

SSTSG 2025–26 Awardees – Faculty Category

Congratulations to the faculty recipients of the SSTSG 2025–26 awards. We celebrate your commitment to advancing bilateral research, innovation, and scholarly collaboration between India and Canada.

Lead Applicant & Institution	Co-applicant / Host Institution	Timeline	Project Title
Dr. E. Patricia Orozco Q., Associate Professor, Laurentian University, Canada	Dr. Arvind P. Arahant, Associate Professor, JNU	June 29 – July 8, 2026 (Academic Meeting)	Heritage-Based Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation: A UNESCO-Inspired Case Study on Indian Handicrafts
Dr. Surajbhan Sevda, Assistant Professor, NIT Warangal, India	Dr. Graima Chauhan, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta	June 2 – 28, 2026 (Academic Meeting)	Valorization of Agricultural Waste through Bioelectrochemical Conversion: Microbial Fuel Cell Technology
Dr. Prabhat Kumar Upadhyay, Professor, IIT Indore, India	Dr. Telex Magloire N. Ngatched, Associate Professor, McMaster University	June 2 – 10, 2026 (Academic Meeting)	Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces-Assisted Hybrid FSO/RF SAGIN with Deep Learning-Based Performance Analysis
Dr. Namita Nimbalkar, Professor, University of Mumbai, India	Dr. William Sweet, Chair, Department of Philosophy, StFX University	May 25 – June 10, 2026 (Conference & Workshop)	Philosophy and Practice of Yoga – An Intercultural Dialogue on Wellness
Dr. Stephane Mechoulam, Associate Professor, Dalhousie University, Canada	Dr. Chanchal Kumar Sharma, Professor, Central University of Haryana	Late April – Late June 2026 (Seminar)	Building Causal Inference Capacity and Advancing Bilateral Research on Political Economy
Dr. Amalendu Patnaik, Professor, IIT Roorkee, India	Dr. Natalia K. Nikolova, Professor, McMaster University	May 15 – June 15, 2026 (Academic Meeting)	Microwave Imaging Using Orbital Angular Momentum Beams for Biomedical Applications
Dr. Stephen Kirkland, Professor, University of Manitoba, Canada	Dr. K. Manjunatha Prasad, Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education	Dec 14 – 21, 2025 (Conference)	International Conference on Linear Algebra and its Applications 2025
Dr. Meetu Khosla, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi	Dr. Anusha Kassin, Assistant Professor, UBC	July 1 – 30, 2026 (Academic Meeting)	Ancient Vedic Wisdom and Transformative Practices: Fostering Well-being Across Cultures

SSTSG 2025–26 Awardees – Student Category

Congratulations to the selected students for the SSTSG 2025–26 awards. We extend our warm wishes and look forward to the academic contributions and cross-cultural exchanges your projects will foster.

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Priyanka, Doctoral Student, IIT Hyderabad, India	Dr. Patrick Brown, Associate Professor, University of Toronto, Canada	May 10 – August 10, 2026 (Conference)	Approximate Bayesian inference for skewed posterior distributions
Sruthakeerthi P, Doctoral Student, IIT Roorkee, India	Dr. Cuauhtémoc T. Vidrio-Sahagún, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan, Canada	May 20 – July 2, 2026 (Academic Meeting & Conference)	Generalized framework for spatially distributed analysis of hydrological alteration in data-scarce regulated basins