



# India Gateway

*Annual Report*

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**2021**



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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# Introduction

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Although the pandemic continued to disrupt international activities, the India Gateway productively engaged with Ohio State students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners through virtual platforms. Executive education programming continued between the Fisher College of Business and the Tata Group. New relationships were forged with partners in academia, virtual pre-departure orientations held, and the 3rd edition of an Infectious Diseases conference was organized in collaboration with an international partner.

The Office of International Affairs hosted Randhir Jaiswal, consul general of India to the United States (New York), at Ohio State where collaborations between Ohio State and India were a key point of discussion.

Ohio State was the “international knowledge partner” sponsor for the Global Education Conclave 2021, held in October and organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry. Gil Latz, vice provost for global strategies and international affairs, presented a case study on ‘Industry Academia Engagement – Global Best Practices’ and highlighted the university’s International Strategic Plan, the Global Gateways and the Global One Health initiative.

The India Gateway is proud to be a part of enhancing Ohio State’s global interactions since 2012 and is extremely appreciative of the encouragement and dedication of its partners and stakeholders.



**PADMINI ROY-DIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
GLOBAL GATEWAYS AND PARTNERSHIPS

# Students

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The India Gateway helped recruit new students to Ohio State, provided resources to incoming students, promoted academic programs and identified internships for current students to gain practical experiences in their future careers.

## Recruitment and Engagement

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Supported Ohio State's recruitment efforts through in-person and virtual activities; engaged with admitted students by hosting virtual pre-departure orientations, facilitating experiential learning and virtual global education opportunities; and responding to student questions.

- Visited 10 high schools
- Provided visa and pre-departure preparation sessions to 77 admitted students
- Twelve GAP students immersed in experiential learning programs
- Provided general services to 97 Buckeyes
- Coordinated four major event series for Ohio State admission counselors
- Eight RIYA applicants completed virtual internships

**TOTAL: 28+ events/visits – 850+ students reached**



Participated in **4** recruitment events that reached **661** prospective students



Featured **10** alumni in **6** student events

# Faculty

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The India Gateway engaged with faculty by fostering existing partnerships and facilitating new relationships.

Faculty and staff travel was impacted for another year due to the pandemic. However, faculty virtually participated in the Infectious Diseases signature conference the India Gateway hosted with an international partner.

- Two faculty members visited India and one of them spearheaded a signature conference in India
- Completed 27 virtual engagements with 29 faculty and staff members

## Partnerships and Collaborations

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Connected a diverse array of partners — academic, corporate, governmental and NGOs — with Ohio State students, faculty and staff to develop new partnerships and maintain existing ones.

- Two MOUs signed and two MOU renewals initiated
- Eighteen Indian companies and institutions collaborating with the India Gateway



**24** colleges, institutes and centers engaged with the India Gateway

Thank you Vishwajeet and Dr. Namal for your support! Sincere thanks to Vishwajeet for time management of the video recording. Thank you all for your support to make the event and session successful.

– **Rajesh Deshmukh**, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Global HIV & TB – India

## Corporate Engagement

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The relationship developed between Fisher College of Business and corporations like the Tata Group remained strong with executive education programming and Global Applied Projects. A new MOU was executed with Mahindra and Mahindra for Fisher's Operational Excellence program.

- Fisher delivered 22 executive education programs for Tata Consultancy Services and four TGeLS programs to TMTC; resumed executive education with MIQ
- Fisher expanded scope of engagement to five Tata businesses: Indian Hotels Co. Ltd., Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Steel, Tata Motors and Tata Chemicals

## Academic Engagement

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- Fisher College of Business signed a MOU with S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai to deliver a certificate program on Operations Excellence
- The Carbon Management and Sequestration Centre at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences signed a MOU with Amity University
- The 2021 International Infectious Disease Conference was organized by partner hosts, the Sri Lanka College of Microbiologists and the India Gateway. The “Threat of new and re-emerging infections: role of novel tools and technologies to face challenges” convened virtually in August in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Twelve faculty members from various departments, centers and schools around campus participated in the conference, including experts from infectious diseases, global one health, microbial infection and immunity, microbiology, health and rehabilitation sciences, pathology and veterinary biosciences.



The IIT Bombay-Ohio State Frontier Center awarded more than **\$200,000** to collaborative research teams from both universities

# Alumni and Friends

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One of Ohio State's most important assets are individuals who want to engage and remain connected to the university — no matter where they reside in the world. The India Gateway helps Ohio State remain connected to alumni and friends in the region.

## Events and Engagement

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Hosted events and supported activities to increase engagement with alumni, stakeholders and friends.

- In collaboration with The Ohio State University Alumni Association, supported the India Alumni Club that achieved a Scarlet status for the third consecutive year
- Engaged directly with 56 alumni in 2021
- Six alumni participated in an International Alumni Conversation virtual event



5 alumni events with  
72 attendees

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Thank you so much for all your help and guidance during tough times when we were clueless about the next steps and were facing uncertainty about Shreya's admission. The India Gateway is providing a wonderful service and guidance program for students and parents!

– Shreya Sandurkar (Class of 2025), shared by parent through WhatsApp

# Outreach

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Maintained connections and built Ohio State's awareness in India through newsletters and social media platforms: Facebook, LinkedIn and WhatsApp.



Featured four alumni and five faculty on International Women's Day



Four alumni and three students highlighted via online spotlight series



Shared 110 posts with 343 alumni in LinkedIn group



Published 143 stories for 458 Facebook followers



Messaged 1,234 subscribers via six newsletters



Engaged 346 WhatsApp users

Business education at Ohio State has always prepared the next generation of leaders to make an immediate impact in their careers and around the world. Fisher's Executive Education focuses specifically on partnering with companies to drive corporate and individual growth. A strong collaboration with Tata — a global conglomerate that shares the same core values as Fisher — has allowed faculty to deliver multiple programs to Tata executives from across the world while overcoming the challenges created by the global pandemic. The role played by the India Gateway has been instrumental in founding and fostering the relationship with the Tata leadership in India.

– Anil Makhija, dean, Fisher College of Business

# Partners

The India Gateway worked with a diverse array of partners — academic, corporate and governmental — to reinforce Ohio State’s connections with these organizations.

## Academic Partners

Amity University

Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay

Indian Institute of Technology – Kharagpur

Indian Institute of Technology – Madras

Punjab Agriculture University

S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research

Sri Lanka Institute of Microbiologists

## The Ohio State University

Center for Automotive Research

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Engineering

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

College of Medicine

College of Pharmacy

College of Public Health

College of Social Work

Fisher College of Business

Global One Health initiative

Infectious Diseases Institute

Institute for Materials Research

Moritz College of Law

Smart Vehicle Concepts Center

Sustainability Institute

The Ohio State University Alumni Association

Technology Commercialization Office

Translational Data Analytics Institute

## Corporate Partners

Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre

Foundation for Neglected Disease Research

Indian Hotels Co. Ltd.

Mahindra Institute of Quality

TATA Management Training Center

Tata Sons Ltd.

Tata Consultancy Services

Tata Steel

Tata Motors

Tata Chemicals

## Hospitals

All India Institute of Medical Science

## Government Agencies

Automotive Research Association of India

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Global Health – India

EducationUSA

Government of India – Department of Science and Technology

Indian Council for Agricultural Research

Institute of Microbial Technologies

International Centre for Automotive Technology

U.S. Agency for International Development

U.S. Department of State

U.S. – India Science & Technology Endowment Fund

United States – India Educational Foundation



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