

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

April 2014 – March 2015

A meticulous process of selection equipped to deal with nationwide competition ensures that only “the best and most gifted” are selected. Between 1892 and March 2015 the Endowment has awarded its scholarships to 4776 scholars going abroad for higher studies in diverse fields covering more than 746 subjects and branches of specialisation, which are constantly evolving to meet the growing needs of change and development. The knowledge and expertise acquired by them has over the years, as the records show, enabled them to be of great service both to their country and humanity at large.

The J.N. Tata Endowment is pleased to present its Administrative Report for the year ended March 31, 2015.

THE AWARDS 2014-2015

Number of Awards

Awards for the Fall 2014 Semester : At the 123rd meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 31, 2014, the selections of 111 candidates were ratified for the award of the J.N. Tata loan scholarships for higher studies abroad for the Fall 2014 semester.

Awards for the Spring 2015 Semester : In addition to the 111 scholars selected for the scholarships for the Fall 2014 semester, 13 scholars were selected for the scholarship for the Spring 2015 semester. The recommendations for the selection of the scholars were approved by the Trustees by circulars. The total number of scholars selected during the year 2014-2015 was 124, five more than the 119 scholars selected during 2013-2014.

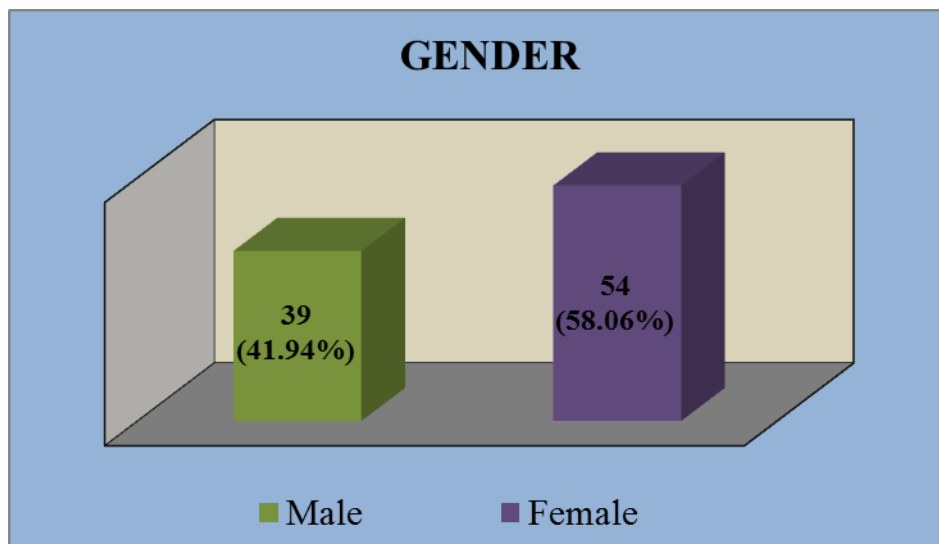
Total Awards for the Year : Out of the 93 scholars who finally took the awards, 82 scholars proceeded for their studies for the Fall 2014 semester while the remaining 11 scholars proceeded for studies in the Spring 2015 semester. Thus making a total of 93 scholars.

The Awardees of 2014-2015 – A Profile

The following is a profile of the 93 J. N. Tata Scholars for the year 2014 - 2015 on the basis of the socio-demographic variables of gender, state of origin and community.

Gender : Fifty-four (58.06%) of the 93 scholars for the year 2014-2015 are females, which is an increase in the percentage from the 54 (56.84%) females among the scholars for the year 2013-2014.

The following figure shows the gender-wise distribution of scholars who took the J.N. Tata Scholarship :



State of Origin : The data for 2014-2015 indicates that 34.41% of the awardees were from states other than Maharashtra as compared to the 46.32% in 2013-2014, 45.38% in 2012-2013 and 37.61% in 2011-2012. 32 of the 93 (34.41%) scholars

who took the award come from 13 other states and one each from a Union Territory and the National Capital Region. This is a decrease when compared to the 46.32% of the awardees coming from states other than Maharashtra in the previous year.

The following table shows the distribution of scholars across 13 states, the Union Territory and the National Capital Region :

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDEES BY STATE OF ORIGIN			
State	Number	State	Number
Andhra Pradesh	003	Maharashtra	061
Chandigarh (U.T.)	001	Odisha	001
Delhi (N.C.R.)	004	Tamil Nadu	002
Gujarat	005	Telangana	002
Haryana	001	Tripura	001
Jharkhand	001	Uttar Pradesh	002
Karnataka	002	West Bengal	003
Kerala	004		
		Total	93

The proportion of awardees from Maharashtra has increased from 53.68% last year to 65.59% during 2014-2015. Of the 61 awardees from Maharashtra, as many as 48 are from the Mumbai metropolitan area.

124 scholars were selected for the scholarship for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. Of these 124 scholars, 81 scholars were from Maharashtra and 43 were from states other than Maharashtra. Of the 81 scholars, 61 availed the scholarship. Of the 43 from states other than Maharashtra, 22 availed the scholarship.

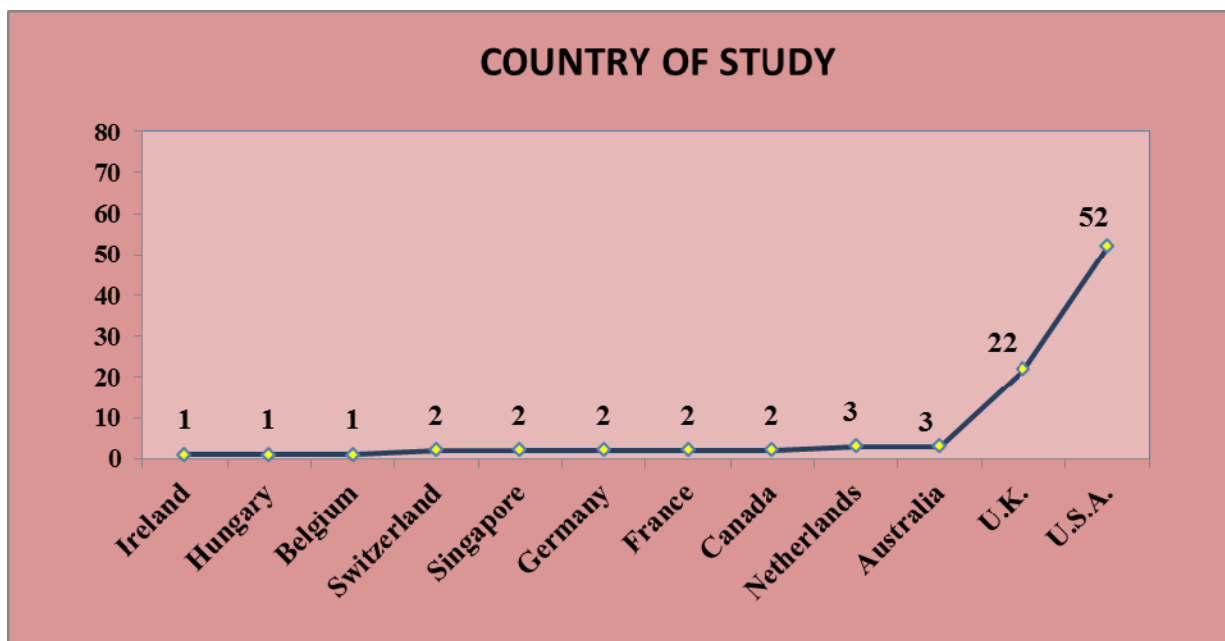
Mid-Career Professionals : Nine mid-career professionals were recommended for the scholarship for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. Of these, 6 scholars availed of the scholarship for study in the fields of the Applied Sciences, Social Sciences and Commerce. These constitute 6.45% of the 93 awardees for the year which is a decrease when compared to the 16.84% for 2013-2014.

Country and Field of Study

The scholars who went for higher studies abroad during 2014-2015 are distributed over 12 countries and over a wide range of subjects.

Country of Study : Of the 93 scholars for the year 2014-2015, a significant majority – 52 awardees – opted to study in the U.S.A. These make up 55.91% of the total awardees, which is an increase from the 49.47% awardees who chose to study at American universities in the previous year. The number going to higher educational institutions in the U.K. has decreased to 22 from 27 when compared to the previous year. The proportion of awardees going to the U.K. decreased from 28.42% in 2013-2014 to 23.66% in 2014-2015. Of the remaining 19 scholars, 3 each chose to study in Australia and The Netherlands, 2 each chose to study in Canada, France, Germany, Singapore and Switzerland and one each in Belgium, Hungary and Ireland.

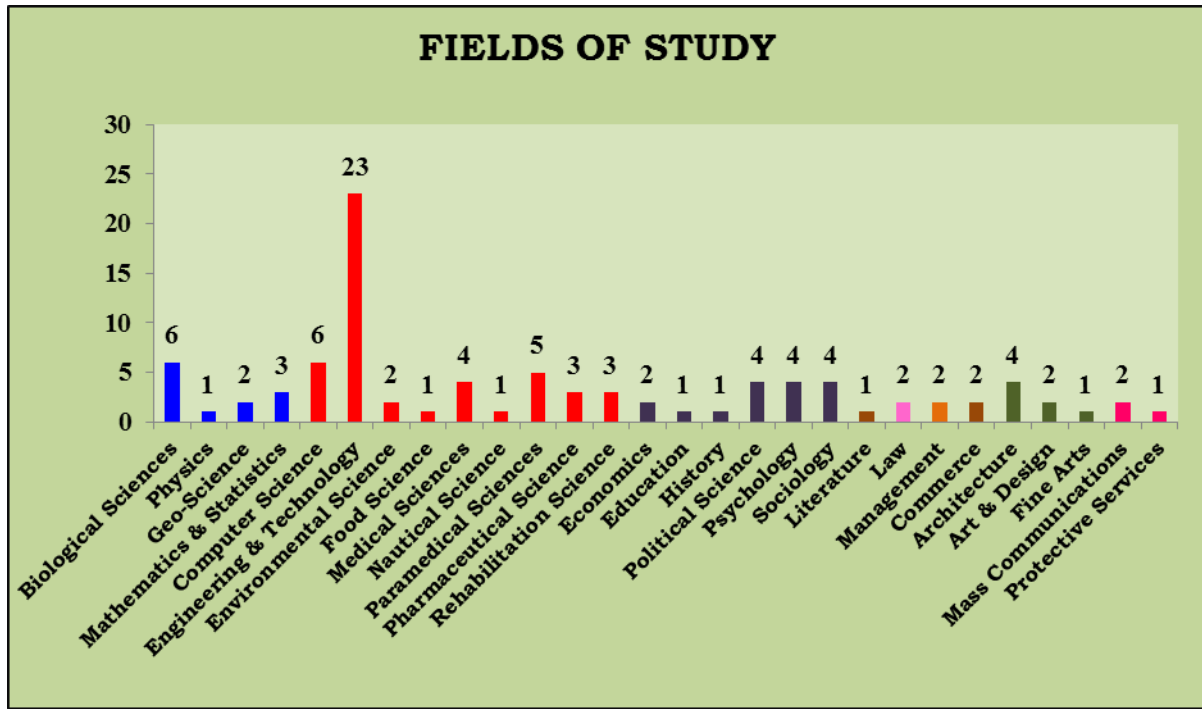
The following figure shows the distribution of the 93 scholars across 12 countries:



Fields of Study : The subjects opted for by the awardees of 2014-2015 cover 28 different fields in the Pure and Applied Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, Law, Management Studies, Commerce, Art and Architecture and

Service Sector Studies. There is a marginal decrease in the number and proportion of scholars in the field of Engineering and Technology, from 25 (26.32%) in 2013-2014 to 23 (24.73%) in 2014-2015. The number of awardees going for the Pure Sciences has increased to 12 (12.90%) when compared to the previous year of 7 (7.37%) in 2013-2014. In the Social Sciences the number has increased from 12 (12.63%) in 2013-2014 to 16 (17.20%) during the year under report.

The distribution of awardees according to their fields of study is shown in the following figure:



Amount Disbursed

As in previous years, the scholars selected for the J.N. Tata Endowment loan scholarships during 2014-2015, also received a gift award from the Jamsetji Tata Trust and travel assistance from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.

Loan Scholarships : An amount of Rs.3,05,40,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Five Lakhs Forty Thousand only) was disbursed as loan scholarships to the J.N. Tata Scholars who joined various universities abroad in the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. The corresponding amounts disbursed, during the years 2013-2014, 2012-2011 and 2011-2010 was 3 Crores 21 lakhs, Rs.4 Crores 11 lakhs and Rs.3 Crores 47 lakhs respectively. The decrease in the amount disbursed as loan scholarships by the Endowment in 2014–2015 is due to the decrease in the number of awardees.

Gift Awards : On the recommendation of the Trustees of the J.N. Tata Endowment an amount of Rs.2,98,60,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Eight Lakhs and Sixty Thousand only) was disbursed as Gift Awards from the Jamsetji Tata Trust, including the Sumant Moolgaokar Memorial Award, to J.N. Tata Scholars during 2014-2015. This is an increase as compared to the Rs.2,87,60,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Eighty Seven Lakhs and Sixty Thousand only) disbursed as Gift Awards in the previous year.

Travel Assistance : In addition to the loan and gift scholarships disbursed, travel assistance amounting to Rs.41,40,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Forty Thousand only) was provided to the J. N. Tata Scholars by the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust on the recommendation of the Trustees of the J. N. Tata Endowment. This is an increase as compared to the amount of Rs.37,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) disbursed as travel assistance in the previous year.

The total amount thus disbursed to the scholars during 2014-2015 was Rs.6,45,40,000/- (Rupees Six Crores Forty Five Lakhs Forty Thousand Only). Of

this 47.32% was in the form of Loan Scholarships, 46.27% as Gift Awards and 6.41% as Travel Assistance.

*Scholars who returned to India
during the Year 2014-2015*

The following scholars completed their Post Graduate studies abroad and returned to India during 2014 - 2015:

- **Mr. Ashok Benjamin Basil A. (2011)** completed his MS degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of New Orleans, U.S.A. He returned to India in December 2014 and is presently seeking suitable employment.
- **Ms. Tushna Patel (2011)** completed her Master's degree in Physiotherapy from the University of Pittsburgh, U.S.A. She returned to India in September 2014 and is presently working with the Bhatia Hospital, Mumbai.
- **Mr. Prashant Banerjee (2012)** completed his MS degree in Historic Preservation from the Columbia University, U.S.A. He returned to India in April 2015 and is presently seeking suitable employment.
- **Mr. Anirvan Chowdhury (2012)** completed his MS degree in Public Policy from the Georgetown University, U.S.A. He returned to India in May 2015 and is presently seeking suitable employment.
- **Mr. Mitavachan Hiremath (2012)** completed his M.Sc. degree in Renewable Energy from the University of Oldenburg, Germany. He returned to India in September 2014 and is presently working with FluxGen Engineering Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru as an Associate Director.
- **Ms. Neha Lad (2012)** completed her M.A. degree in Woven Textiles from the Royal College of Art, U.K. She returned to India in October 2014 and is

presently working as a Design Consultant with the All India Artisans and Craft Workers Welfare Association, Delhi.

- **Ms. Sravya Paluri (2012)** completed her M.Sc. degree in the Biological Sciences from the University of Cologne, Germany. She returned to India in September 2014 and is presently pursuing an internship at IIT Bombay.
- **Ms. Daneesh Sethna (2012)** completed her Master's degree in International Security from the Paris School of International Affairs (Sciences PO), France. She returned to India in July 2014 and is presently preparing for the civil services examinations.
- **Ms. Vartika Bansal (2013)** completed her M.B.A. degree from the Stanford University, U.S.A. She returned to India in August 2014 and is presently seeking suitable employment.
- **Ms. Soumya Basnet (2013)** completed her M.A. degree in Creative Practice for Narrative Environments from the University of the Arts London, U.K. and returned to India in September 2014. She is presently working as a Space Designer with Rajeev Sethi Scenographers in New Delhi.
- **Ms. Dakshini Bhattacharya (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Environmental Economics and Climate Change from the London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K. She returned to India in September 2014 and is presently working as a research associate with Samhita Social Ventures, Mumbai.
- **Ms. Vibhuti Chandhok (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Chemistry from the University of Glasgow, U.K. She returned to India in January 2015 and is presently seeking admission for the Ph.D. degree.
- **Ms. Rashmi Dhanwani (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Cultural and Creative Industries from the King's College, London, U.K. She returned to India in January 2015 and is presently self-employed.

- **Ms. Devanjali Dutt (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Development Management from the London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K. She returned to India in December 2014 and is presently working as a Coordinator with the National Skill Development Corporation, New Delhi.
- **Ms. Rashna Engineer (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Human Factors for Inclusive Design from the Loughborough University, U.K. and returned to India in October 2014. She is presently self-employed.
- **Ms. Suha Gangopadhyay (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Sociology from the University of Oxford, U.K. She returned to India in November 2014 and presently working with the Ashoka University, New Delhi as a Deputy Programme Manager.
- **Mr. Leron D'Souza (2013)** completed his M.Sc. degree in Music Composition for Film and Media from the University of Hertfordshire, U.K. He returned to India in December 2014 and is presently self-employed.
- **Ms. Vanshica Kant (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Global and Imperial History from the University of Oxford, U.K. She returned to India in October 2014 and is presently preparing for the civil services examination.
- **Ms. Saranya Darshini Karunanithi (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Conservation of Historic Buildings from the University of Bath, U.K. and returned to India in December 2014. She is presently working as a Conservation Architect with Ms. Abha Narain Lambah Associates, Mumbai.
- **Ms. Mansi Khanna (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Statistics from the University College London, U.K. She returned to India in November 2014 and is presently working with the E-Commerce space, Gurgaon as an Entrepreneur.

- **Ms. Pritika Krishnakumar (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience from the Durham University, U.K. She returned to India in January 2015 and is presently seeking suitable employment.
- **Mr. Vishak Malepati (2013)** completed his M.Sc. degree in Chemical and Energy Engineering from the Otto – Von – Guericke University, Germany. He returned to India in May 2015 is presently seeking suitable employment.
- **Ms. Rayna Mehta (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Developmental and Cognitive Neuroscience from the Durham University, U.K. She returned to India in September 2014 and is presently working as a School Psychologist with the J.B. Petit High School for Girls, Mumbai.
- **Ms. Sonal Nagotaneekar (2013)** completed her MS degree in Accessories Design from the Domus Academy, Italy. She returned to India in March 2015 and is presently self-employed.
- **Ms. Shweta Raghaw (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Urban Management and Development from the Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands. She returned to India in October 2014 and is presently working with Hadi Teherani Project Consultants India Pvt. Ltd. as a Landscape Architect in Bengaluru.
- **Ms. Abhilasha Porwal (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Architecture from the Architectural Association School for Architecture, U.K. She returned to India in February 2015 and is presently self-employed.
- **Ms. Tanvi Sahni (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K. She returned to India in September 2014 and presently working with the Consortium for DEWATS Dissemination, Bengaluru as a Research Associate.

- **Mr. Shashank Shukla (2013)** completed his Master's degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, U.K. He returned to India in December 2014 and is presently working with the All India Congress Committee as a national resource person in charge of reserved constituencies in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Ms. Anamica Singh (2013)** completed her Master's degree in Human Settlements from the K.U. Leuven University, Belgium. She returned to India in September 2014 and is presently applying for her Ph.D. degree studies abroad.
- **Ms. Ashwati Thampi (2013)** completed her M.Sc. degree in Literature and Modernity from the University of Edinburgh, U.K. She returned to India in December 2014 and is presently working as Instructional Writer at Praxis Interactive Technologies, Mumbai.
- **Mr. Anurag Advani (2014)** completed his Master's degree in the Humanities from the University of Chicago, U.S.A. He returned to India in June 2015 and is presently seeking employment.
- **Dr. Kedar Patil (2014)** completed his Fellowship in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery at the Eda Hospital, Taiwan. He returned to India in October 2014 and is presently working as a Consultant Surgeon at Poona Hospital, Pune.

It is heartening to note that as many as 22 (23.16%) J.N. Tata Scholars of 2013 have already returned to India and are now working in the areas of their choice.