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Three city science institutes get US pat

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BANGALORE: Bangalore's pre-eminence as the country's science capital just received further endorsement.

The US-based National Science Foundation (NSF) has ranked the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) as the number one centre in India for US graduate students to take up research fellowships and short-term programmes.

Two other Bangalore institutions — the Indian Institute of Science and the Indian Institute for Information Technology — are among the top eight destinations for science research.

The NSF is the apex body in the US to offer fellowships to American students interested in short-term research programmes or internships in science institutions outside US. It regularly ranks institutions worldwide on their competencies.

The foundation also recommends IIIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, IIT Mumbai, IIT Kanpur and TIFR Mumbai. The foundation states that students "will be integrated into ground-breaking research projects closely linked to their own graduate work at MIT."