

## Funding pathways for international academics to teach, research, collaborate and engage with Indian higher education

### Visiting faculty opportunities to India

| OPPORTUNITY                                                                                             | WHAT IT OFFERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ENGAGEMENT                                                                                |
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| <b>GIAN</b><br>Global Initiative of Academic Networks<br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>           | Brings international faculty and experts to Indian higher education institutions to deliver short-duration, research- or industry-oriented courses and academic engagements.                                                                                                                                    | <b>Teaching</b><br><b>Masterclasses</b><br><b>Academic engagement</b>                     |
| <b>VAJRA</b><br>Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty Scheme<br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a> | Enables overseas scientists, faculty members and R&D professionals to undertake high-quality collaborative research with Indian collaborators at eligible public-funded academic and research institutions. The scheme also supports research mentoring and innovation.                                         | <b>Collaborative research</b><br><b>Research mentoring</b><br><b>Innovation</b>           |
| <b>Ramanujan Fellowship</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                     | Provides a five-year research fellowship and research grant for outstanding Indian and Indian-origin scientists and engineers working overseas who take up research positions in India.                                                                                                                         | <b>Research</b><br><b>Faculty appointment</b><br><b>Research leadership</b>               |
| <b>VAIBHAV Fellowship</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                       | Connects the Indian STEMM diaspora with Indian higher education and research institutions through collaborative research and visiting or adjunct faculty engagement.                                                                                                                                            | <b>Collaborative research</b><br><b>Visiting faculty</b><br><b>Knowledge exchange</b>     |
| <b>ICCR Academic Visitors Programme</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                         | Facilitates 7–10 day visits by distinguished academics, including senior professors and Vice-Chancellors, for lectures, academic exchange and institutional interaction. The programme provides international and domestic travel and hotel accommodation with boarding and lodging, subject to its guidelines. | <b>Academic visits</b><br><b>Lectures</b><br><b>Institutional engagement</b>              |
| <b>ANRF Prime Minister Professorship</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                        | Provides a mentoring and research-capacity-building pathway for distinguished senior academics and scientists, including eligible overseas Indian scientists, through engagement with eligible Indian host institutions.                                                                                        | <b>Research mentoring</b><br><b>Capacity building</b><br><b>Institutional development</b> |

### Bilateral Grants

| Country | COUNTRY / REGION | FUNDING / COOPERATION                                                                                                                                                   | WHAT IT OFFERS                                                                                                                                           |
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| DE      | India–Germany    | <b>DST–DAAD Project-Based Personnel Exchange Programme (PPP)</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                                                | Supports joint research projects and researcher mobility between Indian and German research groups.                                                      |
| DE      | India–Germany    | <b>Indo-German Science &amp; Technology Centre (IGSTC)</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                                                      | Supports collaborative R&D, researcher mobility, fellowships and industry-academia partnerships through India-Germany science and technology programmes. |
| JP      | India–Japan      | <b>Indo-Japan Cooperative Science Programme (IJCSP)</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                                                         | Supports collaborative research and researcher exchange through India-DST and Japan-JSPS cooperation.                                                    |
| GB      | India–UK         | <b>UKRI India</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                                                                                               | Supports collaborative research, innovation, international research networks and researcher mobility through UK-India funding mechanisms.                |
| AU      | India–Australia  | <b>Australia–India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF)</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a><br><b>New Colombo Plan (NCP)</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a> | Supports collaborative research and strategic research partnerships between Indian and Australian research communities through competitive joint calls.  |
| FR      | India–France     | <b>CEFIPRA</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                                                                                                  | Supports joint research projects, researcher mobility, workshops and scientific exchange between Indian and French researchers in priority areas.        |
| CA      | India–Canada     | <b>India–Canada S&amp;T Cooperation (Shastri Indo-Canadian Grants)</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                                          | Supports bilateral research and innovation collaboration, including joint research and researcher exchange in mutually identified priority areas.        |

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| US | India–USA         | <b>Fulbright</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                                              | Supports academic exchange, research, teaching and collaborative projects between India and the United States through Fulbright programmes.                                                                |
| IT | India–Italy       | <b>India–Italy Joint Science &amp; Technology Cooperation</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a> | Supports joint research projects and researcher mobility. Recent calls have included both researcher-exchange projects and jointly funded research projects.                                               |
| NL | India–Netherlands | <b>India–Netherlands S&amp;T Cooperation</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                  | Provides a framework for bilateral research and innovation collaboration, with programmes and calls in areas such as water, climate, clean energy and hydrogen.                                            |
| DK | India–Denmark     | <b>India–Denmark S&amp;T Cooperation</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                      | Supports bilateral research and innovation collaboration through joint calls in areas of mutual interest, including green transition, energy, water, food and related technologies.                        |
| EU | India–EU          | <b>India–EU Cooperation / Horizon Europe</b><br><a href="#">Official programme ↗</a>                  | Creates opportunities for Indian and European researchers and institutions to participate in collaborative research and innovation projects under relevant India–EU and Horizon Europe mechanisms.         |
| US | India - Harvard   | Harvard Mittal Institute Student Grants<br><a href="#">Official information ↗</a>                     | Supports Harvard undergraduate and graduate students undertaking South Asia-focused research, internships and intensive language study. Eligible projects may be conducted in South Asia, including India. |

### Global Grants

India's participation in global funding ecosystems extends beyond country-to-country programmes. International universities, researchers and institutions can also explore **multilateral and thematic funding opportunities** that bring together partners across countries to address shared challenges, develop knowledge and create global impact.

#### Research & Innovation

- [Horizon Europe](#)
- [MSCA Staff Exchanges](#)
- [Eureka Network](#)
- [TWAS Programmes](#)

#### Faculty & Researcher Mobility

- [Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)
- [JSPS International Fellowships](#)
- [DAAD Programmes](#)
- [Fulbright Programmes](#)

#### Student Mobility & International Education

- [Erasmus+](#)
- [Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility](#)
- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters](#)
- [New Colombo Plan](#)



#### Climate, Sustainability & Global Challenges

- [Environmental Defense Fund](#)
- [PUM Netherlands](#)
- [Green Climate Fund](#)
- [Global Environment Facility](#)
- [Adaptation Fund](#)
- [Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research](#)
- [International Development Research Centre](#)

 Health, Agriculture & Food Systems

- [Wellcome Funding](#)
- [NIH Fogarty International Programs](#)
- [CGIAR Research & Innovation](#)
- [Grand Challenges](#)

 Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Impact

- [European Innovation Council](#)
- [Global Innovation Fund](#)
- [UNDP Funding & Partnerships](#)