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■ Submission: March 14, 2008 for both research studentship and ORS applications; studentships available from October 1, 2008.

Oxford studentships

At the graduate level, particular emphasis is given to helping students of outstanding merit, particularly those from overseas, to study at Oxford. The Centre's graduate studentships and scholarships are intended to help those graduate students whose circumstances would otherwise prevent them from enjoying the benefit of a period of study at Oxford. The following are offered: Barclays Scholarship, Saif al-Nahayan Scholarship, Khalid al-Abraham Scholarship and Easa Saleh Al Gurg Scholarship. The Centre offers a bursary for a student accepted to read for a degree in any area of the humanities or social sciences at Hertford College, Oxford.

■ Requirements: Candidates wishing to read for graduate degrees at Oxford University in any area of the arts, humanities, or social sciences that is relevant to the study of Islam or the Islamic world.

■ To apply: Download application form at www.oxcis.ac.uk/forms/GS%20Application%20Form%202008-2009.doc or obtain from The Academic Secretary, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, George Street, Oxford, OX1 2AR, UK. The completed application form, brief description of proposed research and CV, letters of recommendation from two persons familiar with your work to be sent directly to the Centre. Online applications should be sent to Academic.secretary@oxcis.ac.uk

■ Submission: March 16, 2008.

IESE intensifies its Indian student ties

Ramakrishna Velamuri, associate professor at Spain's IESE Business School, University of Navarra, talks about the school's MBA programme and a steady increase in applications from India

Neelima Mahajan-Bansal/TNN

In 2005, the IESE Business School beat its peers to emerge at the top of the Economist Intelligence Unit's annual ranking of full-time MBA programmes. Since then the school has seen a steady stream of MBA-aspirants from India make a beeline to its hallowed gates. Today IESE gets six applicants per-seat and as far as Indian applicants are concerned, the ratio is 25:1.

Velamuri, who has taught at the IESE for four years and is currently at the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), China on a leave of absence from the former, is not surprised at the increase in interest. If anything, he says, it should have come sooner as IESE has been consistently figuring among the top 10 B-schools worldwide. Besides, there is another reason as to why IESE has finally opened up to Indian students. "In the past, the school wasn't very confident of placing Indians as labour laws in continental Europe were, and continue to be, quite difficult," explains Velamuri.

Unlike in the US, where an MBA student can get an OPT (occupational professional training permit) that allows him to work for a year, in Europe the company that hires a student has to sponsor him or her for a work permit. This is a lengthy process. "We are constantly saying that



RAMAKRISHNA VELAMURI

this is a mistake and that we should actually encourage human capital to stay in the country," says Velamuri, adding: "But despite that, today, we feel more confident of placing Indian students." And for good reason too, as the global demand for Indian MBA students has gone up. "Now, we can easily place them in either investment banks in London or consulting firms elsewhere in the world, or even back home in India because the salary difference between India and Europe is

no longer as big as it used to be," states Velamuri.

IESE is also working towards intensifying its engagements with India and other emerging markets. "We already have a partnership with the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, for the 'Inside India Executive Education Programme'. Further, for the second class of our 'Global EMBA Programme' we are planning to launch a two-week module in India," informs Velamuri. The Global EMBA will now have five modules in Spain, one in New York and one in India.

Also on the anvil is an Emerging Markets Centre (EMC). "The centre will focus more on practice and not so much on emerging market research, as there are already a number of centres across the world, both in business schools and otherwise, that are generating some very good research on emerging markets both, at a micro and macro level," says Velamuri. The EMC will focus on developing courses on emerging markets that can be included in the MBA curriculum and on developing short-term executive programmes on emerging markets.

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Fulbright up for expansion

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THE Fulbright Scholarship programme that offers an exchange of around 250 scholars per-year between India and the US, through the US Educational Foundation in India (USEFI), is all set to expand its base in India in terms of funding and offering new topics of research offered under the programme. The programme, now, aims to increase the number of scholars benefiting from it by inviting private players from India, besides the government, to contribute to

the funds. Through increased funding, the programme would aim to double the number of scholars going on exchange programme. "We have been in discussion with the Indian government for amending the agreement signed by the two countries in 1950. Under the current agreement the US government offers \$2.3 million per-year as funds, which includes the operating cost of the programme in India. The Indian government has not contributed funds up until now, but has provided in-kind

support through tax reimbursements. We now wish to renew the original agreement as two equal partners and look forward to the Indian government contributing financially, so that the budget doubles in size," said Anjan A Siddiqi, counsellor for cultural affairs, US embassy. He was speaking at the embassy's 'Founder's Day' celebrations held recently in the Capital.

Set up in 1950 to increase cultural understanding between the US and other countries, the scholarship programme in India has benefited more than 5000 scholars each year. Its benefits are manifold. "Since the entire idea of the Fulbright programme is to increase mutual understanding between US and India, the former also invites English teachers from India to teach regional languages at colleges in the US under the Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Programme."

However, a growing relationship between the two

countries has led to a greater need for promoting cultural understanding between the two. "Once the new agreement is signed and increased funding is available, we would like to broaden the diversity of topics like IT, agriculture, business and management - topics that define the new India," explained Siddiqi.

PROSPERITY RESEARCHED

RBC Foundation, Canada's leading financial institution and a corporate donor, has donated \$1 million (CDN) to the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management's Lloyd and Delphine Martin Prosperity Institute. The fund will support research aimed at broadening the understanding of prosperity and how it is created. One key aspect of prosperity that will be a focus of research at the institute is jurisdictional advantage. Currently, the study of how jurisdictions, including provinces, become magnets for companies to start-up, locate and grow, and for talent to study, live and work, has been fragmented across many diverse fields.

MOU SIGNED

The Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) of UK has signed MoUs for research collaboration with the National Institutes of Technology of Surat and Hamirpur. Graham Button, executive dean, faculty of arts, computing, engineering and sciences during his visit informed, "Our aim is to promote mutual research collaboration between India and the UK. NIT, Hamirpur and SHU both have interest in general areas of material engineering and computer application. Under the agreement researchers from both the universities will be operating both in India and the UK.

SPECIAL NEEDS

UK's higher education independent adjudicator Lady Deech, speaking at The Guardian's Higher Education summit, stated that a large number of complaints came from dyslexic students saying they had been refused extra time in an exam, or had been unable to take exams at all because of their disability.

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MEDICAL WOES

The General Medical Council of UK is mooting a national medical licensing exam instead of the Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians (MRC) exam which 19 British universities currently subscribe to. The observation comes after a research found out enormous variation in performance of UK doctors depending on which medical school they attended. The research at University College London assessed the performance of 5,827 medical graduates from 19 British universities. Medical graduates from Oxbridge and Newcastle universities performed better than average. Chris McManus, who led the research, said, "Although the MRCP(UK) is a widely regarded exam that is carefully designed to assess a wide range of knowledge and skills required by a physician, it is possible that some medical schools teach other important skills that this examination does not assess."

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Availability of Forms for MBA : 15 February 2008
Last date to submit the Form : 14 March 2008

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• M.Sc. in Toxicology	25	• M.Pharm. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry/ Pharmaceutics/ Pharmacology/ Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistry/ Pharmacy Practice/ Quality Assurance/ Pharmaceutical Biotechnology/ Pharmaceutical Analysis	71
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• B.Pharm. II Yr. lateral entry	06	• BOT III yr. lateral entry	03
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• BUMS* Regular & SFS	32+8	• B.Sc. in Opt. Practices II yr. lateral entry (Jamia Hamdard Off Campus)	10
		• BMLT	26
		• BMLT II yr. lateral entry	05

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• Diploma in Pharmacy	30	• Diploma in Operation Theatre Techniques	10
• Diploma in Pharmacy (Unani)*	30	• Diploma in New Economy Skills (Jamia Hamdard Off Campus)	20
• Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery (DGNM) (for girls only)	15	• Diploma in Ophthalmic OT Techniques (Jamia Hamdard Off Campus)	06
• Diploma in Medical Record Techniques (DMRT)	06	• Pre-Tib	10
• Diploma in Dialysis Techniques	10	• Certificate Course of Unani Dispenser*	04
• Diploma in X-Ray & ECG Techniques	12	• Certificate Course of Ward Attendant	10
		• Certificate Programme in Unani Medicine	10

* For admission in these programmes, knowledge of Urdu is essential.
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Availability of Forms : 1 March 2008
Last date to submit the Form : 16 April 2008

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