



Pioneers in Genomics Education Program

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I congratulate you on being nominated to the “Pioneers in Genomics Education” Class of 2010 and request you to inaugurate the inaugural Class of 2010. The intention of this program is to cement a strong industry-academia- industry relationship and provide cutting-edge genomic tools and technologies to the budding world-class researchers of tomorrow from your institution. Another aim of this program is to build a model for cross- academic and cross- industry exchange of knowledge and ideas.

You would agree with me that there is a desperate need today to address major social issues ranging from food security issues, access to critical life-saving drugs and other natural resources. Policy-makers across the world, are increasingly looking at reducing overall cost of resource production and working towards wide-ranging availability of these critical resources. In consequence, to address these issues, the dependence on new technologies is growing. Biological sciences including bioinformatics, genomics and biotechnology will play a major role in near future to help in this cause. This fact is strengthened by the increasing budget allocations and grants towards biological sciences by world's major central governments every year.

The onus now lies with both industry and academia to vindicate the trust on us by the governments. A significant amount of biological research work happens in the academic setting. Pioneers such as you have been playing a critical role by imparting up-to-date knowhow in biological sciences to the researchers of tomorrow. The industry-academia- industry collaboration, however, happens in pockets today. The “Pioneers in Genomics Education” Program is a quest to further cement a strong relationship with pioneers such as you, who have built a strong reputation in the knowledge sector at the Post-graduate level of education.

I would be glad to hear from you.

Kind Regards

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