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IUCAA

Inter-University Centre For Astronomy And Astrophysics

An Autonomous Institution of the University Grants Commission

Prof. Kandaswamy Subramanian

Dean, Visitor Academic Programmes

August 21, 2017.

By Speed-Post

Dr. Soma Mandal,
Assistant Professor & Head of
the Department,
Department of Physics,
Government Girls' General Degree College,
7, Mayurbhange Road,
Kolkata - 700 023.

Dear Dr. Mandal,

I am very happy to inform you that your term of Visiting Associateship at IUCAA has been extended for a further period of three years with effect from August 1, 2017. We hope that this will enable you to continue to make good use of our facilities through your next term, and that your visits to IUCAA will prove to be very productive.

I am enclosing along with this letter of invitation (1) a copy of the letter I have sent to the Principal of your College, explaining the programme and requesting him/her to treat your visits to IUCAA under this programme as "on duty", (2) a copy of a letter sent in September 2, 2004 to the Vice-Chancellors of different universities by Professor Arun Nigavekar, the then Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). You may use these letters when you apply for leave for visits to IUCAA, if you find that necessary.

I shall look forward to your response to this letter of invitation and hope that IUCAA will benefit from your regular visits, participation and advice. The Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme are also enclosed along with this letter.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Kandaswamy Subramanian

Professor Kandaswamy Subramanian

Encl : (1) Copy of the letter sent to the Principal of your College; (2) Copy of letter sent by UGC; (iii) Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme.



Prof. Kandaswamy Subramanian

Dean, Visitor Academic Programmes

August 21, 2017.

The Principal,
Government Girls' General Degree College,
7, Mayurbhanj Road, Ekbalpur,
Kolkata - 700 023.

Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware, the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has been set up by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to promote and nucleate astronomy and astrophysics in the universities and affiliated colleges. To this end, IUCAA has launched a number of programmes on its campus at Pune and also on the campuses of various universities and colleges. In particular, arrangements have been made to facilitate the usage by interested students and faculty of universities and colleges of centralized facilities at Pune, such as an advanced Computer Centre with High Performance Computing facility, a state-of-the-art library, the Instrumentation Laboratory and observational facilities including the South African Large Telescope (SALT) at Sutherland. IUCAA is also involved in a number of large projects of national and international importance like ASTROSAT, LIGO-India, the Thirty Metre Telescope, etc.

One major activity in this context is the **Associateship Programme**. Under this programme, faculty members of universities and colleges, who are made **Visiting Associates of IUCAA**, can make visits to IUCAA for specified periods to participate in the teaching and research and development activities in astronomy and astrophysics. For such purposes, the universities and colleges are encouraged to regard IUCAA as their field station, whose facilities are at their disposal. Indeed, Professor Arun Nigavekar, the then Chairman of the UGC, has written in 2004 to all the university Vice-Chancellors urging them to look upon IUCAA in this spirit and to make it possible for the Visiting Associates to use its facilities to the maximum extent possible. I enclose for your ready reference a copy of this letter from the Chairman.

As part of the Associateship Programme, IUCAA has selected 22 new Visiting Associates this year and has extended the term of 38 Visiting Associates for a further period of three years. I am happy to inform you that **Dr. Soma Mandal** from your College has been selected a Visiting Associate for three years from August 1, 2017. Under the Associateship Programme, IUCAA will pay the travel and per diem of the Visiting Associates coming to IUCAA for their scientific work.

I do hope that you will encourage Dr. Mandal to take advantage of this offer. I request you to treat Dr. Mandal's stay at IUCAA as a part of her duties and to provide her with leave as "on duty" so that she can make good use of her Associateship. I enclose the Terms and Conditions of the Associateship Programme for your information.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Kandaswamy Subramanian

Prof. Kandaswamy Subramanian

Encl : (i) UGC Chairman's Letter. (ii) Terms and Conditions of Associateship Programme.

cc : Dr. Soma Mandal, Assistant Professor & H.O. D, Department of Physics, Government Girls' General Degree College, 7 Mayurbhange Road, Kolkata - 700 023.

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Dear

The University Grants Commission has set up a number of Inter-University Centres and Consortia in order to provide front line research and developmental facilities to the staff and students from universities and colleges in selected thrust areas. It is extremely important, therefore, that the prospective users of the Inter-University Centres are freely permitted to participate in their various programmes as if they are "on duty". In some universities, it is noted that the scholars' visits were not considered as on duty.

Amongst such Centres, the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA) has an Associateship programme under which selected Associates from universities and colleges are invited to visit IUCAA as Associates of the Centre. Each Associate has a tenure of three years, which can be renewed depending on his/her performance, in teaching, research and developmental activities. It is understood that during these three years, the Associate visits IUCAA several times for visits of at least two weeks duration at a time, without compromising with his/her lecturing and other duties in the parent institution. Their visits are fully covered by IUCAA and hence has no financial implication to the university/college.

IUCAA has a number of facilities like an excellent Library, state of the art Computer Centre, Virtual Observatory as well as an Instrumentation Laboratory where the university staff members can make their own instruments as well as participate in collaborative instrumentation projects. As of now, IUCAA has over eighty Associates on its roll. In order to improve their efficiency, it is important that they are permitted to take advantage of these facilities as much as possible.

I, therefore, urge you to facilitate the participation of Associates from your Institution in the above programme by treating their leave of absence as on duty when they visit IUCAA, which is specifically created by the University Grants Commission as a common facility for all universities.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Arun Nigavekar)

To the Vice Chancellors of 150 UGC Funded Universities

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