



# UNDERSTANDING CANADA

## CANADIAN STUDIES

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



[www.cdnstudies.ca](http://www.cdnstudies.ca)

The Understanding Canada program is a new initiative of the Government of Canada designed to support academic activities that develop greater understanding of Canada in the world, especially in areas of importance to Canada. It is intended for foreign academics who want to study about or conduct research on Canada. Some components of the program are also available to promote teaching and publications about Canada in various disciplines.

#### Program Objectives

- To develop a greater knowledge and understanding of Canada, its values and culture among scholars and other influential groups abroad.
- To support government priorities, building on synergies with other activities such as education marketing, youth mobility and scholarships.
- To promote activities such as teaching, conferences, seminars, workshops and research in areas of policy relevance to Canada, while continuing to respect academic freedom.

#### Priority areas

- Peace and Security (with a particular interest in Afghanistan)
- North America Partnership (including key Canada-US bilateral issues)
- Economic Development and Competitiveness
- Democracy, Rule of Law, Human Rights
- Managing Diversity
- Environment / Energy

#### Components of the Program

Canada Conference Grant - up to \$20,000

Deadline: May 3 & December 1

The Canada Conference Grant Program supports multidisciplinary conferences on Canada and on issues of relevance to Canada. Although applications from various disciplines are welcome, priority will be given to those that address important and timely issues about Canada, its relationship with a specific country or region, and its international relations. The program is designed to assist a learning institution or organization with holding a conference and publishing the resulting papers and proceedings in a scholarly fashion. Conferences that engage local government representatives, NGOs, the private sector, students and the general public while promoting linkages with Canadian academics and institutions are encouraged. Of particular interest are projects that have policy relevance for Canada and Canada's relations with the specific country or region. Projects that include collaboration with researchers at Canadian institutions are encouraged.

Details: [www.cdnstudies.ca](http://www.cdnstudies.ca)

**Student Mobility Support Program – up to \$10,000****Deadline: February 1**

The Student Mobility Program is designed to support short term initiatives involving exchanges, study tours, internships, scholarships, etc., in Canada, and is intended for international students to advance their understanding of Canada in areas of interest to Canada or of mutual interest to Canada and the international student's country. Of particular interest are innovative projects that will provide students with hands-on learning experiences and training and promote greater awareness of Canada. Projects that include elements of reciprocity (i.e. receiving young Canadians in the host country) are welcome.

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**Book Display Program – up to \$1000**

The Book Display Program provides selected conference applicants with publications on Canada to be displayed at their event. The publications should be related to the theme of the conference and be published in Canada. Consultations between the organizers and the local Canadian mission will determine where the collection of books will be housed following the conference.

Details: The High Commission of Canada, New Delhi

**Shastri Indo Canadian Institute ( [www.sici.org](http://www.sici.org) )**

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) is a key partner in promoting understanding between India and Canada through academic activities and exchanges and manages several grants programs on behalf of DFAIT

**Faculty Enrichment Program****Deadline: October 1**

The Faculty Enrichment Program (FEP) is designed to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada abroad by helping academics in higher education institutions to develop and teach courses about Canada in their own discipline, as part of their regular teaching workload. The program enables academic FEP award-holders to gather the necessary information and material on Canada to devise a new course on Canada, or to modify or extend significantly the Canadian component of an existing course.

**Faculty Research Program****Deadline: October 1**

The Faculty Research Program (FRP) is designed to assist individual academics in higher education institutions to undertake short-term research about Canada or on an aspect of Canada's bilateral or multilateral relations. The purpose is to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada through the publication abroad of pertinent articles in the scholarly press.

**Doctoral Student Research Award****Deadline: October 1**

The Doctoral Student Research Award (DSRA) is designed to help full-time graduate students at degree-granting institutions of higher education, whose dissertations are related in substantial part to Canada, to undertake doctoral research about Canada. The purpose is to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada and to support the development of Canadian Studies.

**Program Development Grant****Deadline: December 10**

The Program Development Grant is designed to encourage scholarly inquiry and multidisciplinary academic activities that contribute to the development or expansion of a program dedicated to the study of Canada. Of particular interest are innovative projects that promote awareness among students and the public about Canada and Canada's bilateral and multilateral relations. Projects that lead to institutional linkages and research collaboration in priority areas with Canadian institutions are strongly encouraged. Student mobility projects are also encouraged.

## Canadian Studies Book Program

Canadian Studies centres in India as well as other Indian institutions with a demonstrated interest in Canadian studies can acquire books and journals for the promotion of Canadian studies in their institution. Books/journals should be about Canada and/or published in Canada and/or by a Canadian author.

*For other awards administered by SICI see [www.sici.org](http://www.sici.org)*

## **International Council for Canadian Studies ([www.iccs-ciec.ca](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca))**

ICCS administers several grants and awards on behalf of DFAIT

- Graduate Student Scholarships
- Canadian Studies Post Doctoral Fellowships
- Publishing Fund
- Pierre Savard Awards
- Best Doctoral Thesis in Canadian Studies
- ICCS Certificates of Merit
- Governor General's International award for Canadian Studies

**International Research Linkages - up to \$10,000**

**Deadline: November 24**

This program is designed to facilitate international collaboration within the academic community while fostering the development of permanent exchange networks by providing assistance to teams of researchers from Canada and one or more countries in order to organize seminars or other forms of research linkages.

Details: [www.iccs-ciec.ca](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca)

**Canada Asia Pacific Awards - \$5000 to \$10,000**

**Deadline: November 24**

This award supports scholars in universities or research institutes in the Asia Pacific region to undertake short-term research, including collaborative research, which contributes to the understanding of bilateral and multilateral relations between Canada and the countries of the Asia Pacific region.

Details: [www.iccs-ciec.ca](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca)

## **Other Useful Sources of Funding**

**Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program - \$50,000 per annum for three years**

The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) program is designed to attract and retain world-class doctoral students who demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in their studies. The program helps to attract top doctoral students to Canada's universities by offering a significant financial award to assist successful candidates while they study. The program will support up to 500 students every year and is open to applicants in social sciences, humanities, health, natural sciences and engineering. Students must be nominated by a recognized Canadian university.

Details: [www.vanier-cgs-bes.gc.ca](http://www.vanier-cgs-bes.gc.ca)

**Canada Excellence Research Chairs - \$10 million for seven years**

The CERC program is a distinct program that targets the very top tier of world-class researchers in the four priority areas outlined in the Government's Science and Technology (S&T) strategy: environmental sciences and technologies; natural resources and energy; health and related life sciences; and information and communication technologies. The program dedicates \$10 million over seven years to each chair holder and their research team to support the pursuit of excellence in research.

Details: [www.cerc.gc.ca](http://www.cerc.gc.ca)

#### Students' Exchange Program – up to \$10,000

[www.scholarships.gc.ca](http://www.scholarships.gc.ca)

The Government of Canada offers scholarships as part of the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Program (CCSP) and Government of Canada Awards (GCA), which are tenable at recognized Canadian publicly-funded universities, and research institutes. Canadian partner institution should apply on behalf of the student.

The objective of the Program is to encourage Canadian universities to develop or expand their exchange programs and to provide opportunities for students of eligible countries to participate in such programs for a period of four to six months.

#### Funding Guide

[www.fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca](http://www.fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca)

The Funding Guide for International Science and Technology Cooperation aims to serve as a resource for Canadian researchers and scientists. The objective of the guide is to encourage, facilitate and promote basic and applied research.

#### The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

[www.asiapac.foc.ca](http://www.asiapac.foc.ca)

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is an independent not-for-profit think-tank on Canada's relations with Asia. It promotes dialogue on economic, security, political and social issues, fostering informed decision-making in the Canadian public, private and non-governmental sectors. The Foundation also provides grants to support policy research and informed discussion on Canada's relations with Asia.

#### The National Research Council

[www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca](http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca)

As Canada's premier organization for research and development, the NRC plays a major role in stimulating community-based innovation. NRC institutes and programs are organized into five key areas: Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, Technology and Industry Support & Corporate Services.

#### The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

[www.nserc.gc.ca](http://www.nserc.gc.ca)

NSERC's role is to make investments in people, discovery and innovation for the benefit of all Canadians. Over the last 10 years, NSERC has invested more than \$6 billion in basic research, university-industry projects, and the training of Canada's next generation of scientists and engineers.

#### The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

[www.sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca)

SSHRC grants and fellowships programs allow researchers to explore, invent and develop deep expertise in a wide variety of disciplines, as well as to target research to specific social needs. SSHRC programs also provide support for research training and research communication activities.

#### Canadian Institutes of Health Research

[www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

CIHR is the main federal agency funding health research in Canada. It supports the work of more than 11,000 researchers and trainees in universities, teaching hospitals, and research institutes across Canada.

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# INDIA-CANADA ACADEMIC RELATIONS STUDENT MOBILITY & EXCHANGES

## *Fact Sheet*

Canada and India are linked by a long history of people to people ties. These ties are reinforced further by established and growing educational linkages and academic networks. An MoU for Cooperation in Higher Education was signed in June 2010 between India and Canada which aims at strengthening academic and people-to-people ties between the two countries through various academic initiatives including academic mobility, scholarships, research collaborations and training opportunities.

### Understanding Canada - Canadian Studies awards

The Understanding Canada program is an initiative of the Government of Canada designed to support academic activities that foster a greater knowledge and understanding of Canada, its values and its culture among scholars and other influential groups abroad. Some of these awards are administered by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute which is a bi-national agency funded by the governments of India and Canada. Its mandate is to promote academic relations between the two countries. SICI has a membership of close to 40 Canadian and over 50 Indian Institutions.

### Notable grants which allow Indian scholars to travel to Canada under this program are:

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[www.sici.org](http://www.sici.org)

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[www.international.gc.ca/studies-etudes/mobility-mobilite.aspx?lang=en](http://www.international.gc.ca/studies-etudes/mobility-mobilite.aspx?lang=en)

### Graduate Students Exchange Program (Commonwealth Scholarship Program)

Canada has played a leadership role in the establishment of the international Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan and is one of the largest contributors to this program. The Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Program is facilitated through student exchange agreements between Canadian and Indian institutions. These student exchange agreements are created between universities for graduate students. Scholarship recipients remain registered as full time students in their home institution during this exchange. Graduate Students Exchange Program (GSEP) awardees are hosted by Canadian institutions for a period of five or six months and provide up to \$10,000 to cover transportation, living and other related expenses during the students' stay in Canada. Since the inception of the GSEP in 2007, over 100 Indian students have participated under this program which has involved 39 Indian institutions.

[www.scholarships.gc.ca/CCSPGSEPNonCdn-PCBCPEECSEtr-Eng.aspx](http://www.scholarships.gc.ca/CCSPGSEPNonCdn-PCBCPEECSEtr-Eng.aspx)

### Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program

The Vanier Canada Scholarship Program was launched in 2008 to attract world-class doctoral students to Canada. The value of this scholarship is C\$50,000 annually for up to three years. Two Indian doctoral students were granted this scholarship in 2009; three in 2010.

[www.vanier.gc.ca](http://www.vanier.gc.ca)

### Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships are designed to attract and develop the world's best post doctoral researchers in Canada. The program will award 70 new fellowships a year valued at \$70,000 annually for two years, totalling \$45 million over five years.

[www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/](http://www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/)

### International Experience Canada

The mission of the International Experience Canada is to foster close bilateral relations between Canada and other countries through cultural exchanges which gives participants a mutual understanding of other cultures through a travel, life and work experience abroad.

This experience contributes to enhance the personal and professional development of participants, giving them a competitive edge in the job market.

Under this program, eligible participants (age 18-35) from partner organizations such as AIESEC, IAESTE and SWAP - can work up to one year in Canada.

For more information please contact the relevant partner organizations:

[http://www.international.gc.ca/iyp-pij/partners\\_in-partenaires\\_entrant.aspx](http://www.international.gc.ca/iyp-pij/partners_in-partenaires_entrant.aspx)

## MITACS Globalink Program

Through the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program, MITACS funds mathematical sciences research projects throughout the country, focusing on five key economic sectors: biomedical & health; environment & natural resources; information processing; risk & finance; and communication, networks & security.

In 2008, MITACS created Globalink, a unique internship program that links talented international undergraduate students with world-class researchers in Canadian universities. It integrates leading-edge research with interactive professional skills training and exposure to Canada's top industrial innovators.

In 2009, the program was offered in the Province of British Columbia. Seventeen top undergraduate students from the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) spent three months doing research under the supervision of faculty members at Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia and the University of Victoria.

In 2010, 105 students from Indian Institutes of Technology are participating in MITACS Globalink in BC, Ontario and New Brunswick. Projects range in topics from computer science, engineering to mathematics and business.

[www.mitacs.math.ca/](http://www.mitacs.math.ca/)

## Agreements / MoUs

- There are over 100 agreements between Indian and Canadian universities for information sharing and student and faculty exchanges.
- The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and its Canadian counterpart, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), signed an agreement in November 2008 to facilitate information sharing among their member institutions to promote opportunities for academic exchanges and research exchanges.
- **Ontario Maharashtra-Goa Student Exchange Program:** OMG is a consortium of 16 Ontario and nine Maharashtra and Goa Universities. In India OMG has a Program Office at the University of Pune. Under this program 25 students from each side will spend 4 months to one academic year in the other country. Students are not expected to pay any tuition fee. Participants will receive a stipend of about \$2000 for one term which covers travel expenses. [www.omgprogram.org](http://www.omgprogram.org)
- **India Scientific tour University of Manitoba & St. Xavier's College, Kolkata:** A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed between University of Manitoba and St. Xavier's College, Kolkata on February 2008. According to the MOU, three schemes of exchange program have been worked out.
  - A short-term student exchange program.
  - A four-year long exchange program between the Department of Microbiology (St. Xavier's College) and Food Sciences Department (UOM) in which students spend two years in each of the departments.
  - A special program in which students can be directly admitted to the Master's program in UOM after completion of 15 years of education.

Four students from SXC and UOM have already experienced short-term exchange program with the partner institutions between January 2009 and October 2009. This exchange was based on cultural and family exposure on the one hand and academic exposure including campus life, visits to the well-equipped practical laboratories on the other. In addition, the students of UOM visited the Indian Science Congress along with the SXC students in Shillong in January 2009. One student from SXC has already been admitted in the 2+2 long-term program in UOM.

The intent is to introduce students to a different culture, learn about their field of study in the other country and develop soft skills. They are also exposed to a variety of events, facilities and to the scientific community for 3 weeks.

### Joint Programs in India

More than 40 Canadian institutions are currently offering courses in India through their partnerships with Indian institutions. Examples: The Schulich School of Business (York University) has partnered with S.P Jain Institute of Management & Research (Mumbai) to offer its MBA in Mumbai; the University of the Fraser Valley is offering its Bachelor of Business Administration degree at GGDSD College, Chandigarh; Algonquin College has partnered with Manav Rachna Educational Institute to offer its design courses. Canada's Centennial College has partnered with Picasso College to offer animation courses.



## **CANADA ANNOUNCES**

# **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship**

**Award value: up to C\$50,000**

### **Vanier Scholarship**

- The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship Program is a prestigious Government of Canada scholarship launched in 2007 as part of its Science and Technology Strategy.
- The program is designed to attract world-class doctoral students who demonstrate leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health by offering them a significant financial award to assist them while they study.
- Canada's three federal granting agencies, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), provide the guidance, support and tools needed to administer and promote the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships program.
- Three Indian scholars won this prestigious scholarship in 2010 while two were among the successful recipients in 2009.

### **Value of the award**

- \$50,000 annually, for up to three years.

**For Deadline, Criteria and Nomination process see:**

**[www.vanier.gc.ca](http://www.vanier.gc.ca)**

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# **CANADA ANNOUNCES Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships**

**Award value: C\$ 70,000**

## **Banting Fellowships**

- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships are designed to attract and develop the world's best post doctoral research in Canada.
- These prestigious two-year fellowships worth \$70,000 per year, are open to both Canadian and international researchers who have recently completed a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree.
- 70 fellowships will be awarded each year.
- The awards are administered by Canada's three federal research granting councils, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Fellowships will be divided evenly among the three councils.

## **Value of the award**

- \$70,000 annually for two years.

For Deadline, Criteria and Nomination process see:

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## **CANADA ANNOUNCES MITACS Globalink for undergrad students**

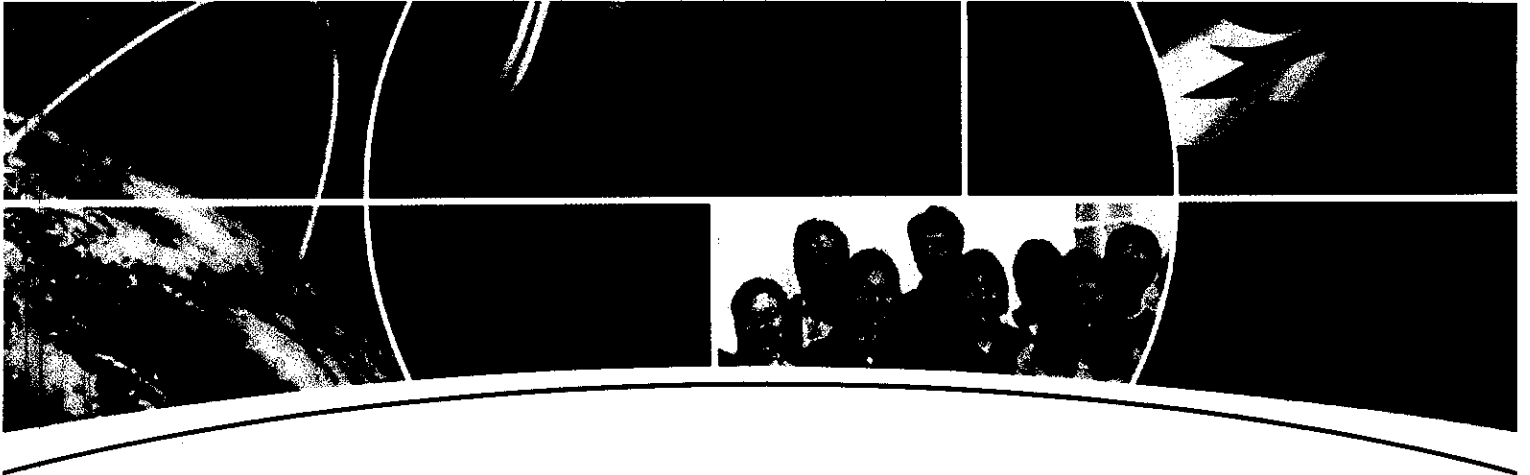
- 3-4 month research project with one of Canada's renowned researchers at a leading Canadian university;
- Stipend covers all expenses: airfare, accommodation, meals and local costs;
- In 2010, 105 students from Indian Institutes of Technology are participating in MITACS Globalink in BC, Ontario and New Brunswick. Projects range in topics from computer science, engineering to mathematics and business.

**For next Deadline, Criteria and  
Nomination process see:**

**[www.mitacs.ca](http://www.mitacs.ca)** [Globalink section)

**EMAIL:** [sroppel@mitacs.ca](mailto:sroppel@mitacs.ca)

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# **CANADA ANNOUNCES**

## **Student Mobility Support Program**

**Deadline for submission: February 1, 2010**

**Award value: up to C\$10,000**

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### **Areas of interest to Canada include:**

- Peace and Security
- North America Partnership (including key Canada-US bilateral issues)
- Economic Development and Competitiveness
- Democracy, Rule of law, Human Rights
- Managing Diversity
- Environment / Energy

Note: Projects must be submitted by the organisations or higher learning institutions (not the student).

Application form, guidelines and evaluation criteria are provided on our web site:

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# **CANADA ANNOUNCES Graduate Students' Exchange Program**

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## **What is GSEP?**

Under the Graduate Students Exchange Program (GSEP), students are hosted by Canadian institutions for a period of five or six months and are provided up to \$10,000 to cover transportation, living and other related expenses during their stay in Canada. Over 50 Indian students have benefited from this program since its launch in 2007.

## **Criteria**

- There must exist an institutional collaboration or exchange agreement between an Indian and Canadian institution. The Canadian institution may then apply for this grant on behalf of the Indian student. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) maintains a database of international exchange agreements which, while not exhaustive, does provide a list of some existing agreements [[www.aucc.ca](http://www.aucc.ca)].
- While an institutional exchange agreement is desirable, where no agreement yet exists, research applications by students which may result in a new collaboration between professors from a Canadian and Indian university will be considered.

For deadline and details see:

**[www.scholarships.gc.ca](http://www.scholarships.gc.ca)**

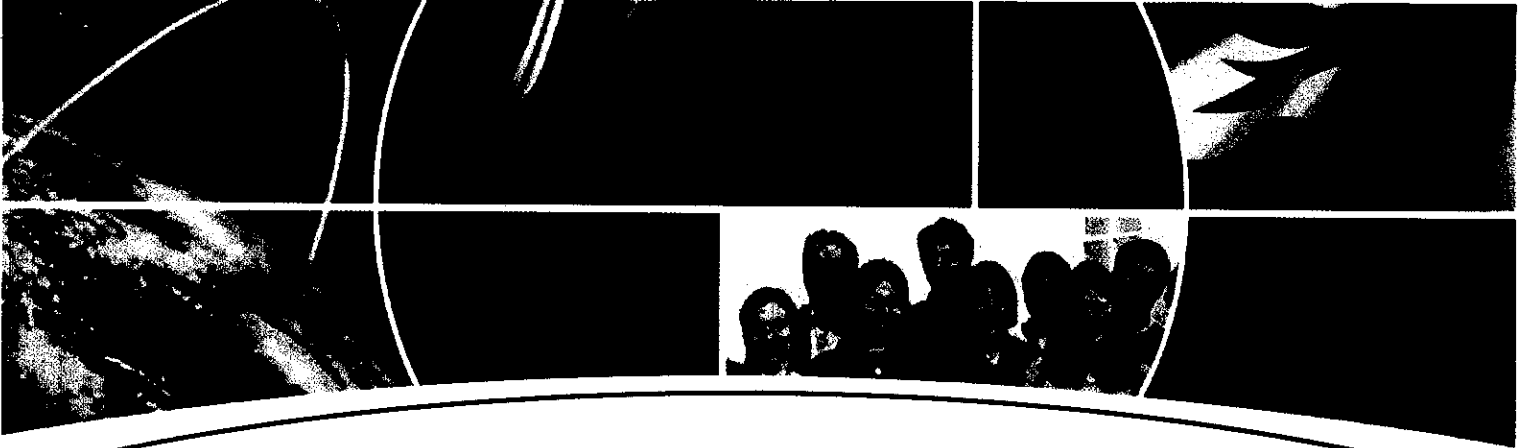
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## **Canada Conference Grant Program**

### **Call for Proposals for Conferences on India Canada Themes**

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