

**Notice inviting public-private partnership for
evaluation and use of PAU developed Ogura CMS based mustard hybrids and
fixed parental lines**

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana (PAU) has developed a large number of promising Ogura CMS (cytoplasmic male sterility) based mustard hybrids. The expression of interest (EoI) has been received from various companies for access/evaluation of these hybrids across different agro-climatic zones of the country. Accordingly, for this purpose, the PAU has agreed to collaborate with the private/public sector company (ies) meeting the provision of Indian Biodiversity Act, 2002 on the following terms and conditions.

1. PAU will sign memorandum of understanding (MoU) with interested company (ies) initially for a period of five years under which Ogura-based mustard hybrids and fixed parental lines (except maintainer (B) lines) will be shared with the company on non-exclusive basis.
2. Every year PAU will provide to the company 30-40g seed of each of 30 hybrids (for evaluation in research trials), 2-3 kg seed of each of 3 mustard hybrids (for large scale pre-commercialization yield trials) and seed of 10 CMS (A) lines (for evaluation).
3. PAU will provide two CMS (A) lines and two restorer (R) lines during first year of agreement to the company for research/breeding purposes. These lines as well as their derived lines shall remain the property of PAU till their genomic contribution is larger than 3.125 per cent.
4. Mandatory permission from the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) shall be obtained by the company, if required, prior to signing MoU with PAU.
5. The company will not take the material out of the country for any purpose and will not share it with any other company/institution.
6. The company will evaluate the material (hybrids, parental lines) through its own evaluation network within India at its own costs.
7. The company will pay Rs. 5,00,000/- per year to PAU for a period of five years. The yearly instalment of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakh only) will be paid by the company before handing over the seed of mustard hybrids/lines every year.
8. In case the company intends to commercialize any of the material received from PAU (hybrids, parental lines, germplasm), it will enter into a separate binding commercial licensing agreement with PAU to access A/B line pairs and/or R line.

Interested company(ies) may contact Director of Research, PAU (drpau@pau.edu) or Director, Technology Marketing and IPR Cell (tmiprc@pau.edu) for this partnership. Template MoU for the same is available at PAU website (www.pau.edu).