

Dear Dr. Bhardwaj

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to talk to your staff and students, during my last India visit. I was really impressed and humbled by what I saw. I would like to congratulate you and your team on starting such a great initiative. I believe that India, as an emerging economy, is a reservoir of talented young folks who are eager to learn and make a difference. Despite the progress, both socially and economically, I believe that women are still not well represented in Indian society and there is a huge gender imbalance. Education and more importantly technical education is the key to address this grave problem. Providing a girl with technical tool sets and skills will not only provide her confidence but also financial independence, which I believe is the first step towards gender equality. I like shifting paradigms and challenging *status quo* and hence I would like to offer a **Technical Hypatia Fellowship – Nurturing Excellence** that aims to cover the tuition fee of a woman candidate from your institute who will pursue a technical course.

Our company has the vision to solve complex commercial problems and also address global social problems. I hope this fellowship will benefit the individual by giving her confidence, wisdom, financial independence and a voice. I look forward to work with your organisation!

*"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman." — Melinda  
Gates*

Best regards,  
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