Win over Rs 15 Lakhs in business start up resources

Application Deadline: 15 October 2011
Shortlisting of teams: 31 October 2011
Bootcamp for short-listed teams: 1-3 December 2011, C-CAMP, Bangalore
Grand Finale: 5-6 March 2012, C-CAMP, Bangalore

What is the UK-India Science Bridge 2012 Bio-Business Plan Competition?

BioPharm 2020 is a major UK and India Science bridge, established to create long-term collaborations in biological and pharmaceutical sciences. The University of Nottingham’s School of Pharmacy and the University Business School, the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur’s Department of Biotechnological Sciences and Biotechnology and the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore team, have teamed up to catalyse the synergies between scientists and industries in India and the UK to create a step-change in collaborative innovation. BioPharm 2020 is a UK-India Science Bridge that is generating new businesses and new technologies that can only happen through the collaboration of scientists and business leaders in both India and the UK.

As part of this initiative, a Bioentrepreneurial activity, a BioBusiness Plan competition is being hosted at IIT Kanpur in collaboration with C-CAMP Bangalore and BioCity Nottingham.

Who can apply?

The competition is open to all scientists, including PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, early career investigators from India in Healthcare/Biotechnology/LifeSciences/Biomedical/Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The applicants must present a team (ideally 2-3 members), who have a developed novel ideas, technical breakthroughs or generated Intellectual Property that is ready for business incubation. The business entity must not already be in existence.

What does this BioBusiness Plan competition offer?

- The six best competing teams will receive BioCity Nottingham’s highly acclaimed BioEntrepreneurship and Business Development training (Bootcamp) at C-CAMP, NCBBS, Bangalore.
- Successful finalists will receive team mentoring and support from professional business advisors who can further help them in the development of a full business plan, before pitching their business to an influential panel of judges from the BioBusiness industry.
- The winners will be chosen during the Grand Finale “UK-India Innovation and Leadership Meeting” scheduled for 5-6 March 2012 and will receive a package of benefits worth over Rs 15 lakhs (of which Rs 5.00 lakhs will be a monetary incentive) to assist in setting up a new company.
- The top 5 teams will receive mentoring by the team of the Science and Innovation Business Centre (SIBC) of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur or C-CAMP Bangalore or other Bio-Incubators of choice in the country.

How to apply

For full details and to enter the competition, visit our website: www.biopharm2020.org/competition

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