



SEPTEMBER 13 Q&A

PRIVATE ACADEMIC INSTITUTE PANEL

Q. '@All Panelist: (Question about Humanities and Economic Sciences)

I am a doctoral candidate in Economics at Kellogg SOM and looking for faculty positions.

1. What is the nature of research and travel support provided for faculty in area of Economic Sciences?

2. It would be great to know whether the universities participating in Sci-ROI will be hiring in economic sciences.

Thank you very much. (Asked by Sanket Patil)

A. BITS is hiring in Economics & Finance & Mgmt Sc. Please connect.

Q. I work on proteostasis and aging using Drosophila as a model system. And interested in studying brain aging. However am not a neuroscientist and have basic knowledge on brain. Would I be supported on a proposal made on it. Or would it be looked down upon on proposal? (asked by Mamta Rai)

A. You may please speak to Dr. Pavan Agarwal who has set up Drosophila lab. He was part of Sci-ROI

Q. Will you hire a candidate having experience both in academia and pharma industry? (asked by Abheepsa Mishra)

A. Of course. The quality of the individual, the pedigree and the research thread will matter.

Q. Do you provide seed funding to the New faculty members? (asked by Abheepsa Mishra)

A. Yes! We do provide seed funding to the new faculty member. At the end of three years returning scholar would be expected obtain research grants

Q. My question is for all the panelists: What is the average number of classes per week that a new faculty is expected to teach? (asked by Ananya Sen)

A. 4 to 8 hrs

Q. My question is for all the panelists: Are prospective faculty applications having Ramalingaswamy/Ramanujan fellowships preferred over candidates with no pre-existing fellowships? (asked by Ananya Sen)

A. Not really.

Q. Funding question for private institutions:

(a) How does the newly appointed Assistant Professor look for funding at private institutes?

(b) Are the sources of funding the same as Govt institutes such as IIT?

(c) How do the newly appointed Assistant Professors monetarily support the PhD students?

(asked by Punnag Chatterjee)

A. BITS funds Institute PhD students. Today we have 1300 PhD students

Q. I am doing basic immunology research and would like to know about the availability of Specific Pathogen Free animal facilities in private institutes. (asked by Karthik Chandiran)

A. You may be encouraged to develop this facility

Q. Is there a cap on number of PhDs that can be guided by a new faculty? What is the salary offered to the PhD students? How to write project proposals? How is the system different from public institutions?

A. I will be happy to respond. Send a mail to souvik@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in please

Q. '@Dr. Bhattacharyya, What is the timeline to get response of the faculty application from BITS? I have applied at March, but no responses received till now.

A. The pandemic may be responsible; which Dept is it? Send me a mail with your details at souvik@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in