

***Opening Gates: Conception Foundations and  
Exploring Contraceptive Innovations***

**Hands-on Workshop on Female Contraception**

***New fully funded opportunity for trainees or early career investigators and  
clinicians in Southeast Asia!***

Thanks to funding by the Gates Foundation, the Society for the Study of Reproduction (SSR) and Frontiers in Reproduction (FIR) are excited to offer an opportunity for 12 early-career researchers and physician-scientists in Southeast Asia. Participants will attend a week-long training event in Mumbai, India featuring hands-on laboratories and cutting-edge lectures led by distinguished experts, providing invaluable insights into the latest advancements in the field of Female Contraception.

The course will be held at the prestigious Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (ICMR-NIRRH), in Mumbai from December 2-6, 2024.

We're removing barriers to participation by offering selected applicants a fully-funded package, covering all expenses related to travel, accommodation, and program participation. Seize this opportunity to expand your knowledge, hone your skills, and connect with peers and mentors in a supportive and stimulating environment.

Don't miss out on this chance to learn and connect with your fellow scientists. Apply today or share this with someone you think would benefit from this special opportunity.

**When:** December 2-6, 2024.

**Where:** ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (ICMR-NIRRH)



**What will the course cover?** The course will combine lectures and hands-on work involving the participation of investigators, fellows and invited speakers. It will have a duration of one week with lectures every morning and the hands-on training in the afternoon corresponding to the topics presented in the morning session.

The scheme and program is described below:

Day 1: Oocyte biology

Day 2: Sperm biology

Day 3: Fertilization

Day 4: Contraception Approaches

Day 5: Technologies to enhance the discovery of new contraception targets

**Course Schedule:** [Click here](#) to view the detailed schedule:

<https://ssr.org/events/upcoming-events/opening-gates-conception-foundations-and-exploring-contraceptive-innovations>

**Registration** opens on May 1st and applications must be submitted by August 1st. Questions? If you have any questions, please reach out to [administrator@ssr.org](mailto:administrator@ssr.org).

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