

Presi internship to make students industry-ready

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Kolkata: Presidency University has tied up with Edward Food Research and Analysis Centre Ltd (Efrac), an integrated testing and research facility for food and drugs, to make students industry-ready and help them land a job right after college.

"We have tied up with Efrac to give students an idea of industry techniques. Selected students will be given an internship and trained for research method during the summer break," vice-chancellor Anuradha Lohia said.

Presidency has decided to start the process with physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics students.

"It will make students competent for placement. It will open up research opportunities globally. Many people want students right after the UG programme. Many students are forced to do PG in absence of a job. If they are trained by experts then we hope to have good placement offers," the VC added.

"Graduates have little opportunity to directly join jobs. Most of them go into research. We will provide train-

ing to students so that their skills are honed and they manage to bag a job right out of college," said Efrac CEO Balwinder Bajwa.

"Sometimes, the students are charged around Rs 35,000 to receive training for three days with such ultra-modern instruments. In this tie-up, Presidency will send students for a two-month internship. This will allow the graduating students to become industry-ready," he said.

"Since infrastructure is a major problem, universities can't afford to purchase instruments that are worth crores. Hence it is beneficial for universities to send their students to our laboratories for honing their skills," Bajwa added.

At the laboratories, students will be able to take projects from the private sector and complete in Efrac.

Though placement is a cause for concern in Bengal universities, the scenario is not like this elsewhere. Placement at Fergusson College in Pune for UG computer science students stands at 100%. In Lady Sriram College, more than 150 were placed among 300 students.



Students will take projects from the private sector and complete them in Efrac laboratories with sophisticated equipment

