

“Building Bharat-Boston Biosciences (B4) Program”, is a program funded by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India (GoI) as a second phase of the earlier "Boston Bangalore Biosciences Beginnings (B4) Program". The Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, Harvard University (Mittal Institute), is collaborating with IBAB, Bengaluru, India and IISER, Pune, India for the implementation of this program. The aim of B4 is to link up Institutions in India and Boston to promote research and creation of new knowledge in Biosciences through collaboration between the two countries, in the emerging areas of Biosciences.

In phase II of B4, DBT has sanctioned a 2 year grant on June 22, 2018, with funds for the following activities each year:

1. Up to eight Science and Technology Fellowships for eighteen months in the fields related to biosciences at Harvard and other institutions in the Boston area
2. Two workshops annually, each spanning for two-weeks (Young Scientists Development Course) on topics related to Biosciences that includes interdisciplinary learning for young scientists of India
3. Two seminars annually (In country seminars), each held in a city in India to highlight the work of the returning visiting scientists

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