



## **Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women**

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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

### **EVENT REPORT**

#### **Fulbright Fellowship for Indian Citizens**

#### **Mentoring Workshop**

Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher education for Women (ACIE) and Research and Development Cell, in association with United States India Education Foundation (USIEF) hosted a Mentoring Workshop on Fulbright Fellowship. The event was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 2pm to 4.30pm at Hi Tech Seminar Hall. The resource persons for the event were Ms. Maya Sundarajan, Regional Officer, USIEF, Ms. Shinu Shoba Vincent, Project Coordinator, Fulbright, USIEF, and Mr. Prateek Dey, Research Scientist, SACON, Fulbright Recipient.

Ms. Maya Sundarajan, in her presentation, gave detailed information on the role of USIEF, how the Fulbright fellowship started off, and highlighted that these fellowships were intended for people who have a vision to learn and come back to India and contribute to the society. She gave an overview of the different categories under which the fellowships available, areas of research and the prerequisites for the application process. She also gave details on the Grant Benefits and the time lines open every year for various Fellowship applications.



Ms Shinu Shoba Vincent, presented information on the step by step process of application which is to be carried out in the Online portal, the documents that are needed to be submitted from the applicant. Following her presentation, Mr. Prateek Dey, Research Scientist, SACON, Fulbright recipient 2023, shared his experience. He spoke on the key aspects of the selection process, highlighting the need for drafting a research proposal that carries all the merits to convince the selection committee on why the applicant intends to conduct the research in US. He also mentioned that the applicant need to start their preparation at least 6 months in advance and start communicating with professors from US institution where he or she would like to apply. Mr. Prateek also shared experiences on his stay in Virginia, the research culture in US and fun experiences of hiking, camping and local visits.



The program was well received and there were 100 attendees, primarily research scholars and teaching faculty from institutions of Coimbatore. The program ended with an open discussion session over a cup of tea.