



# U.S.-India TRUST Fellowship

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## About the Fellowship

The U.S.-India TRUST Fellowship is a public-private partnership led by U.S. Consulate General Chennai, aligned with the February 2025 U.S.-India joint statement by President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on advancing strategic technology cooperation.

Sponsored by Pratiksha Trust and Mazumdar Shaw Philanthropy (MSP) and hosted by MAHE, IISc and IITM, this initiative in collaboration with the U.S. Consulate General Chennai supports outstanding post-doctoral researchers and early career faculty from leading U.S. institutions to conduct innovative research at premier universities in India for 12-months and explore future career opportunities.

## Program Objectives

- Foster academic exchange between the United States and India and strengthen long-term international partnerships
- Enable impactful research outcomes – publications, patents, and commercialization

## Research Focus Areas

- Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing
- Defense and Space
- Semiconductors
- Biotechnology
- Energy
- Other fields aligned with the “Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology” (TRUST) initiative

## Fellowship Support and Benefits

- Monthly stipend: \$1,650
- For exceptional candidates who meet the eligibility requirements for early career faculty, IIT Madras will consider applicants for the position of Assistant Professor (under contract), which will provide an enhanced monthly stipend (a consolidated total of \$3,650 per month, if selected).
- Accommodation
- Health/medical insurance
- One round-trip economy airfare between U.S. residence city and Chennai
- Contingency research grant: up to \$2000
- Visa and on-ground logistical support

## Eligibility

- Post-doctoral researchers / Early Career faculty from leading U.S. institutions
- Research must align with TRUST strategic technology fields
- Preference for U.S. citizens with no prior experience in India

## Application Process

Apply at:

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URL: [U.S.-IndiaTrustFellowship](https://www.iitm.ac.in/usa/india-trust-fellowship)


Required documents:

- Academic CV (including top 2–3 publications)
- Research plan (2–3 pages)
- Host faculty consent letter (optional)

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