

WORKSHOP
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES IN NORTH AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES

Venue: Conference Hall, PG Dept. of Commerce

Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar

Date: December 22nd, 2011

Time: 2.00 PM – 4.30 PM

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1. Introduction

The objective of this workshop is primarily for information sharing on potential opportunities for higher studies and research in North American Universities. The presentation and discussion shall cover various aspects such as:

- Applying for MS/PhD Programs at Various Universities – Requirements and Procedures
- Cost & Opportunities for Scholarship/Assistantship
- Collaborative Research & Visiting Faculty Opportunities
- Collaborative Research Grant Opportunities
- Post Academic Opportunities in North America after Higher Study

The workshop shall be provided by distinguished professors and researchers from North America, who are also members of OSA community. The workshop is expected to be very interactive primarily addressing questions and concerns of interested individuals.

This workshop will be useful for students intending for higher studies (typically Masters & Ph.D Program) in North American University. The workshop is expected to be equally useful for faculties who would like to pursue collaborative research, joint research grant, & visiting faculty opportunities in North American Universities.

2. Program Schedule

Inaugural Address	Prof. P.K. Sahoo (VC)	2.00 – 2.10 PM
Admission Requirement to MS and PhD Programs	Prof. Durga M. Mishra	2.10 – 2.40 PM (15 Min Talk & 15 Min Q&A)
Admission to Business School & Tips for Survival and Success	Prof. Nirajan Tripathy	2.40 – 3.10 PM (15 Min Talk & 15 Min Q&A)
Campus Life & Post Academic Opportunities	Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra	3.10 – 3.40 PM (15 Min Talk & 15 Min Q&A)
General Questions, Concerns: Q&A	Moderated by Prof. K. B. Das	3.40 – 4.20 PM
Message from OSA President	Mrs. Kuku Das	4.20 – 4.25 PM
Workshop Conclusion & Vote of Thanks	Prof. S. Moharana	4.25 – 4.30 PM

3. Speakers & Topics

3.1 Prof. Durga M. Mishra: Prof. Mishra is a professor in Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology Newark, NJ, and fellow of The Electrochemical Society. Prof. Mishra is a very active member of OSA and helped in various capacities.

Topic: Admission Requirement to MS and PhD Programs

This discussion will address the detailed requirement and procedures that are necessary for admission into a graduate school in USA. Minimum GRE, TOEFL and GPA requirement and possible approaches for success in securing an assistantship will also be discussed.

3.2 Prof. Niranjana Tripathy: Prof. Tripathy is a Professor of Finance and Director of Ph.D. Program and Research at College of Business at the University of North Texas. As a *Chartered Financial Analyst* (CFA) he is also a director of the college's, Student Investment Group that manages a \$300,000 portfolio. He is the past president of the Orissa Society of the Americas (OSA).

Topic: Admission to Business School & Tips for Survival and Success

The talk will provide an overview of the structure and content of a PhD program in areas of Business Administration such as Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, and Information Systems. My focus will be on what applicants from Indian universities need to know about the admission process and selection criteria followed by a typical North American Business School. The intent is to provide a head start to potential applicants to such programs. I will also present valuable tips on academic survival and success - especially related to doctoral programs in Business.

3.3 Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra: Dr. Mohapatra as VP, Technology at Virtual Photonics, NJ, leads technology and strategy for the company. Dr. Mohapatra is the founder chairman of National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST), Berhampur, Orissa.

Topic: Campus Life and Post Academic Opportunities

The talk will cover the campus life in general, full time student status requirement and health insurance etc. while continuing graduate program. The talk will also discuss about various post academic opportunities and visa requirements.

4. Useful Links & Future Thought

- The contact information of NRO/OSA members who may be contacted by various academics institutes for potential research collaboration, visiting faculty/research opportunity, seminar talks, student advising etc.
http://www.orissasociety.org/osaftp01/education_contacts.htm#TOP
- Graduate Study Programs:
<http://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx>
- In long term, OSA aims to help in providing information on overseas higher education opportunity, catalyze educational exchanges, publications through cross-border collaborations, helping on internships and student/faculty exchanges at various levels between Odisha and North America through its volunteered member community.