

Biocon Academy Opens Enrolment for New Session of Biosciences Program

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Biocon Academy, a Centre of Excellence for Advanced Learning in Applied Biosciences set up by Biocon in 2013, today opened enrolment for Batch 6 of its flagship '**Biocon-KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences.**' The admission process for Batch 6 will be on till October 31, 2015 and classes will commence on January 11, 2016.

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. The Academy's '**Biocon-KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences**' is a 16-week, full-time certificate program that offers a broad-based international curriculum encompassing Industrial processes, Production, Quality Assurance, Regulatory Affairs and Product Development.

Both freshers and biotechnologists with some initial experience can enrol for this program to sharpen their skills and advance their learning, which will enhance their career prospects. Interested candidates can apply online through the Biocon Academy website (www.bioconacademy.com). Students with a BE / B.Tech in Biotechnology or 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.

Online applications will be screened by academic experts and shortlisted candidates will have to successfully clear the interview stage to be selected for the course. Biocon offers a scholarship that covers up to 75% of the course fee for selected candidates.

Mr. S. S. Easwaran, Academic Director, Biocon Academy, said, "The Biosciences program is a bridge from academia to the biotechnology industry for biosciences students as it enhances education outcomes through experiential learning methods. Till date, 120 young biotech professionals have benefited from the intensive 16-week course and have readily found employment with reputed global biotech/ pharma companies. The feedback from employers is also extremely positive."

Dr. Meghana Joshi, Program Director, Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), said, “The Biocon-KGI program is an extension of the programs conducted by KGI in the US and offers a good opportunity for biosciences students in India to develop a deeper understanding of the biotech industry and the overall business of science. Early in their career, students benefit both from the varied background and experiences of the faculty as well as the mentorship of subject matter experts from Biocon.”

The Academy’s ‘**Biocon-KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences**’ has received overwhelming response from the student fraternity.

Ms. Sweety Mathew, a student of Batch 5 of Biocon Academy, said, “I chose to join Biocon Academy's Biosciences Program because this is a proven platform that would help fill the gaps in my knowledge and give me practical industry exposure. The Academy has a team of brilliant guides and mentors who can help me develop professional management skills and give my career a head start.”

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 advanced training. It has been instrumental in shaping careers of aspiring biotech graduates while bridging industry-academia gap.

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

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