

## **Biocon Academy Celebrates 100% Placement of 120 students with Globally Reputed Companies**

60 students Receive Certificates at the Graduation Ceremony

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Biocon Academy, a Centre of Excellence for Advanced Learning in Applied Biosciences set up by Biocon in 2013, announced the graduation of its third and fourth batch of 30 students each. The Academy has successfully developed high end talent of young biotech professionals through an intensive 16-week 'Biocon-KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences' and all of them have been placed at reputed global biotech/ pharma companies, including Biocon and Syngene.

The average score of the students stood at 3.310 CGPA on a scale of 4. During the current placement drive, over 10 biotech companies recruited the students for various functions like Production, Quality Assurance, Regulatory Affairs, Research & Development and Marketing. A talented pool of 60 aspiring biotechnologists (from Batches 3 & 4) received their certificates from Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chief Mentor, Biocon Academy during the Graduation Ceremony held at Biocon Park, Bangalore on Friday, Aug 14, 2015.

**Dr Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chief Mentor, Biocon Academy,** said: *"We are extremely proud of the young talent being developed at Biocon Academy for the biotech sector. The professional success of these students will inspire many other young biotechnologists to pursue their passion for science. It is very encouraging to see the impact made by the Academy in such a short period. We are now developing new programs which will further enhance biotech learning and prepare them to seek opportunities to excel in the biotech world."*

Biocon Academy leverages the technical expertise and industrial leadership of Biocon along with the strong academic excellence of its international education partner Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) in California, US, to make biotech students industry-ready.

**Dr Shelly Schuster, President, Keck Graduate Institute,** said: *"It is indeed a proud day today for the students who have successfully completed the Biocon-KGI Certificate program in Biosciences. KGI & Biocon Academy, through this intensive and profound engagement are providing high quality academic training to biotech graduates. We are immensely proud of*

*these students who are the future leaders of pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry and will also be the brand ambassadors for KGI and Biocon Academy.”*

**Eight** students of Biocon Academy’s third and fourth batches were presented with ‘**Gold Medals**’ for Academic Excellence, while **19** students, who demonstrated extraordinary talent in other areas during Group Projects, Class Assignments, etc., were given the ‘**Kudos Awards**.’

Proud Eight Gold Medallists of Biocon Academy:			
1	Prachi Kabra	5	Nidhi Parikh
2	Avika Roy	6	Stephy Thomas
3	Surbhi Lodha	7	Ishan Billore
4	Pratiksha Rao	8	Krithika VS

**One of the Gold Medal recipients of Biocon Academy,** said: *“My interaction with subject matter experts at the Biocon Academy has helped me immensely in choosing my career path. Field visits in particular led to an in-depth understanding of the technical knowhow required to scale up operations from a lab setting to a production set-up in a real-life industry scenario.”*

Since its inception, the Academy has successfully developed high end talent of 120 young biotech professionals through an intensive 16-week ‘best-in-class’ ‘Biocon-KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences’. Biocon Academy is extremely proud to ensure 100% placement of all its four batches.

### **Biocon Academy:**

Biocon Academy, Biocon's flagship CSR initiative aimed at developing high-end talent for the Indian biotech industry, has been set up as a learning initiative to address the skill deficit in the industry. The Academy aims at enhancing the employability of bioscience graduates by providing them high-end training. It has been instrumental in shaping careers of aspiring biotech graduates while bridging the industry-academia gap.

### **Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences:**

This 16-week, full-time program leverages the industry leadership strengths of Biocon and the academic vigour of KGI to benefit participants and make them readily employable. Those with a BE/ B.Tech in Biotechnology/ Industrial Biotechnology; MSc. in Biotechnology/ Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Biology; and B. Pharm with a CGPA of 7.5 on a scale of 10 (71 percentage) and above are eligible to apply for the course. For more information Visit: [www.bioconacademy.com](http://www.bioconacademy.com)

**Keck Graduate Institute:**

Founded in 1997, Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) is located in Southern California and is a member of the Claremont University Consortium. It is the only American graduate institution dedicated solely to bioscience education and discovery and is recognized worldwide for its pioneering Professional Science Master's program. The Institute is dedicated to education and research aimed at translating into practice, for the benefit of society, the power and potential of the life sciences. Visit [www.kgi.edu](http://www.kgi.edu)

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