and me your DCL and any feedback/questions on the Guiding Principles or NSF DCL by Monday, November 29.

We hope that there is significant interest from our respective research communities, and that this is just the start of us working together to select and fund the best joint projects to advance the frontiers of science and benefit society!

Thank you,
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