



Office of International Relations
Indian Institute of Technology
Kharagpur – 721 302



REF: 2281/2024/OIR

Dated: 05.08.2024

NOTE

Sub: Approval for the visit of Prof. S. Agarwal from Germany during 02nd Dec, 2024 – 03rd Jan, 2025.

Prof. Seema Agarwal from the University of Bayreuth, Germany, is scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur from December 2, 2024 to January 3, 2025 for research collaboration, planning joint workshops, projects, and teaching under the SPARC program.

The faculty coordinator of her visit is Prof. Susanta Banerjee of Materials Science Centre (Flag-i). As per the document submitted it is understood that all expenses related to her visit will be sponsored from the SPARC program (Project Code: P3689) (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) SPARC Sanction letter copy

Arup K. Roy 05.08.24
Junior IR- Executive

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IR-Executive

Rebecca Mukherjee
Dean, International Relations 05.08.2024

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Director 07.08.2024



INVITATION LETTER

Date: 07.08.2024

To:

Prof. Seema Agarwal
University of Bayreuth, Universitätsstrasse 30,
95447, Bayreuth, Germany.

Subject: Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 02nd Dec, 2024 – 03rd Jan, 2025.

Dear Prof. Seema Agarwal,

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you during 02.12.2024 to 03.01.2025 for research collaboration, planning joint workshops, projects and teaching under the SPARC program.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

Name: Seema Agarwal

Nationality: Deutsch

Country of present domicile: Germany

Passport number: C5XM4LL1K

Place of Issue of passport: Marburg

Issue date of passport: 26.06.2017

Expiry date of passport: 25.06.2027

Date of birth: 16.09.1966

We understand that all expenses related to your visit will be sponsored by SPARC Project (Code: P3689). Prof. Susanta Banerjee (susanta@matsc.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. Banerjee.

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

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Rabibrata Mukherjee
08-08-2024
Dean, International Relations

CC:

- (1) Office of Registrar, IIT Kharagpur
- (2) Prof. S.B. Majumder, HoC-Material Science Centre
- (3) Prof. Susanta Banerjee, Material Science Centre

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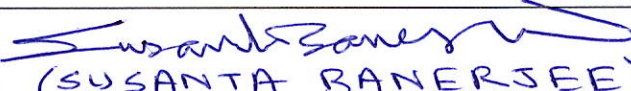
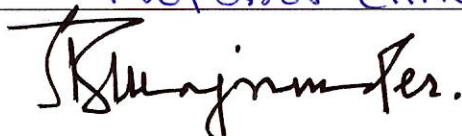
**FORM FOR MINISTRY CLEARANCE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	Prof. Dr. Seema AGARWAL
2	Nationality :	German (acquired), OCI card holder (number A 781676)
3	Date of birth :	16.09.1966
4	Place of birth :	New Delhi, India
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	C5XM4LL1K, 26.06.2017, Marburg, Germany
6	Visa Number (if available)	Life long for OCI (U 781676)
7	Current residential address :	Wölfelstrasse 16, 95444 Bayreuth, Germany
8	Permanent residential address :	Alfred-Wegener-Strasse 7, 35039, Marburg, Germany
9.	Profession :	Professor
10.	Place of Employment:	University of Bayreuth, Germany
11.	Academic Credentials:	Ph.D. from IIT Delhi, India
12.	Purpose of visit:	SPARC foreign PI, joint scientific collaboration, teaching
13.	Period of visit:	02.12.2024-03.01.2025
14.	Email:	agarwal@uni-bayreuth.de
15.	Day time Phone:	00491608114588
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	Frankfurt, Germany
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Prof. Susanta Banerjee / Materials Science Centre



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Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens

Invitee details	
Name of the visitor:	Prof. Dr. Seema Agarwal
Address and contact details:	University of Bayreuth, Universitätsstrasse 30, 95447 Bayreuth, Germany Tel: 00491608114588 Email: agarwal@uni-bayreuth.de
Citizenship:	German (acquired citizenship) (Overseas citizen of India (OCI) card holder)
Date of birth:	16.09.1966
Organization:	University of Bayreuth, Germany
Details of visit	
Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:	Materials Science Centre
Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:	Research collaboration, planning joining workshop, projects, teaching
Intended duration of stay at IITKGP :	One month (2.12.2024 – 03.01.2025)
Support provided by IITKGP (local travel, stay, food, honorarium, any other). Please give details of each type of support with funding source and proof:	-
Support provided by any other organization incl. personal resources. Please give details and proof:	SPARC (Project Code: P3689) 1. Project sanctioned Letter 2. project opening letters are
Invited by	
Name, affiliation and signature of host:	 (SUSANTA BANERJEE) 2/8/2024 Professor (HAG)
Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	 2/8/2024 Head Materials Science Centre IIT Kharagpur-721302

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



Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)

No.:SPARC/2024-2025/ENSU/P3689

Date: 29/04/2024

Project Theme: Energy Sustainability

To
Prof. Susanta Banerjee
Professor
Materials Science Centre
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 : P3689
Proposal-Id : 3689
Title : Solid Polymer Membranes for Fuel cell, Battery separator, and Water purification Applications

Indian PI : Prof. Susanta Banerjee

Sanctioned Budget Details:

Budget head	No. of Visits/Workshops	Duration in months	Sanctioned Amount (in INR)
Travel – International Faculty*	2	1	2550000
Travel – International Scholar	-	-	0
Travel – Indian Scholar (at actuals, limited to @USD 2000 per trip)	2	1	340000
Out of pocket Expense – Indian Scholar Visiting Abroad (@USD 1000 per month)	-	-	170000
Training Expenses			0
Publication / Monograph / Any Other			300000
Workshop / Symposium	2		700000
Contingency**			162400
Overhead			649600
Total			4872000

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.



SPONSORED RESEARCH & INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANCY
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR-721 302

No: IIT/SRIC/MS/SSW/2024-2025/082

Dated: 30-05-2024

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the DEAN(R&D) of this institute to the acceptance of the following research project. The Principal Investigator(s) and Co-Principal Investigator(s) are requested to submit the progress report periodically to the sponsor endorsing a copy to DEAN(SRIC) for record. All Final Technical Reports(FTR) have to be sent the sponsor on completion of the project along with a consolidated statement of account. A copy of the FTR should be given to SRIC Office record.

1. **Name of the Research Project** : Solid Polymer Membranes for Fuel cell, Battery separator, and Water purification Applications (SSW)
2. **Name of the Sponsoring Agency** : Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC), Apex Committee of SPARC, MoE, New Delhi
3. **Sanction Letter No & Date** : SPARC/2024-2025/ENSU/P3689 , Dt. 29-04-2024
4. **Duration of the Project.** : 24.0 Months w.e.f. 01-04-2024 upto 31-03-2026
5. **Total Project Cost.** : Rs. 4872000.00
6. **Year-Wise Break-Up of grant(in Rupees)**

COMPONENT	1st Year	2nd Year	TOTAL
TRAVEL EXPENSE	255000.00	255000.00	510000.00
OVERHEAD CHARGES	324800.00	324800.00	649600.00
CONTINGENCY	81200.00	81200.00	162400.00
FOREIGN TRAVELS	1275000.00	1275000.00	2550000.00
PUBLICATION/MONO GRAPH	150000.00	150000.00	300000.00
WORKSHOP/SYMPOSIUM	350000.00	350000.00	700000.00
TOTAL	2436000.00	2436000.00	4872000.00

7. **Name of the Principal Investigator & Dept.** : Prof. Susanta Banerjee (06001) , Materials Science Centre
8. **Name of the Principal Investigator** : DR. Seema Agarwal (M2024009) ,
9. **Name of the Co-Principal Investigator & Dept.** : Prof. Subhasish Basu Majumder (06003) , Materials Science Centre
10. **Name of the Co-Principal Investigator** : DR. Andreas Greiner (M2024010) ,
11. **Name of the Dept / Centre / School where Research Project is to be Performed.** : Materials Science Centre.
12. **Institute Approval Number.** : IIT/SRIC/MS/SSW/2024-2025/082
13. **Account Details.** : STATE BANK OF INDIA , A/C NO: 41089531251 , IFSC: SBIN0000202 , SPARC SUB

Joint Registrar(SRIC)

To:

1. Prof. Susanta Banerjee , Principal Investigator of the above Project.
Through: Head , Materials Science Centre , IIT Kharagpur.
2. DR. Seema Agarwal , Principal Investigator of the above Project.
3. Prof. Subhasish Basu Majumder , Co-Principal Investigator of the above Project.
Through: Head , Materials Science Centre , IIT Kharagpur.
4. DR. Andreas Greiner , Co-Principal Investigator of the above Project.

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