



- ✓ Holding of "Round Table" on the basis of the Diplomatic Academy, MFA RF in April 2017 dedicated to the 70th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations with participation of representatives from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the diplomatic corps, the Indian Council of International Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (Chandigarh) and the subsequent publication of the "Round Table" materials with the inclusion of a clusters of articles by Russian and Indian diplomats (MFA of Russia, Diplomatic Academy, ICWA).
  
- ✓ Think-tank summit on topical issues and prospects of Russian-Indian cooperation in the changing global environment (in the follow-up to the forum held in Moscow on September 21-23, 2016 in Moscow State University of International Relations, MFA RF, on the initiative of Indian Council for World Affairs) (Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC), Russian Academy of Sciences, MGIMO, Russkiy Mir Foundation, ICWA, ERS-MEA).
  
- ✓ "Round Tables" on international and bilateral issues, essential for both countries, in the format of videoconference on the basis of the RCSC and its offices in India with participation of well-known Russian and Indian experts (Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International Humanitarian Cooperation – Rossotrudnichestvo, RIAC, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russkiy Mir Foundation, ICWA, MEA).
  
- ✓ Organization of round table "The Future of Russia and India in the Hands of Young People" in Russia with the participation of Russian youth leaders and Indian representatives invited within the Program of short-term visits to Russia of young representatives of political, social, scientific and business of foreign states "New Generation" (in April-October, 2017) (Federal Agency for Youth Affairs – Rosmolodezh, Rossotrudnichestvo, Ministry of Youth Affairs of India)
  
- ✓ Round tables "People's Diplomacy: Challenges and Prospects". Meetings with Indian diaspora members residing in Russia (Russkiy Mir Foundation, All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company, XP Division, MEA of India, Doordarshan/Prasar Bharati)
  
- ✓ State sponsorship to the organizations publishing the works Indian authors translated into Russian. Joint literary festivals ("weeks of books") (Federal Agency for Press and Mass Media – Rospechat, Ministry of Culture of India).

*From official Document*

*"Roadmap of Events dedicated to the 70th Anniversary of  
Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between  
the Russian Federation and the Republic of India"*



## VAJRA (VISITING ADVANCED JOINT RESEARCH)

Hon'ble Prime Minister during the 14<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention at Bengaluru on 8th January 2017 has announced the launching of VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research) Faculty scheme by the Department of Science and Technology which enables NRIs and overseas scientific community to participate and contribute to research and development in India. The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a Statutory body of the Department will implement the Scheme.

VAJRA Faculty Scheme offers adjunct / visiting faculty position to undertake high quality research in Public funded Indian Institutions / Universities.

The scheme is open to overseas scientist /

faculty / R&D professional including Non- resident Indians (NRI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) / Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).

VAJRA faculty will undertake research in S&T priority areas of nation wherein the capability and capacity are needed to be developed. The VAJRA faculty will engage in collaborative research in public funded institutions. The faculty can co-guide research students and can be a co-investigators in projects. The VAJRA faculty can also be involved in developing technology, setting up of start-ups etc. The faculty appointment may be renewable under the scheme.

The overseas scientist / faculty should be an active researcher working with overseas academic /

research / industrial organizations with proven track record of research and development.

The residency period of the VAJRA Faculty in India would be for a minimum of 1 month and a maximum of 3 months a year. It is expected that the Indian Host Institution may engage him/her for longer duration even after the completion of the assignment.

The VAJRA Faculty is provided a lump-sum amount of US\$ 15000 in the first month of residency in a year and US\$ 10000 p.m. in the other two months to cover their travel and honorarium. While no separate support is provided for e.g. accommodation, medical / personal insurance etc. the host institute may consider providing additional support.

#### **The Host Institution**

Public funded academic institutions and national laboratories are eligible to host the VAJRA Faculty. These institutions should appoint them as Adjunct / Visiting Faculty and involve them in co-guiding and mentoring of students and developing collaborative programs. The Faculty can also be allowed to participate in other academic activities as agreed to by the host institution and the Faculty. Host institution should provide adequate research infrastructure and manpower required to carry out the proposed research by the VAJRA Faculty.

#### **The VAJRA Faculty**

The VAJRA Faculty will carry out research of the highest global standards in collaboration with researchers of the host institution.

While the primary role is research as outlined in the proposal, based on mutual agreement, the VAJRA Faculty can undertake other activities like teaching etc. without diluting the primary objective.

VAJRA Faculty should submit an Appraisal Report at the end of the assignment elaborating the outcome of the research undertaken and its significance.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Indian collaborator and the overseas faculty will jointly frame a research plan and the application duly endorsed by the Head of the Institution will be submitted online by the Indian collaborator.

The overseas faculty, if selected should get necessary permission/approval from his/her institution to work as VAJRA faculty in India for the specified period.

A Selection Committee of eminent scientists will evaluate the applications. The Committee will meet twice a year in January and July and make recommendations.

SERB will announce the results in the month of April and September.

Visit [www.vajra-india.in](http://www.vajra-india.in) for more details on the scheme.

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## EDUCATION NEWS&EVENTS

### SUMMER RUSSIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE SCHOOL OF KAZAN FEDERAL UNIVERSITY (KAZAN, RUSSIA)

**When:** 3-30 of July 2017

**How long:** 3-4 weeks

**Audience:** non-native Russian language learners (A2-B1 level)

**Number of students in groups:** 10-12 students

**Cost:**

- Tuition fee – 25000 Rub.
- Accommodation in a university dormitory – from 500 Rub. (if available and booked in advance), in a host family (cost by additional agreement). Students may choose any other accommodation in Kazan.
- Transportation from/to the airport – 1000 Rub.

- Additionally students will need to buy health insurance

**Tuition fee includes:**

- 60 academic hours of communicative practicum in class
- 36 academic hours of non-class hours (city walking tours in downtown and Kremlin, Old Tatar settlement, Konstantin Vasiliev's Museum, Center «Hermitage-Kazan», Soviet Lifestyle Museum, «Museum of Happy Childhood», classes in malls, meetings with Russian students, contests, tea parties, etc.)
- all learning materials.

The content and duration of the program may be tailored according to the request for set groups of students. Generally, the program includes intensive classes of conversational Russian, practice in all language aspects: grammar, phonetics, listening, reading, writing, Russian culture, special courses in Russian Studies and Russian Literature.

**How to Apply:** email [an application form](#) to [admission@kpfu.ru](mailto:admission@kpfu.ru) indicating your interest to study in a summer or fall school at Kazan International Linguistic Center. If you need to obtain a visa, you need to apply 45-60 days in advance.

**Contact Information:** For inquiries about the content of the program please contact Gulnara Sadykova [Gulnara.Sadykova@kpfu.ru](mailto:Gulnara.Sadykova@kpfu.ru), Ajgul.Zhigalko@kpfu.ru, tel. +7 (843) 221-33-67.



For inquiries regarding invitations, visas and accommodation please contact at [admission@kpfu.ru](mailto:admission@kpfu.ru).

If you have a group of students, we can design a program according to your needs. The program or part the program less than one month is charged as one month long program.

Week 4 is planned for bus or boat tours in Kazan suburbs and neighbourhood cities: Yoshkar-Ola, Sviyazhsk Island, The Raifa Bogoroditsky Monastery, etc.



## Resource Centre 'Russia-India: Education, Science, and Innovation'

offers the following services:

### Consulting/advising/analytics

- ✓ possibilities of Russian-Indian cooperation in education, including vocational education and professional training;
- ✓ possibilities of scientific collaboration of institutions, scientific teams and scientists of Russia and India;
- ✓ possibilities of technological and innovation cooperation of science and educational institutions, companies and individual innovators;
- ✓ analysis of industries' needs/capacities/niches in Russia and India, including high-tech and innovation sectors;
- ✓ advising on national, bilateral and multilateral (BRICS, SCO, etc.) programmes and initiatives in science, technology, education and innovation;
- ✓ and many more.

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- ✓ information support and promotion of educational, S&T, and innovation events in Russia and India.
- ✓ ensuring visibility of your event (conference, summer/winter schools, innovation projects, news on your achievements or requests for cooperation) for target audience in Russia or India.

### Brokerage and matchmaking

We assist in finding partners for joint educational, S&T and innovation projects.

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We invite institutions, chairs, departments, but also scholars and scientists both from Russia and India to use our e-Newsletter for sharing information about events, conferences, and courses.

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- 1) upcoming conferences, seminars, summer/winter schools;
- 2) grants and contests;
- 3) scholarships;
- 4) call for papers;
- 5) proposals for joint projects;
- 6) news about achievements and new research directions;
- 7) information about departments and faculties looking for partners in Russia and India;
- 8) vacancies.

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