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**Sub: Travel support to UG students participating in Hult Prize Global Accelerator 2022**

A four –member undergraduate team has qualified for the final in-person phase of very prestigious international competition Hult Prize Global Accelerator 2022 after being successful in several rounds. The team has requested for Institute support of to-an-from airfare from India to USA, Boston. The International Travel Support Committee met online on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and decided to reimburse 75% of the airfare subjected to the availability of the fund.

In view of the prestige of the competition the team members may kindly be given financial support by the Institute.

Placed for your kind consideration and approval

*Chaitanya Chakraborty* 27-7-2022

Associate Dean, IR

Deputy Director

Such support have been given in the past, but the funding lead is not known to the current incumbents. If agreed, the Registrar may be requested to explore the same and provide the final position.

Director

Dean (OR)

Can we have some fund for A?

We can avail it from the interest of batch & general endowment fund as decided in a meeting held recently. The proposal is also waiting for approval.

*AK Chakraborty*  
30/07/2022  
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Director

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## Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator

**From :** djsen@civil.iitkgp.ac.in

Mon, Jul 04, 2022 04:41 PM

**Subject :** Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator

1 attachment

**To :** goutam@mech.iitkgp.ac.in

**Cc :** Dean Student Affairs (SA) <deansa@hijli.iitkgp.ac.in>, manngoel99@gmail.com, kshitizkhandelwal1999 <kshitizkhandelwal1999@gmail.com>, hello@mukul-mehta.in, eknoormalhotra iitkgp <eknoormalhotra.iitkgp@gmail.com>, brahmjotsingh@iitkgp.ac.in <mrbrahmjotsingh@gmail.com>

Dear Prof. Chakraborty,

Kindly see the mail of the following students, forwarded by VP, TSG - looking for a possible funding for participating in a competition.

With regards,  
Dhrubajyoti Sen

**From:** "brahmjotsingh@iitkgp.ac.in" <mrbrahmjotsingh@gmail.com>

**To:** "Dean Student Affairs (SA)" <deansa@hijli.iitkgp.ac.in>

**Cc:** "Dean (SA)" <djsen@civil.iitkgp.ac.in>, manngoel99@gmail.com, "kshitizkhandelwal1999" <kshitizkhandelwal1999@gmail.com>, hello@mukul-mehta.in, "eknoormalhotra iitkgp" <eknoormalhotra.iitkgp@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 4, 2022 1:56:54 PM

**Subject:** Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator

Dear Sir,

Hope you are doing great.

I'm glad to know that a team from our institute has qualified for the **Hult Prize Global Accelerator 2022** with a chance to win **USD 1 million** prize money. Since the team will be representing our institute on the global front, its a matter of pride for us and we must support the team by whatever means possible. The team is looking forward to financial support for covering their travel expenses. Having to know some of the team members from personal experience, I would also like to bring to your notice that the team consists of experienced students who have led teams and won international competitions previously as well.

I request you to kindly look into the matter and recommend the same to Associate Dean International Relations, so that necessary steps can be taken.

Looking forward to a positive response from your side.

Yours Sincerely,



**Brahmjit Singh**  
Vice President,

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On Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 12:50 PM Eknoor Malhotra <eknoormalhotra.iitkgp@gmail.com> wrote:

Respected Sir,

We are a team of four undergraduates who recently represented IIT Kharagpur at the Hult Prize, a global forum for social entrepreneurship.

Our team, GrameenSetu, won the campus round held at IIT Kharagpur (38 participating teams). We then went on to participate in the Hult Prize regional round hosted in Dhaka from 27-29 May, consisting of teams from across Asia. We're happy to announce that our team was declared the winner amongst 62 shortlisted teams and has now qualified for the **Hult Prize Global Accelerator 2022** with a chance to win **USD 1 million** prize money.

Hult Prize is a prestigious annual global competition that challenges university students to solve the planet's most pressing issues through social entrepreneurship. This year's theme for the Hult Prize was "Bringing the World Back to Work". More details about the



competition can be found [here](#).

Through GrameenSetu, we aim to empower the rural self-help groups by facilitating collaboration among themselves and connecting them with the semi-urban & urban markets through a portal that brings efficient communication, convenient contracting, tech-based quality check, and safe payment & invoicing, and stakeholders' feedback, all in one place.

Our team consists of:

1. Eknor Malhotra (17CE36011)
2. Kshitiz Khandelwal (18EC30019)
3. Mann Goel (17CH30035)
4. Mukul Mehta (18CS10033)

The final round consists of 2 phases, an online phase running from June 20 - July 8 and an in-person phase hosted at the Hult House, Boston, the USA from July 25 - August 12. The Hult prize foundation is covering all expenses during the in-person phase (including living and dining) except for travel to and from Boston.

The Global Accelerator is a very prestigious competition and it would be a proud moment for us to represent IIT Kharagpur at the event and be among only **16 teams globally selected**. We wish to apply for a grant to cover our travel expenses, giving us a chance to travel to Boston for the event and have an opportunity to win the \$1 Million prize, in an event, whose finale will be graced by the presence of the former American President, **Mr. Bill Clinton**.

Please find attached the following documents in the mail:

1. Copy of email stating the winners of the Dhaka Regional Summit
2. Official Invitation Letter(s) to the Global Accelerator Program
3. Event Statistics as provided by the Hult Prize Foundation

We will be looking forward to participating in the competition, with the support of the institute for our travel expenses. Do let us know if there is any additional requirement from our end for the application. Looking forward to hearing from you and having a discussion regarding the same.

Thank You,

**Eknor Malhotra**

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## **Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> (online) Meeting of International Travel Support Committee on July 4, 2022**

The International Travel Support Committee met online on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 to consider two applications received till date. The agenda and resolutions are listed below.

1. Undergraduate team consisting of the following four members applied for support of the travel expense for participating in the final and in-person phase of Hult Prize Global Accelerator 2022 to be held at the Hult House, Boston, USA between July 25 to August 12, 2022.

Eknoor Malhotra (17CE36011)  
Kshitiz Khandelwal (18EC30019)  
Mann Goel (17CH30035)  
Mukul Mehta (18CS10033)

**Resolution:** The committee decided to reimburse 75% of the to-and-fro air fare from India to Boston, USA for all the team members subjected to the availability of the fund.

2. Kharagpur RoboSoccer Student's Group (KRSSG) applied for financial support to pay the team as well as student registration fee for taking part in RoboCup 2022 3D soccer Simulation League to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

**Resolution:** Due to unavailability of the details about the competition and the participants the committee recommended KRSSG to make a fresh application providing all the necessary details.

  
(Prof Amit Patra)  
Deputy Director, Chairman

  
(Prof Jayanta Mukhopadhyay)  
Dean Outreach, member

  
(Prof Dhrubajyoti Sen)  
Dean SA, special invitee

  
(Prof Goutam Chakraborty) 26-07-2022  
Associate Dean IR&R, member

\* Approved through e-mail (attached)





**Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator**

**From :** Jayanta Mukhopadhyay <jay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in> Mon, Jul 25, 2022 04:45 PM  
**Subject :** Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator  
**To :** goutam@mech.iitkgp.ac.in  
**Cc :** dydir <dydir@hijli.iitkgp.ac.in>, Council of Dean Chairman, SA <djsen@civil.iitkgp.ac.in>

Looks fine to me.

----- Original Message -----

From: goutam@mech.iitkgp.ac.in  
To: Jayanta Mukhopadhyay <jay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in>, dydir <dydir@hijli.iitkgp.ac.in>, Council of Dean Chairman, SA <djsen@civil.iitkgp.ac.in>  
Sent: Mon, 25 Jul 2022 15:58:04 +0530 (IST)  
Subject: Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator

Dear all,

Please find the minutes of the meeting attached with this mail for your perusal. Kindly let me know if you have any observation.

With best regards,

Goutam

From: "goutam" <goutam@mech.iitkgp.ac.in>  
To: "Jayanta Mukhopadhyay" <jay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in>, "dydir" <dydir@hijli.iitkgp.ac.in>, "Council of Dean Chairman, SA" <djsen@civil.iitkgp.ac.in>  
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2022 11:49:35 AM  
Subject: Re: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator

Dear Amit da ,Jayanta da and Dhrubajyoti da,

As you may recall it was decided in an online meeting that travel allowance may be given to the team contesting for HULT Prize subjected to the availability of fund. Kindly let me know the status of the availability of the fund so that the final decision may be communicated to the team members, who are anxiously waiting for it.

With best regards,

Goutam

PS. I am sorry that the formal minutes of the above meeting has not yet been prepared by me, which I shall write very soon.

From: "goutam" <goutam@mech.iitkgp.ac.in>  
To: "Jayanta Mukhopadhyay" <jay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in>, "dydir" <dydir@hijli.iitkgp.ac.in>  
Cc: "Council of Dean Chairman, SA" <djsen@civil.iitkgp.ac.in>, "mrbrahmjotsingh" <mrbrahmjotsingh@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, July 4, 2022 5:46:45 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Request for International Travel Support - Hult Prize Global Accelerator

Dear Professor Patra and Prof Mukhopadhyay,

Please find the following mail from the students who need to travel to Boston, USA to attend the final phase of a prestigious competition. In earlier years travel assistantship used to be granted for these kind of programmes. I have been able to find the attached guidelines related to the travel grant which were formulated a few years ago. I believe the same can still be followed.

At present Institute has an international travel committee comprising of DD, DOR and ADeanIR to look after these cases. In this connection an online meeting has been scheduled on 6th July between 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. Kindly let me know whether the proposed date and time suit your calendar. I am inviting Dean SA also to be present during the meeting.

With best regards,

Goutam

