Best Practice 2 : PRAYAS (Promoting Research Apprenticeship for Young Aspirants in Science)

Introduction

The Biotechnology Department of L. J. School of Applied Sciences has undertaken a proactive initiative to encourage students to participate in the various Internship program such as Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM), National Academy of Sciences, Summer Research Fellowship Program, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, etc. This initiative facilitates practical experience for students by connecting them with eminent biotechnology institutes and scientific research organizations across the nation. The initiative aims to bridge academic learning with practical exposure, thereby enhancing students' skills and employability.

2. Purpose of the Initiative

The initiative was started in January 2022 and the core reasons for launching this initiative include:

- **Enhancing Practical Knowledge**: To provide students with real-world laboratory and research experience beyond classroom teaching.
- **Skill Development:** To help students acquire cutting-edge biotechnological skills and methodologies used in premier research centers.
- Career Exposure: To expose students to diverse research environments and potential career opportunities in the biotech industry and academia.
- **Networking Opportunities:** To facilitate connections with experts and institutions across India, fostering future collaborations and mentorship.

3. Process Followed

- **Information Sessions/Students Briefings:** Regular information sessions and classes were held to inform students about the different Internship program, its benefits, and application procedures.
- Application Assistance: The department provided documentation and guidance on preparing application forms, CVs, and interview readiness to maximize selection chances.

- Selection and Deployment: Based on merit of MCQ exam, interview and interest, students were selected and placed in suitable institutes that matched their academic focus and career goals.
- **Mentorship and Monitoring:** Faculty mentors monitored the progress of interns throughout the internship period to ensure meaningful learning outcomes.



4. Outcome and Impact

- **Increased Student Participation:** There has been a consistent rise in the number of students applying and getting selected for the various internships annually.
- **Skill Enhancement:** Students reported significant improvement in practical laboratory skills, research techniques, and problem-solving abilities.
- Academic and Career Growth: Many students received positive feedback and recommendation letters from host institutes, aiding in their higher studies and job placements.
- **Institutional Reputation:** The department's active involvement in facilitating internships has enhanced its standing as a progressive academic unit committed to student development.

5. Evidence of Success

- Over the past few years, the participation rate of students in various internships has shown a steady upward trend.
- Several alumni of the internship program have successfully pursued higher education and research careers, attributing their initial exposure to this program as a key factor.

6. Conclusion

The Biotechnology Department's initiative to encourage different internships has proved highly successful in equipping students with essential skills and exposure required for their future careers. Continued efforts will be made to strengthen this program, broaden institutional collaborations, and ensure even greater participation and benefits for our students.









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Congratulations to the B.Sc. and M.Sc. Biotechnology students from the School of Applied Sciences who have been selected for summer internships through state and national-level programs. They will be interning at various prestigious institutions across the country, including IITs, CSIR, ICMR, and Industry partners. We wish them the best of luck and hope they make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

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We are extremely proud and happy to share that following students of B.Sc. and M.Sc. of L J Institute are selected for <u>Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission Summer Research Internship - 2024</u> in various National Research Institutes across India.

