

## Indus Foundation to get 35 top US Universities to India for research collaborations

For the first time in Indian history, over 30 top American Universities will visit India for research collaborations with Indian institutions and organizations. They will be participating in the Indo-American Education Summit on academic collaborations scheduled to be held during November 2009 in [New Delhi](#) (8th), [Hyderabad](#) (10th), and [Bangalore](#) (13th). The Summit is being organized by New Jersey based Indus Foundation, well established in the USA for over 14 years, having extensive contacts with several accredited American Universities with the mission to galvanize high-impact collaborations with reputed American Universities.

The Indo-American Education Summit is a unique event which is being held in India for the first time. The Summit will be attended by University Provosts, Deans, and other officers of around 35 American Universities. Several hundred Indian Institutions and Organizations interested in collaborations are expected to participate in the Summit. It is recognized by all that collaborative research programs, graduate and post-graduate programs, twinning / transfer programs, certificate programs, distance education programs, faculty & student exchange programs, study abroad in India programs, and other academic partnerships between Indian Institutions and American Universities are extremely useful in meeting the rapidly growing educational needs in India. The motto of the Foundation is: 'Educational Excellence without Borders'.

Some of the World's leading universities that will be participating in the Summit are Tufts, Case Western, Northeastern, Florida State, Southern Illinois-Carbondale, Clarkson, Concordia (Canada), Drexel, Temple, Oregon, Rochester, Massachusetts-Boston, South Dakota Tech, Wisconsin, and Widener. Their areas for research collaboration cover a wide range including Science, Engineering, Medicine, Biotechnology, Environment, Management, and the Arts. A few of the specific fields for collaboration are: Energy, Sensors, Genomics, Nanotechnology, Supply Chains, Robotics, Biomedical Technology, Aerospace, Information Security, Telecommunications, Tissue Engineering, Environment, Urban Planning, AIDS, Terrorism, Psychology, Journalism, Music and Dance, International Law, etc. (Complete list of fields is available at <http://www.indus.org/>)

Mr. S.B. Anumolu, President of the Indus Foundation said that global networks have contributed significantly to the success of Silicon Valley, USA. It has been possible for the USA to benefit directly from the information technology boom in India by being connected. He said that the success of India will have to be not only from cheap labor but also from attracting global R&D activities. Recent trends indicate that USA is keen to establish connections with the new powerhouse economy of India &mdash; not only in downstream industries but also in upstream science.

Mr. Anumolu felt that an important approach to international collaboration is to invest in world-class research centers of excellence. India has a great opportunity to enter into partnerships with American universities. International research collaboration has entered an era in which networking has a direct economic significance. The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and a good number of universities and colleges in India that have research programs can take advantage of opportunities for capacity building for research in India in collaboration with visiting American Universities.

Mr. Anumolu pointed out that with several billion dollars in annual research funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, corporate partners, and other Federal and

Private Foundations, American universities are major research centers in the world. American universities are interested in working with Indian institutions and organizations to capitalize on opportunities to expand research and scholarship across all intellectual fields. This includes developing new research programs, making strategic investments to seed new research initiatives and assisting in obtaining funding from sponsors. Research collaboration between Indian institutions and American universities will be a 'win, win' for all.

Interested participants in the Summit can visit <http://www.indus.org/> or call Mr. Ashok at 91-9912881199 or Mr. Srinivas at/ 9908887575.

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