

Press release

## **Biocon Academy Introduces First Of Its Kind Career Advancement Program In 'Clinical Development' in Collaboration with Keck Graduate Institute, (KGI) California**

Subject matter experts from Biocon and KGI faculty to impart real world insights and hands on training in the State-of-the-Art Facilities of Syngene and R&D Labs of Biocon

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Biocon Academy, a CSR initiative of Asia's leading biotechnology company, has announced the introduction of a unique program in '**Clinical Development**' in collaboration with Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) in Claremont, California.

The exclusive program is designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of aspiring B. Pharm, M. Pharm, and Pharm D graduates. The partnership envisions to accelerate learning in the fast growing field of Clinical Development and enhance the employability prospects of students in biosciences.

Every year over 65,000 pharmacists with D. Pharm, B Pharm, M Pharm degrees pass out in India from around 1000 pharmacy colleges. And Out of the 12 lakh registered pharmacists across the country, 8 lakh pharmacists are still unemployed. These numbers project the appalling skill deficit associated and unemployable rate.

The new program is designed to offer experiential learning in the areas of Clinical trial design, Execution, Clinical data management, Statistical analysis, Interpretation and Presentation through an intensive curriculum delivered by renowned faculty of KGI and Biocon Academy. Along with providing scientific background of Clinical Studies by the renowned faculties of Keck Graduate Institute, the program also aims to equip students with industry assignments and hands on training in the State-of-the-Art facilities of Syngene and R&D Labs of Biocon.

In addition to honing technical skills, this program also sharpens the professional skills of candidates and provides an opportunity for holistic development.

Commenting on the program, **Bindu Ajit, Program Director of Biocon Academy** said, “*This program provides a golden opportunity for science students to upgrade their skill in the Clinical Development domain. To ensure holistic picture, we have also collaborated with Narayana Hrudayalaya in Bangalore to give the students an industry perspective associated with clinical development. This is our third program in partnership with Keck Graduate Institute, first two are program in Biosciences and Bioscience Management. We hope students make the best use of the expertise KGI offers.*”

The admissions to Clinical Development program is open till **20 July, 2017** and the course will commence from August at Biocon Academy center Bengaluru. To enroll for the program, visit <http://bit.ly/2pvVD0d>

Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Clinical Development is a 16 weeks full time program aimed to empower pharmacist with application know-how of the design, implementation and statistical knowledge. This application know how is provided to them through experienced faculties of Keck graduate Institute. The specific focus of the program is to train the masters in pharmacy candidate in the areas of clinical trial design, execution, clinical data management, statistical analysis, interpretation and presentation.

<b>Program Name: Clinical Development Program</b>
<b>Eligibility:</b> B. Pharm, M. Pharm, Pharm D and pharmacy graduates with 65%
<b>Scholarship:</b> 75% of the program fee by Biocon to all selected students
<b>Duration of the program:</b> 16 weeks full time program
<b>Curriculum:</b> The 16 Weeks Clinical Development program consists of Job skills based curriculum covering (CRA) Clinical Research Associate (CDM) Clinical Data Management
<b>Key Differentiator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Real patient data for case studies and bed side data collection and observation during Hospital visits.</li><li>• Students will gain US credit points 12 making it easier for them to pursue higher studies in US</li><li>• An edge for B Pharm students to get in Pharmacy Practice post this 16 weeks course instead of 3 years post Baccalaureate program to qualify.</li></ul>

**Biocon Academy:**

*Biocon Academy, a Centre of Excellence for Advanced Biosciences Learning is a CSR initiative of Biocon, Asia's leading biopharmaceutical Company. It is aimed at developing high-end, industry-ready, talent for the Indian biotech sector to address the skill deficit. The Academy aims at enhancing the employability of bioscience graduates by providing them advanced experiential learning through practical training. It has been instrumental in shaping careers of aspiring biotech graduates while bridging the industry-academia gap. The Academy has collaborated with leading global institutes like Keck Graduate Institute, California, USA and BITS Pilani, India, to offer global quality learning to the students of Biocon Academy. Biocon offers scholarships that cover the majority of the cost of these international programs. For more information, visit [www.bioconacademy.com](http://www.bioconacademy.com)*

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