

You made the discovery. Now what?

A promising academic discovery is only the beginning.

Moving a small-molecule discovery from the laboratory towards a therapeutic requires a very different set of questions:

Is the molecule drug-like?

How do you choose a lead, and then a candidate drug?

When should you file for a patent?

What makes an *in vivo* model meaningful?

When and how should you bring in a CRO?

What does a pharma partner need to see before considering a licence?

These are the questions that can determine whether a promising discovery moves forward—or stays in the laboratory.

Push Translation Workshop – II is designed to help academic researchers navigate that translation gap and “push” their discoveries across the finish line.

A collaborative initiative of **CSIR-CDRI and Ignite Life Science Foundation**, the two-day workshop will bring together a tightly curated group of ~35 participants working on early stage small-molecule discovery programs (ideally **TRL 3/4**), alongside drug-development and industry experts.

Expect practical discussions, Q&A with experts, discovery journeys from academic inventors, feedback on your work and private one-on-one conversations around development, collaboration and licensing.

CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow

December 4–5, 2026

Not a series of lectures. But a conversation.

Applications to attend are open. **Selected participants will be informed by the end of September, 2026.**

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