

Indo-US Science & Technology Forum

About Us

The Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), established under an agreement between the Governments of India and the United States of America on March 21, 2000, is an autonomous, not for profit society that promotes and catalyzes Indo-U.S. bilateral collaborations in science, technology, engineering and biomedical research through substantive interaction among government, academia and industry.

Objectives

- AWARENESS through exchange and dissemination of information and opportunities in promoting bilateral scientific and technological cooperation
- CAPITALIZE on the scientific and technological synergy on issues of common concern leading to long term partnership on shared values
- SUPPORT exciting and enabling science and technology program portfolio that paves way to sustainable interactions and potential collaborations
- NURTURE contacts between young and mid career scientists to develop mutual trust, leadership and entrepreneurship in research and development
- ENCOURAGE public-private partnership and technopreneurship to foster elements of innovation and enterprise through knowledge networking between academia and industry

Management

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To ensure that the activities undertaken by the IUSSTF conform to the highest standards of excellence, a joint Governing Body consisting of seven Indian and seven American eminent scientists provide leadership to IUSSTF.

The Executive Director manages the IUSSTF affairs from its headquarters at the Fulbright House, New Delhi.

Funding

Annual interest earning from the endowment created by the U.S. Government with matching contribution from Government of India through the Department of Science and Technology provides regular funds to run the IUSSTF.

The IUSSTF also has the freedom to receive grants, gifts, donations or other contributions from industries, foundations and private benefactors (under section 80G of IT Act). Towards furtherance of its objectives, the IUSSTF welcomes fund contributions both in India and U.S.A.



INSTP

India Science and Technology Partnership (INSTP) is the U.S. partner of the Indo-U.S. Science & Technology Forum based at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC.www.instp.org

INSTP works as an outreach and representative arm of IUSSTF and complements IUSSTF activities in the United States. As a 501(c) (3) entity, INSTP also serves as the primary fund raising vehicle in U.S.A.

Program Portfolio

IUSSTF promotes Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Partnership by responding to the needs of the scientific enterprises in adopting a program portfolio largely conceived and driven by scientific communities of both nations.

- Symposia, workshops, conferences on topical and thematic areas of interest
- Promoting contacts between young scientists and engineers through the U.S. National Academies model of Frontiers of Science and Frontiers of Engineering events
- Visiting professorships in academia
- Reaching out to industries on technological opportunities through academic linkages
- Training programs and Advanced Schools towards human resource development
- Public-Private Networked Centres and R & D Knowledge Networked Centres
- Travel Grants



Flagship Initiatives

- Indo-U.S. Frontiers of Science Symposium
- Indo-U.S. Frontiers of Engineering Symposium

Special Initiatives and Public-Private Partnership

- Indo-U.S.Technology Summit in partnership with FICCI
- Indo-U.S. Nanotechnology Conclave in partnership with CII
- DST-Intel-IUSSTF Technology Entrepreneurship program
- Stanford India Biodesign Program (SIBP)
- Health Science and Technology Initiative with MIT-Harvard University
- University of California-India Initiative on Research, Development and Delivery
- Biogeochemical Flux Monitoring Network in India (Indo Flux)
- Tropical Cyclones Tracking by Instrumented Aircraft

Perspectives of Strategic Interest

- Advanced and novel materials
- Agile manufacturing, fabrication and design
- Biomedical sciences, health & disease control, drugs & pharmaceuticals
- Brain research, neurobiology and computational neuroscience
- Climate modelling & global change, ocean-weather systems and disaster management
- Distributed energy systems, new and renewable energy technologies
- High energy physics, astrophysics and space sciences
- Human & plant genomics, proteomics, bioinformatics and agricultural biotechnology
- Information technology, cyber security, e-learning, communication and neural connectivity, telemedicine
- Nanotechnology, nanocomputing, quantum computing
- S & T for security and safety



Call for Proposals

The Forum solicits joint proposals thrice a year and awards activities for every call on the basis of peer reviews both in India and U.S.A.

Submission Deadlines

February June October

Award Announcements

May September January

Announcements are made through our website www.indousstf.org and through advertisements in science journals.

Accomplishments

- New dimensions and opportunities created by enabling bilateral interaction across disciplines and organizations
- Over 5500 Indian and U.S. scientists have interacted through IUSSTF convened events
- Inter-institutional MoU's committing to sustained bilateral collaborations signed
- Vision Document on Indo-U.S. Civilian Space Cooperation chartered
- India joins U.S. led International Partnership in Hydrogen Economy (IPHE)
- India partners in the U.S. Blue Sky Regional Carbon Sequestration Program
- Distance education program in engineering launched
- Establishment of Public-Private Joint Centers promoting pre-commercial R&D
- Indo-U.S. Knowledge R&D Networked Centers established
- Joint R&D projects in topical areas emerged from bilateral workshops
- Visiting Professorships instituted in academic institutions
- Student Internship program launched
- Indo-US Research Fellowship Program embarked

"The Forum makes a valuable contribution to strengthening the bilateral U.S.-India relationship by exploring and identifying fruitful areas of cooperation through sponsoring workshops, scientist exchanges and meetings."



Former President of India A.P.J. Abdul Kalam speaks at a IUSSTF convened Workshop

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We at the IUSSTF value your interactions with us. Please feel free to contact us for any queries on how the Forum can work with you to implement your ideas to promote cutting edge Indo-U.S. Science and Technology collaborations



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