ABOUT
INDIA ALLIANCE
India Alliance at a Glance

Transforming biomedical research ecosystem in India

Established in 2008 and registered as a charitable trust in India, India Alliance is funded by the Department of Biotechnology (Government of India) and Wellcome Trust (UK). India Alliance supports discovery and innovation in the country by funding research in health and biomedical science.

India Alliance believes that inclusiveness can promote a diverse work culture. This faith in taking along as many talents with it in its journey can solve the never-ending riddles of science. For more than a decade, inclusiveness has worked to shape a dynamic research ecosystem that gives everyone the opportunity to contribute in this endeavour.

Internationally Recognised Research Fellowship Programmes

India Alliance offers three types of fellowship programmes in Basic Biomedical Research as well as Clinical and Public Health Research domains that support researchers at different stages of their careers.

Team Science Grants and Clinical/Public Health Research Centres

India Alliance believes that constant yearning for scientific discoveries can keep unwanted glooms at bay. The ongoing pandemic is one such medical challenge that reaffirmed our belief in constant research to devise specific interventional strategies. In that direction, our Fellows are constantly venturing into the depths of science to bring to light the facts of the unknown and the untold. This has led us to focus more on enhancing India’s research ecosystem and major health challenges across the world. We also offer funding for Collaborative Research Projects and Clinical Research Training through our Team Science Grants, Clinical Research Centres and Clinical Research Training Programs.

Our
Years in
Numbers

2008
Year of inception

INR 1,27,570 Lakhs
Funding support for biomedical research

About 4,000
Research Fellowship applications received so far

437
Research Fellowships awarded till date

115
Institutions supported across 42 cities in India

5
Research Grants awarded till date

6
Research Management Fellowships awarded

4
Research Management Grants awarded
Our Journey So Far

2008 to 2011

- The India Alliance founded as a charitable trust in 2008
- Introduced Fellowship programme to support biomedical research at different career stages (Early, Intermediate, and Senior)
- Introduced Margdarshi Fellowship to explore opportunities to lead and nucleate cutting-edge research programmes in India

2012 to 2013

- Conducted Public Engagement Initiatives & Science Communication Workshops to bridge the gap between science and society
- Promoted Clinical and Public Health Research Fellowship for engagement of clinicians and public health workers in research
- Introduced Public Lecture Series with the objective of sharing the power and wonder of science

2014 to 2015

- Introduced Research Training Fellowship to train clinicians, physicians and allied healthcare professionals in research methodology
- Handed out Public Engagement awards to encourage Fellows to share their science with society
- Brought out News and Views - the newsletter of India Alliance
- Implemented policy to encourage women in science – one year full-cost extension to Fellows on maternity leave
Introduced Voices for Health to bring the experts and public together for discussing important health issues

Conducted ‘Art and Science’ - an artist-scientist residency programme to explore the fields of arts, science, health, technology, and design collectively

Developed Indian Physician Scientists (DIPS) workshops to train young clinicians to participate in research

Joined ‘Together Science Can’ – a global campaign to celebrate international collaborations in science

Collaborated with Europe PMC and Wellcome Open Research to ensure unbiased and unhindered flow of knowledge produced by researchers

Piloted India Research Management Initiative (IRMI) to strengthen institutional ecosystem through research management programme

Introduced Africa India Mobility Fund to promote scientific collaboration between African and Indian biomedical researchers

Conducted ‘Women in Science - A Listening Session’ – formulation of a ‘policy recommendation’

Initiated EMBO Research Leadership Course – an opportunity for Indian researchers to hone their leadership and management skills

Our appellation changed from the Wellcome Trust/DBT India Alliance to DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance

Doubling of DBT’s investment

Implementation partner DBT-CRUK - Affordable Approaches to Cancer Project

Planned Vision Ahead – the new face of India Alliance towards expanding the initiatives around Team Science Grants and Clinical Research Centres

Increased outreach and public engagement to underserved regions and other scientific disciplines