



FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

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Dear FFE Scholars,

The next academic year is just around the corner.
So let's kick off this newsletter with a pop quiz!

[How much do you know about FFE?](#)

FFE Quiz

1. What does FFE stand for?
2. Who is FFE's Founder?
3. How many students were awarded scholarships in 2015-16?
4. What percentage of FFE Scholars are medical students?
5. How many colleges have FFE Student Coordinators?
6. How many alumni donors have given money to support FFE Scholars?
7. What five cities hosted Summer Placement Training programs in 2016?
8. What is one goal of FFE's mentorship program?
9. Where is FFE's office in India?
10. What is the name of one FFE staff member that you've met, called or emailed?

Keep reading to find the answers to these questions!

As an FFE Scholar, you are an ambassador for FFE on your campus and in your community. Please read on to keep yourself informed about FFE's history, current news and upcoming initiatives.

All About FFE's History and Mission

FFE stands for [Foundation for Excellence](#). It was founded in 1994 by leading venture capitalist and philanthropist Dr. Prabhu Goel and his wife Mrs. Poonam Goel.

FFE's mission is to help economically underprivileged and academically bright students in India complete their higher education through a Scholarship Program.

All About FFE's Scholars and Scholarships

FFE is proud to have expanded our family of scholars and alumni to over **16,000** members.

2015-16 Scholarship Stats:

- FFE awarded 4,029 scholarships, including 1,199 new scholarships.
- There are FFE scholars in 27 states all around India.
- 83% of our current scholars are studying engineering and 17% are studying medicine.

The scholarship renewal process will begin at the end of July. Keep an eye out for an email from the Scholarship Team with details and directions. ***Remember to check your spam folder, in case FFE's emails are sent there.*** Please make sure to submit by the deadline so you don't face any financial penalty.

FFE Scholarships are awarded at no cost to the Scholars. You should never pay anyone for receiving a scholarship from FFE. No one can ask you or threaten you to give a part of your scholarship to them for any reason. Please notify FFE immediately if this happens.

All About Student Coordinators

FFE Student Coordinators are:
Leaders
Communicators,
and Team Builders.

At colleges with a sizeable group of FFE Scholars, FFE appoints Student Coordinators. These Student Coordinators lead groups of 10-20 students at their college. Student Coordinator groups vary from college to college. Some groups contain students from the same year or the same branch, while others are a mix. Each group provides an excellent opportunity for you to build connections with other FFE students at your college.

We currently have a total of **222 Student Coordinators at 95 colleges** across India.

Student Coordinators are expected to:

- Create and manage a whatsapp group with the students in their group
- Organize at least 2 face-to-face meetings each semester
- Support, lead and communicate with the students in their group

Our Student Coordinators volunteer their time for this role and FFE is grateful for their efforts. [Please help and encourage them by attending the meetings they organize and responding quickly to their requests.](#)

All About Donors

FFE exists because of the generosity of our donors. Donors include alumni, individuals, corporates, foundations and charitable trusts.

These donors are important to us - and you! Without them, there would not be funding for our scholarships. [Please respond quickly and sincerely to requests from FFE's Donor Relations team. Make sure that if you commit to a meeting or event that you attend it.](#)

Donor facts:

- More than 1000 FFE alumni are donors. Their donations to FFE, in small and large amounts, totals 1.3 crores.
- More than 50% of FFE scholars are funded through the Adopt-A-Scholar program, where individual donors commit to fund scholarships for all years of a student's undergraduate education.
- FFE receives support from 25 Corporate donors, 5 Foundations and 10 Charitable Trusts. Curious about who they are? See [FFE's website](#) for details.
- FFE has an office in California that leads US-based fundraising activities. This year will mark the 10th Anniversary of the FFE Annual Gala, organized each year to raise awareness and funds in the US.

Benefits from donors vary depending on the requirements of the donor. Regardless of the benefits they receive, each FFE scholar is an integral part of the growing FFE family and is fully supported by FFE.

All About Training

This summer, FFE organized:

- Six 2-week Summer Placement Training programs for students entering their final year - in Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Ahmedabad
- One 1-week Entrepreneurship Training program developed by Entrepreneurship Development Institute – Ahmedabad
- One 2-day Innovation for Employability workshop led by 1M1B (1 Million for 1 Billion) in Bangalore

Participants said:

It was superb with fun filled memories to be cherished and thoughts to be carried throughout life. Got diverse friends and above all interactions and team activities with fellow students were awesome.

STP programme helped many of us to improve our personality development. We learned a lot about general apt, how to face a critical situation, communication skills and it helped us to face the interview without any hesitation.

For those of you who haven't had a chance to participate, don't worry! FFE is working on expanding opportunities to reach more scholars. Some areas that the Training team is focusing on for the upcoming year are:

- Soft skills training for junior students
- English-language courses
- Career development options for medical students
- Entrepreneurship seminars

All About Mentorship

FFE's Mentorship program is a work readiness mentoring program for FFE scholars powered by the Mentor Together platform to help students:

- Discuss their interests, aptitudes and skills
- Build critical workplace skills
- Enrich and expand social connections and networks
- Improve self esteem, outlook towards the future, motivation to learn and work readiness.

There are two formats of mentorship:

- Work Based Mentorship - students in Bangalore, Delhi, Pune and Mumbai to meet face-to-face with a corporate mentor in their city
- Remote Mentorship - students throughout India interact with the mentor through a weekly video skype call

Over 200 students have already participated in the Work-Based Mentorship program. Remote Mentorship is being piloted this year with 100 students located across 15 cities in India.

In the upcoming year, both the Work-Based and Remote Mentorship programs will be expanded to include more students.

All About FFE Staff

FFE's India office is in Bangalore, in the Indiranagar locality. For students who study outside of Bangalore, please let us know if you're visiting Bangalore. We would love to meet you!

There are a total of 20 people working in our India office, led by Managing Trustee Sudha Kidao and Chief Operating Officer Deepa Mahesh.

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All About FFE and You

Try taking the quiz again. We hope you score 100% after reading this e-mailer.

Quiz Bonus Question:

How do you contribute to the FFE community?

Go to the [FFE Facebook](#) page and submit your answer right now!

Now that you know about us, we want to know about you!

FFE is eager to hear about *your* history, current news and future plans. Tell us about your achievements and/or challenges:

- Post on the [FFE Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) groups
- Send updates or questions to studentrelations@ffe.org.

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