

NCBS Professor wins Infosys prize 2017

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Prof Upinder Singh Bhalla from National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) has bagged the Infosys prize 2017 for the Life Sciences category. Bhalla was recognised for his contributions to the understanding of the brain's computational machinery.

His investigations have revealed essential neuronal computations that underlie the ability to acquire, integrate and store complex sensory information, and to utilize that information for decision and action.

Bhalla has more than 50 research publications to his credit. He received the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in 2007 for his contributions to Biological Sciences.

The same year, the Indian Academy of Sciences elected him as their fellow. Three years later, he also became an elected fellow of the Indian National Science Academy.

The Infosys Science Foundation's prize was announced in the fields of Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences.

The winners were selected from several nominations received from across universities and institutes. Now in its ninth year, the Infosys Prize for each category consists of a purse of Rs. 65 lakh, a gold medallion and a citation certificate.