

## Obama Singh 21<sup>st</sup> Century Knowledge Initiative (OSI) US-India Institutional Partnership Grants

### Key Aim

To strengthen collaboration and build partnerships between Indian and US higher education institutions

### Goals

- Encourage mutual understand
- Facilitate educational reform
- Foster economic development
- Engage civil society

### Thematic Areas

- Energy
- Climate change and environmental studies
- Education and educational reform
- Public health
- Sustainable development, community development

### Activities (not all inclusive)

To develop expertise, advance scholarship and teaching, and promote long-term ties between partner institutions:

- Development or revision of curricula, courses, programs of study
- Collaborative research
- Development of new pedagogical methodologies like team teaching
- Focused series of exchanges (of faculty, researchers, and/or administrators); seminars
- Outreach to educators, professional groups, or general public

### Deadline

November 1, 2013

### Funding Limit

\$250,000 total to be used over a maximum of 3 years

### Some OSI Specifics

- Not designed to support study abroad activities, but could be used to develop ed abroad programs
- Requires ability to issue J-1 visa
- Will fund educational materials and technical components
- Only supports conferences as minor part of project

### Proposals Must

- Demonstrate how the project will mutually benefit participating institutions
- Assess institutional capacities realistically
- Contain objectives to address institutional needs and larger societal needs
- Explain how the exchange activities will advance the goals of the project
- Include plans for follow-up engagement of program alumni

### Particular Areas of Interest

- Indian junior faculty development
- Engagement of US community colleges with Indian vocational and technical ed institutions
- Public private partnerships to expand number of program participants and overall impact

### Review Criteria

- Broad and enduring significance of institutional objectives
- Feasibility and effectiveness of strategy to achieve project objectives
- Institutional commitment to cooperation
- Project evaluation
- Cost-effectiveness
- Support of diversity