

Australia-India Strategic Research Fund

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About Australia-India Strategic Research Fund:

- It is a **bilateral program** that supports collaborative research projects between **Australia and India**.
- It aims to **strengthen the scientific relationship** between the two countries and address common challenges through joint research efforts.
- It is a platform for bilateral collaboration in science, jointly managed and funded by the governments of India and Australia.
- **Objectives**
 - To increase the uptake of leading-edge science and technology (S&T) by supporting collaboration between Australian and Indian researchers in strategically focused, leading-edge scientific research and technology projects, and strengthening strategic alliances between Australian and Indian researchers;
 - Facilitate India's and Australia's access to the global S&T system.
 - The priority areas for collaborative research projects in Round Fifteen of the Indo-Australian S&T Fund are **Artificial Intelligence** and **machine learning**, New and Renewable energy technologies (particularly ultra-low-cost solar and clean hydrogen), and Urban mining and electronic waste recycling.

Q1: What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

It involves the development of algorithms and models that enable computers to perform tasks that would typically require human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving, perception, and decision-making.

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