



THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY
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INDO-U.S. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FORUM

ANNOUNCE THE

INDIA-U.S. PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS IN PHYSICS

Proposal Guidelines

The Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) and the American Physical Society (APS) are pleased to announce the India-U.S. Professorship Awards in Physics for institutions in India and the United States wishing to collaborate with scientists in the other country to deliver short courses or deliver a lecture series. Details of the program, along with proposal guidelines are laid out below.

INDIA-U.S. PHYSICS PROFESSORSHIP/LECTURESHIP PROGRAM

A. Overview

This program will fund physicists in India or the United States wishing to visit overseas to teach short courses or provide a “physics lecture series” at a U.S. or Indian university. The APS will jointly implement this program in partnership with the IUSSTF.

The APS will issue calls for proposals bi-annually whereby the “visiting” professor and the “host” institution would submit a joint proposal for a short course or a lecture series to be offered at either the U.S. or the Indian institution. A Proposal Review Committee consisting of both APS and IUSSTF-appointed representatives will select the recipients using jointly agreed upon selection criteria. Funds will be dispersed through APS.

B. Program Characteristics

1. India-U.S. Professorships will consist of one to two-week courses or a lecture series delivered at Indian or U.S. institutions by physicists from the other country.
2. Recipients will be selected by a joint APS-IUSSTF Review Committee, with deadlines for proposals twice each year, in October and March.
3. Up to six awardees will be selected each year.
4. Awards will be up to \$4,000.
5. Awards will be used for travel, materials, and expenses associated with course delivery. No portion of the grant funds shall be used for remuneration/salary of the participating scientist.

C. Proposal Guidelines & Procedures

1. Applicants must submit:
 - a. A joint proposal (1-2 pages) from the proposed visitor and their counterpart/collaborator from the host institution. The proposal must include:
 - i. Overview & Objectives (1 page)
 - ii. Schedule of activities (delivered lectures/short courses, etc.) for the duration of the visit
 - iii. Budget for requested funds
 - iv. Anticipated outcomes of the visit
 - v. A current curriculum vitae
 - b. A letter of endorsement for the proposal from a representative (i.e., Chair, Dean, Department Head) of the Physics Department from the host institution;
 - c. The current deadline for receipt of applications is 15 October 2009.
2. Applications should be sent via email to Michele Irwin, APS Office of International Affairs, at irwin@aps.org.
3. Indian applicants must be affiliated with and working at an Indian institution at the time of application. U.S. applicants must be affiliated with and working at a U.S. institution at the time of application.
4. After the application review committee selects awardees, the APS Director of International Affairs will inform all applicants of the committee's decisions.
5. APS will manage disbursement of funds. Applicants will submit receipts to APS, who will reimburse the awardees directly.
6. The travel grant may be considered taxable income by the IRS. Awardees must provide IRS Form W-9 or W-8.
7. All visits must be completed within 1 year of the award date.
8. Awardees will submit a final report within 60 days of their return.

D. Award Priorities

Special consideration will be given to proposals that demonstrate:

1. Impact upon young scientists—graduate students and post-docs
2. Create lasting partnerships and ongoing plans for follow-up activities
3. New linkages between U.S. and Indian institutions through individuals who have had no prior professional experience in the other country.