

Superheroes Against Superbugs Fellowships

Inform, educate and empower young people about antibiotic resistance

Superheroes Against Superbugs (SaS) is pleased to offer three fellowships for a duration of 6 months to educators, science communication and public engagement practitioners, and young researchers interested in developing creative tools, methods and approaches to engage school-going children and the public at large in India on the issue of antibiotic resistance.

About SaS

SaS is a public engagement initiative launched in 2018 to raise public awareness and promote citizen and policy action on antibiotic resistance in India. Since its launch, SaS has developed innovative resources and approaches in partnership with young children, teachers, scientists, medical professionals, educators and creative professionals to raise awareness about the perils of antibiotic resistance in India. Learn more about this initiative here: <https://superheroesagainstsugarbugs.com/>

About the SaS Fellowship

The SaS Fellowship aims to bolster existing efforts in the country to raise public awareness and action to address the public health threat of antibiotic resistance. This Fellowship programme aspires to catalyse the development of unique and impactful, evidence-informed strategies to engage the public on this issue. In the long run, the SaS Fellowships also hope to build capacity in science education, science communication and public engagement in the country.

These Fellowships have been made possible with financial support from [Stop Superbugs](#), an initiative of [The British Society Antimicrobial Chemotherapy](#) (BSAC) and will be administered through [L V Prasad Eye Institute](#).

The SaS Fellows

While bespoke mentorship will be provided by the SaS core team throughout the duration of the Fellowship, SaS fellows are expected to work independently to develop and implement innovative, immersive and participatory workshops on antibiotic resistance for school-going children. Fellows will be expected to support SaS's work and mission to provide high quality, engaging educational resources towards raising public awareness of antibiotic resistance in India.

The Fellows must design and deliver at least 3 well-rounded workshops for school children during the Fellowship. Each workshop should include a different audience and should not only yield a new way of educating and informing young children about antibiotic resistance but it should also enable them to develop creative and engaging ways to spread awareness

to promote action in their sphere of influence. Each workshop should be improved based on the learnings from the previous one.

SaS' flagship workshops are conducted in-person over 3 days along with follow up sessions. The format and resources from these workshops can serve to prime and inspire the Fellows to design their own original content and format of delivery. The Fellows are also encouraged to think about the sustainability of their approach and its applicability in diverse contexts, specially in low-resource settings.

The Fellows will have access to science and health experts who can provide advice on the accuracy of the information used in the workshops. These experts may also be invited to the workshops/sessions to share their expertise with the young audience. The Fellows can also consult/involve other stakeholders and public groups in the design and execution of these workshops, if appropriate.

The Fellows will be expected to submit a comprehensive project report at the end of the fellowship.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be Indian nationals based in India
- Applicants should have BSc/MSc/ MTech/PhD in Life Sciences or allied sciences
- Applicants must have demonstrable interest in science communication, public engagement and/or science education

Preferred experience and skills:

- Experience of working with school children in India
- Proficiency in local language where their fellowship project will be based
- Network with schools in areas where their fellowship project will be based
- Experience of developing innovative educational and communication content
- Tech-savvy, experience of social media engagement
- Experience of measuring results, such as the impact of content, audience engagement, etc.
- Ability to clearly communicate programme results
- Strong leadership skills
- Strong project- and time-management skills

The Fellowship

- The six-month long fellowship provides a stipend of INR 1,00,000
- The Fellowship will be paid in two instalments: one at the beginning of the fellowship and the other on the successful completion of the fellowship. The fellows would need to provide a mid-term project update to the SaS Core Team.
- Fellowship funds cannot be used to purchase any equipment for personal use.
- Fellowship amount may be subject to TDS, depending on the fellow's current income status.

Fellowship Timeline

Launch Call for Application - 5 October 2021

Application deadline - 31 October 2021

Selection process (including interviews) - 1st and 2nd week of November 2021

Fellowship announcement - Week of 18 November 2021

Start of the Fellowship - 1 January 2022

End of the Fellowship - 30 June 2022

Application

Apply for the Fellowship by completing the Google Form [here](#).

Application deadline: 31st October 2021

For any enquiries, write to sas2018@gmail.com.