



**Office of Alumni Affairs & International Relations (AA&IR)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology**  
**Kharagpur – 721 302**



REF: 2214/2024/OIR

Dated: 07/05/2024

**NOTE**

**Sub: Approval for the visit of 03 visitors from Washington State University, USA to participate in SPARC Program at IITKGP during 08<sup>th</sup> July – 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**

The following 03 international visitors from Washington State University, USA are scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur during 08<sup>th</sup> July – 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 to participate in SPARC Program.

Name of the Visitor	Citizenship	Passport No.
Prof. David Paul Field	USA	561304919
Prof. Sinisa Dj Mesarovic	USA	A23667032
Prof. Soumik Banerjee	USA	643084385

The faculty coordinator of their visit is Prof. Somjeet Biswas of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering department (Flag-i). As per the document submitted it is understood that all expenses towards their visit will be sponsored by the SPARC project (SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518) (Flag-ii & iii).

The supporting documents of the visit are enclosed.

This is placed for your kind consideration and approval of the said visit.

Encl.Flag: (i) Filled-up Ministry Clearance Forms  
(ii) Filled-up Issuance of Visa Forms  
(iii) Sanction letter copy of SPARC proposal  
(iv) Passport copy

*Abup K. Roy*  
07.05.24  
Junior IR- Executive

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Junior Assistant

*on leave*  
Assistant Registrar

*Associate Dean AA&IR*

*Dean Outreach & AA*

*Director*

*A may please be approved.*  
*D. Bhakaray*  
*11/5/2025.*

*(A) approved.*  
*J. Ch. 20/05/2024*



**INVITATION LETTER**

Date: 21-05-2024

**To:**

**Prof. David Paul Field**

**Institute of Materials Research, School of Mechanical & Materials Engg.  
Washington State University, Pullman, WA, USA.**

**Subject:** Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 08<sup>th</sup> July to 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

**Dear Prof. David Paul Field,**

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you during 08-07-2024 to 05-08-2024 to participate in the SPARC program as per the sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

**Name:** David Paul Field

**Nationality:** USA

**Country of present domicile:** USA

**Passport number:** 561304919

**Place of Issue of passport:** USA (San Francisco, CA)

**Issue date of passport:** 11 Dec, 2017

**Expiry date of passport:** 10 Dec, 2027

**Date of birth:** 21 Sept, 1963

We understand that all expenses related to your visit will be sponsored by the SPARC project (Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024). We encourage you to bring your own medical insurance during your visit. Prof. Somjeet Biswas, (somjeetbiswas@metal.iitkgp.ac.in) of our Institute will be the coordinator for your visit. We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and provide your travel plans to Prof. Somjeet Biswas.

You may kindly use this invitation to apply for the Indian Visa.

I look forward to your positive response. Please feel free to discuss all matters pertaining to your visit with Prof. Somjeet Biswas.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



*[Signature]*  
Associate Dean AA&IR  
22/5/24

**CC:**

- (1) Office of Registrar, IIT Kharagpur
- (2) Prof. Shiv Brat Singh, HoD-MME
- (3) Prof. Somjeet Biswas, MME

सह-संकायध्यक्ष, पूर्वांग मामले एवं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संबंध  
Associate Dean, Alumni Affairs and International Relations  
भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान खड़गपुर  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

**INVITATION LETTER**

Date: 21-05-2024

**To:****Prof. Sinisa Dj Mesarovic****Institute of Materials Research, School of Mechanical & Materials Engg.  
Washington State University, Pullman, WA, USA.****Subject:** Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 08<sup>th</sup> July to 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.**Dear Prof. Sinisa Dj Mesarovic,**

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you during 08-07-2024 to 05-08-2024 to participate in the SPARC program as per the sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

**Name:** Sinisa Dj Mesarovic**Nationality:** USA**Country of present domicile:** Serbia**Passport number:** A23667032**Place of Issue of passport:** US Dept. of State**Issue date of passport:** 14 Sept, 2023**Expiry date of passport:** 13 Sept, 2033**Date of birth:** 19 April, 1962

We understand that all expenses related to your visit will be sponsored by the SPARC project (Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024). We encourage you to bring your own medical insurance during your visit. Prof. Somjeet Biswas (somjeetbiswas@metal.iitkgp.ac.in) of our Institute will be the coordinator for your visit. We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and provide your travel plans to Prof. Somjeet Biswas.

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I look forward to your positive response. Please feel free to discuss all matters pertaining to your visit with Prof. Somjeet Biswas.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



*for M. Banerji*  
Associate Dean AA&IR  
21/5/24

**CC:**

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- (2) Prof. Shiv Brat Singh, HoD-MME
- (3) Prof. Somjeet Biswas, MME

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**FORM FOR MINISTRY CLEARANCE**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO**  
**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	David Paul Field
2	Nationality :	USA
3	Date of birth :	21 Sept. 1963
4	Place of birth :	Laramie, Wyoming, USA
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	561304919, 11 Dec 2017, USA (San Francisco, CA)
6	Visa Number (if available)	-
7	Current residential address :	2701 Klemgard Rd, Pullman, WA USA
8	Permanent residential address :	2701 Klemgard Rd, Pullman, WA USA
9.	Profession :	Professor
10.	Place of Employment:	Washington State University
11.	Academic Credentials:	PhD Mechanical Engineering
12.	Purpose of visit:	Participate in SPARC program, Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024 enclosed
13.	Period of visit:	08-07-2024 to 05-08-2024
14.	Email:	dfield@wsu.edu
15.	Day time Phone:	<u>1-509-335-3524</u>
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	e-Business Visa
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Somjeet Biswas



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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	Sinisa Dj. Mesarovic
2	Nationality :	USA
3	Date of birth :	April 19, 1962
4	Place of birth :	Beograd, Yugoslavia
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	A23667032, Sept. 14, 2023, US Dept. of State
6	Visa Number (if available)	-
7	Current residential address :	J. Gagarina 175, st. 82, 11000 Novi Beograd, Serbia
8	Permanent residential address :	618 N Main St Apt 103, Moscow, ID 83943, USA
9.	Profession :	University Professor
10.	Place of Employment:	Washington State University
11.	Academic Credentials:	PhD, Harvard University, 1996
12.	Purpose of visit:	Participate in SPARC program, Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024 enclosed
13.	Period of visit:	08-07-2024 to 05-08-2024
14.	Email:	<a href="mailto:smesarovic@wsu.edu">smesarovic@wsu.edu</a>
15.	Day time Phone:	<u>1-208-310-4515</u>
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	e-Business Visa / Embassy of India, Malog Radojice 20, Dedinje, 11040, Belgrade, Serbia
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Somjeet Biswas

*Chicco Patel* May 6, 2024



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1	Name :	Soumik Banerjee
2	Nationality :	USA
3	Date of birth :	February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1980
4	Place of birth :	Taki, West Bengal, India
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	643084385, 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019, U.S.A.
6	Visa Number (if available)	-
7	Current residential address :	655 SE Edge Knoll Dr, Pullman, WA 99163
8	Permanent residential address :	655 SE Edge Knoll Dr, Pullman, WA 99163
9.	Profession :	Associate Professor
10.	Place of Employment:	Washington State University
11.	Academic Credentials:	Ph.D., Engineering Mechanics, Virginia Tech
12.	Purpose of visit:	Participate in SPARC program, Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024 enclosed
13.	Period of visit:	08-07-2024 to 05-08-2024
14.	Email:	soumik.banerjee@wsu.edu
15.	Day time Phone:	+1 (509) 335-0294
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Somjeet Biswas

 06/05/2024



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**Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens**

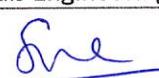
**Invitee details**

<b>Name of the visitor:</b>	David Paul Field
<b>Address and contact details:</b>	2701 Klemgard Rd, Pullman, WA USA <a href="mailto:dfield@wsu.edu">dfield@wsu.edu</a> Phone: <u>1-509-335-3524</u>
<b>Citizenship:</b>	USA
<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 Sept. 1963
<b>Organization:</b>	Washington State University

**Details of visit**

<b>Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:</b>	Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
<b>Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:</b>	To participate in the SPARC program, Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024 enclosed
<b>Intended duration of stay at IITKGP :</b>	08-07-2024 to 05-08-2024
<b>Support provided by IITKGP (local travel, stay, food, honorarium, any other). Please give details of each type of support with funding source and proof:</b>	Air travel, Local travel, stay, Food, honorarium  Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024 enclosed
<b>Support provided by any other organization incl. personal resources. Please give details and proof:</b>	None

**Invited by**

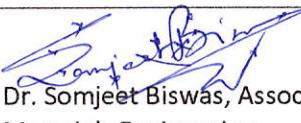
<b>Name, affiliation and signature of host:</b>	 Dr. Somjeet Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
<b>Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)</b>	 Head Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur-721302, India

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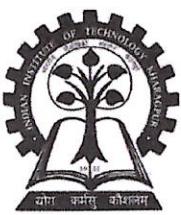


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<b>Invitee details</b>	
<b>Name of the visitor:</b>	Soumik Banerjee
<b>Address and contact details:</b>	655 SE Edge Knoll Dr, Pullman, WA 99163, USA soumik.banerjee@wsu.edu Phone: +1 (509) 335-0294
<b>Citizenship:</b>	USA
<b>Date of birth:</b>	February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1980
<b>Organization:</b>	Washington State University
<b>Details of visit</b>	
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<b>Name, affiliation and signature of host:</b>	 Dr. Somjeet Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
<b>Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)</b>	 Head Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur-721302, India

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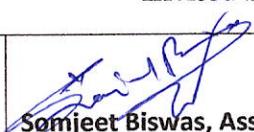
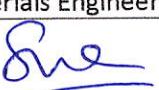
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<b>Name of the visitor:</b>	Sinisa Dj. Mesarovic
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<b>Citizenship:</b>	USA
<b>Date of birth:</b>	April 19, 1962
<b>Organization:</b>	Washington State University

**Details of visit**

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**Invited by**

<b>Name, affiliation and signature of host:</b>	 <b>Somjeet Biswas, Associate Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering</b>
<b>Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)</b>	 Head Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur-721302, India

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No.:SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518

Date: 29/04/2024

Project Theme: Adv Mater

To  
Dr. Somjeet Biswas  
Associate Professor  
Metallurgical and Materials Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology  
Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India - 721302

Sub: Sanction letter of SPARC proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

Based on the recommendation of the Apex Committee of SPARC, MoE has sanctioned the following project. The details are mentioned below:

Project Code : P3518  
Proposal-Id : 3518  
Title : Characterization of triple junction distributions in nanocrystalline metals for determination of mechanical properties  
Indian PI : Dr. Somjeet Biswas

**Sanctioned Budget Details:**

Budget head	No. of Visits/Workshops	Duration in months	Sanctioned Amount (in INR)
Travel – International Faculty*	4	1	4080000
Travel – International Scholar	-	-	0
Travel – Indian Scholar (at actuals, limited to @USD 2000 per trip)	2	6	340000
Out of pocket Expense – Indian Scholar Visiting Abroad (@USD 1000 per month)	-	-	1020000
Training Expenses			0
Publication / Monograph / Any Other			300000
Workshop / Symposium	2		700000
Contingency**			257600
Overhead			1030400
<b>Total</b>			<b>7728000</b>

The start date and the duration for the project are as follows:

**Start Date : 01/04/2024 Duration: 2 Years**

All procedures to be followed including expenditure will be as per SPARC norms.

No Change in PI/Co-PI (Indian/International) will be entertained.

As per rule 211 of GFR, the accounts of project shall be open for inspection by sanctioning authority / audit whenever the institute is called upon to do so.

The Institutes receiving grants under SPARC scheme should strictly adhere to the office memo no. F. No. 1(18)/PFMS/FCD/2021, dated 09/03/2022 issued by Ministry of Finance, Department of expenditure towards implementation of revised fund flow under Model-2 (details in Annexure I).

The Institute Coordinator of SPARC is requested to arrange for uploading provisional statement of accounts/UC in the site for all projects approved for the Institute during the 1st week of April and to upload the audited statement of accounts/UC by July.

To

Date: 06-05-2024

Capt Amit Jain (Retd)  
Registrar, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur  
Kharagpur-721302, India

Ref: Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024, entitled "*Characterization of triple junction distributions in nanocrystalline metals for determination of mechanical properties.*"

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith three profiles and other particulars in the prescribed format of the following persons, the first two are of foreign origins and the third one an overseas citizen of India (OCI), who will be visiting IIT Kharagpur for the purpose and duration as mentioned below:

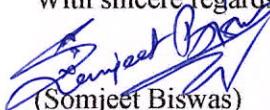
N o.	Name	Nationality	Purpose	Duration
1.	David P Field	USA	To participate in SPARC program, Sanction letter of SPARC proposal No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518, Dated 29/04/2024	8 <sup>th</sup> July – 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2024
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I therefore request you to kindly communicate with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) for No Objection of the Government of India towards the proposed visit at the earliest.

Enclosed:

1. Detailed information of the invitees as per prescribed format.
2. Sanction letter of SPARC proposal, No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ADVMA/P3518,  
Dated 29/04/2024

With sincere regards,



(Somjeet Biswas)

Head  
Department of Metallurgical  
and Materials Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology  
Kharagpur-721302, India

Through HoD, MME, IIT Kharagpur

Through Associate Dean, Alumni affairs and International Relations, IIT Kharagpur



