



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

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Dated: 28.05.2024

**NOTE**

**Sub: Approval for the visit of Prof. S. George from Canada to attend the SPARC program at IIT Kharagpur during 25<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024.**

Prof. Saji George from Canada is scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur during 25<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 to attend and present a workshop on “Developing sustainable nanotechnology for food and agriculture applications under the SPARC program.

The faculty coordinator of his visit is Prof. Jayeeta Mitra of AgFE Department (Flag-i). As per the document submitted it is understood that all expenses will be supported from the SPARC project (Code: SPARC/2019-2020/P2332/SL) (Flag-ii).

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 Form  
(ii) Filled-up Issuance of Visa Form  
(iii) Sanction Letter of SPARC  
(iv) Passport Copy

*Arup K. Roy*  
28.05.24

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**INVITATION LETTER**

Date: 03.06.2024

**To:**  
**Prof. Saji George**  
**119 Rue des Frenes, Pincourt,**  
**QC, J7W 9V5, Canada.**

**Subject:** Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 25<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024.

Dear Prof. Saji George,

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you during 25<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 to attend and present a workshop on 'Developing sustainable nanotechnology for food and agriculture applications under the SPARC program.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

**Name:** Saji George  
**Nationality:** Singapore Citizen  
**Country of present domicile:** Canada  
**Passport number:** K2132618K

**Place of Issue of passport:** MoHA  
**Issue date of passport:** 09.02.2021  
**Expiry date of passport:** 27.09.2026  
**Date of birth:** 28.04.1979

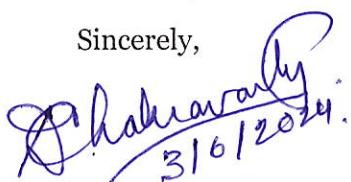
We understand that all expenses towards your visit will be supported by the SPARC project (Code: SPARC/2019-2020/P2332/SL). Prof. Jayeeta Mitra (jayeeta.mitra@agfe.iitkgp.ac.in) of Agricultural & Food Engineering department of our institute will be the coordinator for your visit. We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and provide your travel plans to Prof. Mitra.

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. Jayeeta Mitra.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



31/06/2024

Associate Dean AA&IR

CC:  
(1) Office of Registrar, IIT Kharagpur  
(2) Prof. M.K. Jha, HoD-AgFE  
(3) Prof. Jayeeta Mitra, AgFE

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**Office of Alumni Affairs & International Relations  
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Kharagpur-721302**

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

1	Name :	Saji George
2	Nationality :	Singapore
3	Date of birth :	April 28, 1979
4	Place of birth :	Erattupetta, Kottayam Dist, Kerala, India
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	K2132618K, Date of issue: 09 Feb 2021 Date of expiry: 27 Sep 2026 Place of Issue- Singapore
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	119 Rue des Frenes, Pincourt, QC, J7W 9V5, Canada
8	Permanent residential address :	119 Rue des Frenes, Pincourt, QC, J7W 9V5, Canada
9.	Profession :	Associate Professor
10.	Place of Employment:	Montreal, Canada
11.	Academic Credentials:	Ph. D
12.	Purpose of visit:	To attend and present a workshop on "Developing sustainable nanotechnology for food and agriculture applications: Understanding the stakeholder perspectives and Teaching and Project (EEU project under SPARC) Related Research
13.	Period of visit:	25 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> August. I may be visiting IIT Kharagpur in 2026/27
14.	Email:	sa ji.george@mcgill.ca
15.	Day time Phone:	+1 514 569 4765
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	High Commission of India, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Prof. Jayeeta Mitra, AgFE Dept., IIT Kharagpur

*Saji George* 20/08



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

<b>Invitee details</b>	
<b>Name of the visitor:</b>	<b>Prof. Saji George</b>
<b>Address and contact details:</b>	Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Sustainable Nanotechnology for Food and Agriculture, Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Macdonald- Stewart Building MS1-039 Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Science McGill University, Canada Email: <a href="mailto:saji.george@mcgill.ca">saji.george@mcgill.ca</a> T: 514-398-7920
<b>Citizenship:</b>	Singapore
<b>Date of birth:</b>	April 28, 1979
<b>Organization:</b>	McGill University, Canada
<b>Details of visit</b>	
<b>Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:</b>	AGFE Department, IIT Kharagpur
<b>Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:</b>	Teaching and Project Related Research
<b>Intended duration of stay at IITKGP :</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> July to 14 <sup>th</sup> August
<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>	local travel, stay, food, honorarium (EEU Project) <b>Project Call Details:</b> Each visit can be of duration varying between 15 days to 4 months. During a visit, in addition to carrying out the project-related collaboration and research the Foreign Faculty will Co-develop course content and teach one course on the topic of the proposal for 8 to 36 hours depending on the period of stay. <b>The visiting faculty may also conduct workshop that may include hands-on training.</b>
<b>Support provided by any other organization incl. personal resources. Please give details and proof:</b>	NA
<b>Invited by</b>	

Name, affiliation and signature of host:	Prof. Jayeeta Mitra , PI, EEU Project under SPARC <i>J. Mitra</i> 20/05/24
Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	HoD <i>J. Mitra</i> 20/05/24

Please note: Govt. rules will be followed regarding issuance of visa invitation letters



No.: SPARC/2019-2020/P2332/SL

Dt.: 26.07.2023

**To**

Dr. Jayeeta Mitra,  
Agricultural and Food Engineering,  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur,  
India

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

**Sub:** Sanction letter of SPARC proposal

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

<b>Project Code</b>	: P2332
<b>Proposal-Id</b>	: 2332
<b>Title</b>	: Electrospun Nanofibers for Increased Efficacy of Multi-Vitamin Encapsulation using Ascorbic Acid and Folic Acid and Monitoring the Depletion of Encapsulated Vitamin-C for Active Packaging Application
<b>Indian PI</b>	: Dr. Jayeeta Mitra (Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur)
<b>Indian Co-PI(s)</b>	: Dr. Kanishka Bhunia (Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur)
<b>International PI</b>	: Prof. Yixiang Wang (MCGILL UNIVERSITY)
<b>International Co-PI(s)</b>	: Dr. Saji George (MCGILL UNIVERSITY)

**Sanctioned Budget Details :**

<b>Budget Head</b>	<b>Sanctioned Amount (in INR)</b>
Travel - International Faculty	30,50,657
Travel - International Scholar	78,000
Travel - Indian Scholar	11,39,195
Publication - Monograph	2,00,000
Workshop / Symposium	3,00,000
Overhead and Contingency	11,86,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,53,852</b>

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

**Start Date:** 26.07.2023

**Duration:** 2 years

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

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 Institute has to maintain a separate account for each project.

