



## **Kiran Mazumdar - Shaw Appointed to 'Board of Trustees' of Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), California**

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Building on the successful partnership between Biocon Academy and Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), Ms. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson & Managing Director of Biocon and Chief Mentor of Biocon Academy, has been appointed to the 'Board of Trustees' of Keck Graduate Institute (KGI), Claremont, California, a global leader in applied life sciences and pharmacy education. KGI's Board of Trustees consists of 26 leaders who are pioneers across bioscience, healthcare, and education industries.

In a short span of 3 years Biocon Academy, a CSR initiative of Biocon in collaboration with Keck Graduate Institute has been instrumental in shaping the careers of more than 300 aspiring bio – scientists by imparting the requisite experiential learning that serves to bridge the existing industry – academia gap through its 18 weeks flagship program Biocon KGI Certificate Program in Biosciences.

Commenting on her new role, Ms. Kiran Mazumdar - Shaw, said, *"As a member of the 'Board of Trustees, at KGI, I am excited to partake in the efforts to shape talent for the global Biotech sector. Our partnership with KGI at the Biocon Academy has had much success in developing industry-ready talent for Indian industry. I look forward to learning more about advanced skill development in the biosciences through this new engagement for which I am truly grateful."*

About 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)

**About Keck Graduate Institute:**

Keck Graduate Institute (KGI) was founded in 1997 as the first higher education institution in the United States dedicated exclusively to education and research related to the applied life sciences. Now in its 20th year, KGI offers innovative postgraduate degrees and certificates that integrate life and health sciences, business, pharmacy, and genetics, with a focus on industry projects, hands-on industry experiences, and team collaborations.

A member of The Claremont Colleges, KGI employs an entrepreneurial approach and industry connections that provide pathways for students to become leaders in bioscience and healthcare. KGI consists of three schools: School of Applied Life Sciences, School of Pharmacy, and the Minerva Schools at KGI.

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