



Biomedical Research Fellowship Programme for India

India Alliance @ BHU

In collaboration with DBT-BHU Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences, the India Alliance is pleased to bring its second "Science & Communication Workshop" to Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

Three events are planned:

Session # 1 - Presentation Skills: 20 February 2011, Sunday, 9am - 7pm, Hotel Hindustan International, Varanasi

Session # 2 - Grants Writing: 22 February 2011, Tuesday, 2:30pm - 6pm, Hotel Hindustan International, Varanasi

Session # 3 - Interaction with India Alliance Committee members: 23 February 2011, Wednesday, 9 - 2pm, Science Faculty Auditorium, BHU.

It is mandatory for all participants (faculty & students) to register for their respective sessions.

Sessions #1 and # 2 are open primarily to the students and postdocs of the Life sciences departments at BHU. Only those students who have completed at least two years of PhD research work are eligible to apply. Students in their final year of PhD or those who have recently graduated are strongly encouraged to apply. Participants will be selected by a competition. **Please use the online form (http://wellcomedbt.org/bhu_applicationform.php) to submit your application by 13 January, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Please note that the same cohort of selected students will attend both Sessions # 1 and # 2.

Session # 3 is open for all students and faculty of the Life Sciences departments at BHU. It is mandatory to register for this session.

FOR REGISTRATION VISIT: http://www.wellcomedbt.org/india_alliance_BHU.html

All sessions are free. Catering will be provided as required.

If you are not at BHU or in life sciences, but would like to attend Session # 3, please write to scicomm@wellcomedbt.org

About the workshop

This workshop is a unique opportunity for PhD and Postdoc scholars to develop their skills in communication and learn from experts on how to build a successful scientific career. Through experimental learning, students will receive training on how to be more effective in communicating their science. And, with the help of our experts, students will have an opportunity to discuss and learn from decisions made by successful scientists.

Most successful scientists will concede that it is not enough to get an exciting result or idea. It is also important to know how best to communicate it. During your scientific career you will have several opportunities to speak and write about your work. But the content and delivery would vary based on the audience – it could be your lab members or a potential international postdoctoral supervisor or your grandmother! At this workshop you will receive training on basic principles which when applied to a situation can help you convey your idea using either speech or text.

20 February 2011 "Presentation Skills"

Accord Consultants, a Bangalore-based HR consultancy firm, has been invited to conduct this session. Accord Consultants have over 26 years of experience in training employees of various corporate and governmental organizations such as Infosys, Wipro, Astra Zeneca, IIM B etc to be more effective professionally. In this module you will learn the principles of speech communication from their trainers.

22 February 2011 "Grants Writing"

In this session, the India Alliance Office will share its experience with the various grants received for Fellowships and advice on what goes into a "good" grant application.

If you are selected for this session, you will have to write a 1,000 word proposal for the workshop and will receive feedback from mentors. Mentors typically are internationally successful scientists and would advice on how your grant would be received by an external reviewer.

The 1,000 word proposal should outline an original research project that you would like to pursue if you were an independent scientist. It would typically contain an introduction, specific aims, methodology and outcome. All relevant references should be clearly cited.

23 February 2011 "Interaction with India Alliance Committee Members"

The India Alliance uses an international panel of scientists as its Selection Committee to recommend applicants for a Fellowship. **In this interactive session we would like to seed interactions between the Members of this Selection Committee and BHU students and faculty. Tentatively, there will be two or more research talks by our Committee Members and a lecture by Professor Subhash Lakhotia on the status of science research in Indian Universities.**

This session will also feature a "**Learning from Choices**" panel discussion. This informal session is based on the premise that all scientists make choices to be where they are and students can benefit by learning from decisions, which successful scientists have taken. You are encouraged to submit questions for panel members about choices they made to have a career in Science. Through this forum students will also learn what postdoctoral supervisors are looking for and advise on how to pick the most suitable postdoctoral supervisor. A list of panel members will be released shortly.

Contact

If you require further information please write to scicomm@wellcomedbt.org. It may take up to 72 hours for a response.

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