ORISSA HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

EBOOK ON EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION & DEVELOPMENT FOR ODISHA

1. Introduction

The objective of this eBook is to provide relevant information and solicit views with an intent to facilitate overall educational development in the state of Odisha. This effort is led by volunteers primarily residing in North America, who are members of The Orissa Society of Americas (OSA). Some of the key objective of this effort includes:

- Sharing information about potential higher education opportunities in western countries, specifically in North America, so that students desiring for higher studies (post secondary education) abroad can get information that could help his/her decision/plan
- Sharing information on potential collaborative research & post doctoral fellowship opportunity
- Information on potential scholarship/funding for individual educational initiative

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2. Higher Education Opportunities

2.1 Graduate Study Programs in US & Canada

http://www.graduateguide.com/

- 2.2 Information on study programs, cost, scholarship etc. in US universities http://www.webbangladesh.com/collegeanduniversity/college-us1.htm
- 2.3 Graduate Study Program: Peterson Guide

http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx

3. Scholarship Opportunities

3.1 Foundation for Excellence (FFE)

FFE is providing scholarships for studies in high school, diploma, college, professional and post-graduate courses to students who meet academic excellence and family income criteria. Scholarships are awarded on annual basis; renewal is based on student's continued academic excellence and financial need.

Scholarship Amounts: Ranges from \$100 to \$125 per year per student for high school studies to \$450 to \$500 per year per student for engineering, technology, medical and health science studies. Over a 6-year period, around \$2,000 is provided to each eligible student.

Mission: To transform the lives of academically brilliant and financially needy students in India.

Number of students from Orissa has availed this scholarship opportunity.

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www.ffe.org

4. Other Useful Links

4.1 OSA Member Contact Information

The contact information of NRO/OSA members who may be contacted by various academics institutes for potential research collaboration, visiting faculty/research opportunity, seminar talks, student advising etc.

http://www.orissasociety.org/osaftp01/education contacts.htm#TOP

4.2 United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF)

The United States — India Educational Foundation (USIEF) promotes mutual understanding between the nationals of India and the nationals of the US through the educational exchange of outstanding scholars, professionals and students. Since its inception, USIEF has awarded approximately 17,000 Fulbright, Fulbright-Nehru, and other prestigious grants and scholarships in almost every academic discipline.

Tapping the talent of Fulbright students and scholars, USIEF holds dozens of academic or professional workshops each year. In addition to fellowship support, USIEF services include advising Indian citizens on higher education opportunities in the US. USIEF also consults with Indian and US universities interested in developing linkages and exchanges.

http://www.usief.org.in/

http://www.usief.org.in/UsefulLinks.aspx

4.3 United States-India Higher Education Cooperation (USIHEC)

The **Office of US - India Higher Education Cooperation** (USIHEC) is a recent addition to USIEF. It has been established through an initiative of the US Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. USIHEC engages institutions of higher education in the US and in India to foster and enhance linkages between them. It seeks to deepen institutional ties in numerous ways: in areas of collaborative research, study abroad programs, faculty exchanges and conferences of higher education administrators from both countries.

http://www.usief.org.in/Institutional-Collaboration.aspx

4.6 National Science Foundation

http://www.nsf.gov

4.7 National Institute of Health

http://nih.gov/

4.4 Internet Public Library

ipl2 is a public service organization and a learning/teaching environment. To date, thousands of students and volunteer library and information science professionals have been involved in

answering reference questions for our Ask an ipl2 Librarian service and in designing, building, creating and maintaining the ipl2's collections. It is through the efforts of these students and volunteers that the ipl2 continues to thrive to this day.

http://www.ipl.org

4.5 Hathi Trust Digital Library

HathiTrust is a partnership of major research institutions and libraries working to ensure that the cultural record is preserved and accessible long into the future. There are more than <u>sixty</u> <u>partners</u> in HathiTrust, and membership is open to institutions worldwide

http://www.hathitrust.org/

5. Govt. of Odisha - Educational Links

5.1 Dept. of Higher Education - Govt. of Odisha

http://dheorissa.in/