



Press Note

EKLAVYA EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND IGNITE LIFE SCIENCE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS FOR YOUNG INDIAN SCIENTISTS

Eklavya Education Foundation, an Ahmedabad based non-governmental, not-for-profit organization has provided a grant to **Ignite Life Science Foundation** to provide travel grants to young Indian scientists who are presenting their work at international life sciences meetings.

The purpose of the grant is to enable early career scientists to present their work to international audiences and gain experience and confidence. Science is a collaborative enterprise and international collaborations beyond national boundaries are helping to accelerate scientific output by assembling complementary resources and expertise. Hence it is important for scientists to gain international experience early in their careers.

Commenting on the Eklavya-Ignite Grant, **Sunil Handa**, the Founder of Eklavya Educational Foundation said, “Overseas exposure will prepare well-rounded scientists who will raise standards on all fronts (not just academic) and thus lead to better science standards and outcomes in India. I also intend to invite other philanthropists to support this initiative.”

Dr Shahid Jameel, Scientific Advisory Board Member at Ignite said, “Science is international and so should be our approach to it. Supporting early career scientists with soft skills is critical, for which we are grateful to Eklavya Education Foundation. We hope others will come forward and add to this pool.”

About Eklavya Educational Foundation:

Eklavya Educational Foundation came into being in 1996 with a mission to revolutionize school education in India. It is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization established by young professionals, educators and businessmen to set up and run schools and teacher training colleges in a professional, modern and efficient manner.

Eklavya believes that education is an infrastructure, at least as important as nation’s roads, electricity and telecom. It plays a fundamental role in determining the prosperity and well-being of its citizens. Progressive nations have strategically invested heavily in education on a long term basis.

About Ignite Life Science Foundation:

Ignite Life Science Foundation (www.ignitelife.in) is a section 8, not-for-profit foundation, which is also registered to implement projects under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) mechanism. Ignite’s purpose is to promote a vibrant ecosystem for scientific research output in India by working with the stakeholder community, including philanthropists, scientists, policy makers in the Government, and the beneficiaries of the outcomes of scientific research. Ignite uses a highly selective curatorial approach to screen projects and scientists for funding. Scientists will be supported through the lifecycle of the project, through mentorship and access to networking opportunities. A multidisciplinary approach towards solving problems and collaborations between scientists at different institutions is actively encouraged.

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