

Benefits of Joining SICI

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) is a bi-national organization working with Canadian and Indian Universities for over fifty years. SICI members belong to both Canadian and Indian Universities who become part of a vibrant community of scholars and researchers working to build intellectual and cultural ties between India and Canada and help one another fuel their academic and research growth and success. SICI interventions support knowledge creation and mobility of scholars between Canada and India at the post-secondary levels, institutional partnership building and capacity enrichment of scholars, researchers, and faculty members between member universities in Canada and India. The member institutions receive both tangible and intangible benefits by joining with SICI, as below:

1. **Access to Grants and Programmes:** Scholars of SICI's member institutions receive opportunities to participate in all the Institute's programmes, grants, and services throughout the year. Our research-related programmes support the creation and maintenance of partnerships and networks that join researchers in India & Canada.
2. **SICI-Mitacs Partnership:** SICI's partnership with Mitacs has opened doors to form new jointly-funded grant programmes. It aims to bring Indian interns (in all disciplines and at all levels from undergraduate to postdoc) to Canada and enable graduate student mobility in both directions between the two countries in the interest of research collaborations.
3. **Access to linkages & Member Services:** Members receive in-country support services in Canada and India for developing contacts, connections and partnerships with institutions in both countries.
4. **Facilitation Services:** Member institutions receive resource allocations and library material related to India and Canada studies. SICI facilitates academic events such as conferences, seminars, workshops, consultations; provides administrative support to scholars, facilitates meetings for Canadian and Indian senior government officials visiting either India or Canada (federal and provincial); provides orientations (face to face) to Indian & Canadian scholars,

students, government officials and others visiting India and Canada, conducts online examinations on behalf of Canadian Universities, etc.

5. **Facilitation & promotion of GIAN & SPARC Initiatives of Govt. of India:** SICI is the authorized body representing the Ministry of Education, Govt of India to manage the Canadian component of GIAN & SPARC programmes by disseminating and promoting them in Canada.
 - a. GIAN: the goal is to tap the talent pool of scholars, scientists, and entrepreneurs internationally to encourage their engagement with higher education institutions in India.
 - b. SPARC - supports research projects that link Indian universities with first-rate institutions in 28 countries, including Canada.

6. **Future engagement with Industry:** To leverage its member-to-member solid connection and provide them with additional research collaboration opportunities, SICI will soon be exploring businesses' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Research & Development potential, assets, and knowledge. Stay tuned for more updates in the upcoming months!

7. **Join active Committees of SICI (such as Executive Council, Peer Review Committee, Adjudication Committee, etc.):** The members benefit from opportunities to participate in the governance of the Institute, which provides ample prospects for developing administrative management and decision-making skills. It also helps represent members' interests via these committees.

8. **Networking with other Member institutions and entities in higher education & research:** Members receive ample networking opportunities (in person and virtual) with other Canadian and Indian members by participating in the annual general meetings and other events of the Institute.
 - a. Networking with incoming delegations, faculty, educationists, ministers from India & Canada
 - b. Leveraging SICI's partnership and association with Tri-Council of Canada and prestigious research organizations of India.

9. **Faculty Development and Enrichment, Research Collaborations:** Faculty of member institutions frequently participate in our fellowships, visiting lectureship programmes and receive seed grants to develop collaborative projects with SICI's member institutions. They also receive opportunities to conduct joint research with each other.

10. **Visibility and a Life-Altering Experience for Scholars:** Member institutions gain opportunities to showcase and publicize their events, news, achievements and publications both in and

outside of their institution through the Institute's website, newsletter, annual reports, and other events, such as regional and national conferences, seminars and roundtables.

11. **Student Development:** Students from member institutions receive opportunities to internationalize their education and experience by accessing grants for language studies (Indian), research projects, internships and other capacity-building opportunities that require visiting and studying in Indian institutions.