

Meet the Investor Series - 11

## GRANT FUNDING FOR LIFE SCIENCE INNOVATIONS

With focus on

**Grand Challenges Explorations - Round 2 (Gates Foundation)**  
and Biotechnology Ignition Grants (BIRAC)

Organized by IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad

Co-organized by Venture Center, Pune

Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about recent grand funding schemes for life sciences innovators.</li> <li>• Learn about the Grand Challenges Explorations (Round 2) by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which aims to fund innovations aimed at global health challenges</li> <li>• Learn about BIG scheme from DBT-BIRAC which funds proof-of-concept studies for life sciences start-ups</li> <li>• Learn from IKP experts who are partnering Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation to bring the program to India and who are also BIG Partner agencies.</li> </ul>
Organizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad</li> <li>• BioIncubator (Supported by DBT-BIRAC), Venture Center</li> </ul>
For whom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entrepreneurs and innovators in fields of biotech, healthcare, biomedical devices, diagnostics etc.</li> <li>• Scientists/ researchers</li> <li>• Academics/ lecturers</li> <li>• Students of science and engineering</li> </ul>
When	<b>Thursday, November 8, 2012</b> <b>2-5 pm</b>
Where	<b>Training Room</b> Venture Center 100 NCL Innovation Park Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, Pune-411008
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Cost	FREE EVENT, but registration is required. Please indicate during registration if you wish to have a one-on-one meeting (6 slots only. First-come-first-serve basis)

## ABOUT THE EVENT

The primary aim of this event is to raise awareness around two important grant funding opportunities in the biotechnology and healthcare space, viz. the IKP-Grand Challenges Exploration (IKP-GCE), and the DBT-BIRAC Biotech Ignition Grant (BIG) scheme. The focus of this event is to provide background information on each of these grants, the application through funding process-flow, guidance on writing winning proposals, and an opportunity to interact with seasoned grant writers.

**The IKP-GCE initiative** by IKP Knowledge Park in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation aims to address global health challenges by encouraging entrepreneurship in India. The ultimate goal is the quest for new drugs, vaccines, delivery systems, diagnostics, devices and service models that can potentially be made available to people from all socio-economic strata. The window for accepting proposals is currently open, and will close on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012. (Website: <http://www.ikp-gce.com/> )

**DBT-BIRAC's BIG scheme**- BIG provides for high level of discovery and innovation in the Biotechnology sector to establish and validate proof of concept, and enable creation of spin-offs. IKP, Hyderabad is a BIG partner. The Venture Center, Pune is a local technology incubator that can serve needs of applicants who have a need for office, and lab facilities. The first round of call for proposals was in June 2012. The second round is expected to open in the near future (December). (Website: <http://birac.nic.in/programmes.php?prg=big> )

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Time	Session title
13:45-14:00	Registration
14:00-14:05	Introductions
14:05-14:35	Introduction to the Grand Challenges Exploration Guidelines, tips and best practices By Vikraman Venu Saranyan, Program Manager, IKP-GCE
14:35-14:45	Q&A session
14:45-15:15	Introduction to the BIG scheme of BIRAC Guidelines, tips and best practices By Vikraman Venu Saranyan, Chief Manager, IKP (BIG Partner)
15:15-15:25	Q&A session
15:25-16:00	Moderated discussion involving earlier grant writers, facilitators assisting grant writers and reviewers. Moderated by Dr V. Premnath
16:00-16:30	Networking Tea and Informal Discussions
16:30- 17:00	One-to-one clarification meeting with IKP-GCE team

## SPEAKERS/ PARTICIPANTS/ MODERATORS

	<p>Vikraman Serves as Chief Manager at IKP Knowledge Park, managing two grant programs for innovators. He manages the IKP Grand Challenges Explorations, in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He also manages the Biotechnology Ignition Grant at IKP for DBT-Birac. He worked for Strand Life Sciences in India as a software engineer, developing algorithms for the gene expression software, and in the US as part of the business development team. He holds a dual degree in electrical engineering from IIT-Madras, and a Masters in Engineering Management from Duke University.</p>
	<p>Dr V Premnath is currently the Head, NCL Innovations - the group within NCL charged with the responsibility of championing the cause of technology innovation within NCL. Dr Premnath is also the Founding Director of the Venture Center - a technology business incubator on NCL campus. Dr Premnath is also a Scientist, Polymer Science &amp; Engineering Division at NCL with an interest in technology development for biomedical products. Dr. V. Premnath holds a B.Tech. from the Indian Institute of Technology - Bombay and a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. He has also been a Chevening Technology Enterprise Fellow with the Centre for Scientific Enterprises, London Business School and Cambridge University, UK. He brings with him considerable experience in technology development and commercialization (two successfully commercialized families of products), working with start-up companies (in Cambridge-UK and India) and engaging with large corporations on research and consulting projects as project leader. More information at: <a href="http://www.premnath.org">www.premnath.org</a></p>
<p>Venture Center's BioIncubator Team</p>	<p>Venture Center's BioIncubator Team interacts with and assists with advice entrepreneurs associated with Venture Center who apply for such grants. Shalaka Purohit and Pradnya Aradhye shall participate.</p>

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS



IKP Grand Challenges Explorations is an initiative by IKP Knowledge Park and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to identify, fund and nurture innovations that will help alleviate global health challenges. The winners receive USD 100,000 from the Foundation, and mentoring from IKP Knowledge Park to take their ideas to the next stage of realization. Visit [www.ikp-gce.com](http://www.ikp-gce.com) to apply.



Entrepreneurship Development Center (Venture Center) - a CSIR initiative - is a Section 25 company hosted by the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune. Venture Center strives to nucleate and nurture technology and knowledge-based enterprises by leveraging the scientific and engineering competencies of the institutions in the Pune region in India. The Venture Center is a technology business incubator supported by the Department of Science & Technology's National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (DST-NSTEDB). Venture Center's focuses on technology enterprises offering products and services exploiting scientific expertise in the areas of materials, chemicals and biological sciences & engineering.

**For more information about Venture Center, visit [www.venturecenter.co.in](http://www.venturecenter.co.in)**



BioIncubator at Venture Center was created with support from DBT-BIRAC under the Bioincubator Support Scheme. It has been conceptualized to help innovators in the spectrum of biomass, bioengineering, bio informatics, biomed and agro based industries to ease their enterprises into the ecosystem. Along with infrastructural support in the form of biosciences labs and office spaces, the BioIncubator also provides advisory services, referrals, scientific support, library and information services, Intellectual property services, seed funding and access to talks, workshops and technical training programs.

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