



Meet the Investor Series: 11th Talk

(Jointly with IKP Knowledge Park)



Grant Funding For Life Science Innovations

*With focus on
GRANT FUNDING SHOWCASE- Grand Challenges
Explorations – Round 2 (Gates Foundation)
and Biotechnology Ignition Grants (BIRAC)*

by

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At 1400 -1700 hrs in the
Training Room, Venture Center
100 NCL Innovation Park
Dr. Homi Bhabha (Pashan) Road,
Pune - 411008

About "Meet the Investor Series": Previous talk included -

- (25 August 2012) Meet the Investor Series: 10th talk
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About IKP-GCE :

IKP Grand Challenges Explorations (IKP-GCE) is an initiative to encourage and nurture innovation in areas that impact global health. This is the *second call for proposals*, the first having been launched in October 2011. This is not a business plan competition, nor is it a venture fund. IKP-GCE is about you, your idea, and empowering you with the tools, network, and funds, to help you take your idea to the next stage of realization.

The IKP-GCE initiative by IKP Knowledge Park in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will aim to address global health challenges by encouraging entrepreneurship in India. We are in the search for life-changing ideas from talented and motivated professionals; ideas that will improve the quality of life of people in the developing world. Our 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

IKP-GCE is an opportunity to put yourself on the same platform as Grand Challenges Explorations (GCE) grantees from all over the world, while also leveraging the mentorship, resources and network that IKP offers. If selected you will be recognized as a GCE Phase I grantee, and will be eligible for a Phase I funding of USD 100,000 for a period of 18 months to two years. Successful projects will have the opportunity to apply for a follow-on grant of up to USD 1 Million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

About BIG:

BIRAC endeavours to extend its support to entrepreneurs who have an exciting idea which may be in the nascent and planning stage in the form of Biotechnology Ignition Grant (BIG). This scheme is designed to stimulate commercialization of research discoveries by providing very early stage grants for the development and maturation of those discoveries into marketable product or intellectual property (IP), in particular to help bridge the gap between discovery and invention. The purpose of the BIG Scheme is to:

- Upscale and validate Proof of Concept
- Encourage researchers to take technology closer to market through a Start Up
- Excite interest of potential licensees or investors

About Mr. Vikraman Venu Saranyan

Mr. 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.