



Strand 1: Building a New Generation of Leaders

Objectives:

- To enhance the capacity of institutions through the development of leadership initiatives
- To increase the capacity of individuals to ensure they have relevant leadership skills for the future

The strand aims to work with key partners and stakeholders in both countries in providing opportunities to teachers, faculty members and senior staff from universities, colleges, schools, further education institutions to build capacity as well as to develop academic leadership programmes that provide core knowledge & skills required to become effective leaders and improve efficiency. This strand of UKIERI phase two, as it is currently envisaged, has a strong focus on school leaders, with additional work and on going development of senior staff in Higher Education and Further Education institutions.

Strand 2: Innovation Partnerships

Objectives:

- To transfer Innovation and knowledge between the UK and India
- To enhance partnerships in institutional development and capacity building

This strand aims to provide opportunities for UK and Indian universities to collaborate on thematic partnerships and collaborations. Think tank meetings to guide institutional partnerships and scholarships for young researchers will also be part of the strand's activities.

“We are focusing largely on collaborations in the field of Higher education, skills development, leadership and quality in education along with UK's cooperation in setting up the innovation universities in India. Through these UKIERI partnerships we are looking for a win-win relationship for both countries”

Shri Kapil Sibal,
Minister for Human Resource
Development, Government of India

Strand 3: Skills Development

Objectives:

- To promote UK- India collaboration in skills development
- To secure long term UK-India partnerships for the development of Indian skills, infrastructure, delivery capacity and for vocational education in schools;
- To ensure skills' providers and other bodies in the UK and India are better equipped to work with each other

This strand aims to work with a range of different skills and training bodies to enable participation and facilitation of skill development needs in the two countries. Activities under the strand are being designed to enhance the understanding of skills and vocational education system in India and the UK. It will also lay emphasis on infrastructural development of the skills sector by formulating competency based standards and qualifications which meet the needs of industry.

Strand 4: Enhancing mobility

Objectives:

- To improve student mobility and mutual recognition of learning
- To ensure significant increase in the number of UK students undertaking study and work placements in India
- To work towards the transferability and equivalence of qualifications through recognition of learning and achievements

This strand aims to foster mobility of students across the two countries and to work on key areas that support it like, mutual recognition of qualifications and transferability. The main areas of work under this strand will be learning from ongoing collaborations on existing partnerships, working specifically with credit transfers and mutual recognition of learning and achievements across HE/FE/school qualification systems. The strand also aims to strengthen cultural links between India and the UK by creating mutual opportunities for student mobility.

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Strategic Partnerships
Impact and Outreach
Systemic Change
Capacity Building
Inclusion
Support Innovation
Mutuality
Leadership Development
Quality
Student Mobility
Skill Development



UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI)

The UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) started in April 2006 with the aim of enhancing educational links between India and the UK. For the last five years, UKIERI has played a pivotal role in establishing a step change in the educational relations between the two countries.

All projects under UKIERI involved teams in India and the UK to deliver joint projects with mutuality of benefit as the core principle. This unique multi-stakeholder partnership programme committed over £20 million through three main strands of Higher Education & Research, Schools & Professional and Technical Skills. The programme also offered an opportunity for policy dialogue between India and the UK on areas of mutual interest. The private sector has also been associated with UKIERI through “Corporate Champions” who have extended support to the programme since its inception.

UKIERI has been successful in covering all segments of the education sector working with universities, colleges, schools and technical institutions. UKIERI set itself a range of quantitative output targets, all but one have been achieved and most have been exceeded.

“We need to build on the success of UKIERI. I am confident that we will be able to develop a new programme which will cover a range of work across higher education and skills, and will bring more UK students to India.”

David Willets,
Minister for Universities and Sciences
– Department for Business, Innovation
and Skills, UK

Significant Achievements under UKIERI

- **182** UK India partnerships across Higher Education & Research; Schools and Professional & Technical Skills, involving over 600 institutions
- **55** individual awards through PhD scholarships and fellowships
- **88** facilitation grants to travel between UK and India for developing partnerships
- Opportunity to **393** British students to visit India under the Study India Programme
- Facilitated work placements for **105** Indian graduates under the India Graduate Work Experience Programme and UKIERI-GSK work placement opportunity
- **40** events in policy dialogue and networking

Programme Evaluation

An independent evaluation of the programme highlights that there is good evidence of impact and sustainability in most of the UKIERI collaborations and the initiative has contributed effectively to the development of significant and strategic programmes that benefit the society.

UKIERI, as a programme, has been flexible and has evolved according to experience gained during its implementation and the changing needs of both countries. This has been possible through constant consultation processes with the representatives of the UK and Indian sectors and through evaluation of feedback from related bodies & organisations. About 90 % of the participants agreed that the UKIERI funding had enabled them to undertake research, develop links and experience approaches to work and study that would otherwise not be possible.

Corporate involvement in UKIERI

Working in partnership with businesses has been a key component of UKIERI, as we recognise that these partnerships will enhance the sustainability of the initiative. Shell, GlaxoSmithKline, BP and BAE Systems have been associated with the initiative as Corporate Champions along with KPMG and LCCI supporting the PTS strand respectively. Corporate sector has been significantly contributing since the first year of the programme. It is also an acknowledgement of the resources, reach and expertise that the industry possesses which can multiply the impact, manifolds.

In the coming period, UKIERI aims to garner substantial interest from both Indian and the UK businesses, which have a direct and immediate interest in the development of India’s education sector along with providing access to bright young, students and professionals from India and the UK, who would be future leaders and decision makers .

UKIERI Phase Two: 2011 - 2016

In recognition of the substantial achievements and building on the success of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative, the programme has been extended for 5 years from 2011 to 2016. The extension was announced by the UK Prime Minister David Cameron and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in July 2010.

The main activities in the coming 5 years of UKIERI have been identified based on the experience of UKIERI in the past, deliberations during various policy dialogue events, outcomes from consultations, roundtable discussions and scoping for the next phase of activity. These have clearly demonstrated a need for stronger focus on both leadership and mobility as enablers of increased levels of collaboration, while innovation partnerships remain a strategic priority for both countries in their plans for economic development. The focus on skills development, especially in India, impacts labour market development worldwide.

Both governments confirmed funding for UKIERI and expressed hope that private sector partners from India and the UK will once again support the programme from 2011- 2016, so that a new set of educational links can benefit both countries.

In the coming period, UKIERI is therefore comprised of four strands covering:

1. Building a new generation of leaders
2. Innovation and partnerships
3. Skill Development
4. Enhancing mobility

“We share the same vision for a renewed and enhanced partnership between our two countries. We will intensify bilateral exchanges at all levels. India and the UK are natural partners to shape a better world”.

Indian Prime Minister
Dr Manmohan Singh during UK Prime
Minister David Cameron’s visit to India

