

Summer programme for high schoolers at ASU

India centre opens at UK varsity

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NEWDELHI: Arizona State University (ASU), has launched ASU's Master Learners Academy for international high school students aged 14-18 years. ASU has partnered with BrainGain Global, a SaaS-enabled platform for higher education content, programs and tools, to invite applications for their Robotics, Technology and Invention Summer Program from July 6 - July 20.

The programme will be located on the Tempe campus near Phoenix, Arizona. Seats are filling up fast, so students are encouraged to apply early.

Students who get accepted, attend and complete the summer program will be eligible to get a \$2000 scholarship when they apply for an undergraduate course at Arizona State University.

The students will also receive a certificate of participation upon successful completion of the program. The deadline for accepting applications for the ASU's Master Learners Academy is March 31.

"As the number one ranked most innovative university, ASU is an excellent choice for students to explore their passion in robotics and work with cutting edge technologies. At BrainGain Global, we are focused on providing curated learning experiences to students and adults who are exploring opportunities to discover new areas of learning. We are very excited to collaborate with ASU to make the summer programs a massive success," says Harjiv Singh, founder and CEO of BrainGain Global.

The Robotic, Technology, and Invention Summer Program is designed for students entering high school grades IX to XII.

The first week will focus on robotics which covers component-based robot construction, robotics programming, web programming and phone app programming as vehicles to teach the latest engineering design concepts, artificial intelligence and computing technologies. The robots built by students will enter a robotics challenge and demonstration at the end of the first week.

The learning objectives include: robot construction, visual programming, language programming, C# programming, web programming in service-oriented computing, mobile app programming among others.

The second week of the program will cover the Art of Invention wherein students will be introduced to the engineering design processes while they learn and use basic science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) concepts like simple machines, electric circuits, programming, rapid prototyping in maker spaces and storytelling.

This project-based approach will emphasize on problem identification, brainstorming, problem solving, teamwork and communication.

ASU's Master Learners Academy's summer program will also include workshops on interpersonal and leadership skills, the typical campus and American culture experience which will include the ASU campus tour and extra-curricular activities.

The summer program costs \$2,900 USD per student which includes tuition fees, on-campus accommodation and meals and off-campus activities and activity supply but excludes airfare, visa costs and international travel insurance.

Applications for the ASU Master Learners Academy's summer programs can be submitted online.

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The University of Southampton has recently launched its new India Centre for Growth and Sustainable Development, aiming for it to become a globally recognised think-tank for innovation and knowledge sharing. The Centre, which is located at the University's UK Campus, will underpin existing excellence in research, education and enterprise, and be driven by common goals, shared values and partnerships between Southampton and India.

The India Centre will bring together a mix of expertise and engage experts and stakeholders from around the globe. It will focus on a set of core themes in the areas related to policy change, inclusive economic growth, technology and sustainable development.

It will serve as a platform to building on the strong relationships the University of Southampton already has in India.

Among the many examples of collaboration is the work of Professor Caroline Fall from the University's Faculty of Medicine with doctors and researchers across India to study maternal nutrition and health in order to reduce Type2 diabetes and heart disease in Indian children.

Another goal of the centre is to further strengthen capacity in early-career researchers through research mobility, training and participation in research and consultancy activities.

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