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SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017/77-Partha Halder

Sub: - Release of Fellowship Grants for the SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship Award to Dr. Partha Halder for SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017 for a period of 12 months to undertake research at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, USA hosted by Prof. John F. Berry.

Dear Dr. Halder,

Please find enclosed **our formal Award Letter for release of grant of SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017**. The advance grant of **Rs. 21,66,100.00 (Rupees twenty one lakh sixty six thousand and one hundred only)** have been remitted by a RTGS transfer as per the details provided by you.

The expenditure should be incurred strictly in accordance to the Terms & Conditions governing the SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017. In particular, re-appropriation of Heads of expenditure will not be admissible.

It is expected that due recognition to IUSSTF and SERB and is made in all scientific publications, presentations etc. connected with this Fellowship.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the grants RTGS transfer by return mail.

I wish you an academically rewarding experience through this prestigious fellowship.

Best regards,


(Rajiv K. Tayal)



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AWARD LETTER

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SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017/77-Partha Halder

Award of Indo-U.S. Science & Technology Forum (IUSSTF) is hereby accorded to **Dr. Partha Halder**, **Department of Chemistry, Scottish Church College, Kolkata** for SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship for the year 2017 for a period of twelve months to undertake research at **University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, USA** hosted by **Prof. John F. Berry**. The SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow will be working in the area of Chemical Sciences on the topic titled "Synthesis, Photocatalytic Reactivity Studies and Mechanistic Investigation of Diruthenium Paddlewheel Complexes Catalyzing Challenging Oxidative Transformations of Organic Compounds".

To build national capacity in frontier areas of Science and Engineering, the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Govt. of India and Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) have partnered to support the SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship Program as an initiative under the SERB Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (SERB-OPDF).

The aim of the fellowship program is to introduce Indian scientists and engineers in the early stages of their careers to international collaborative research opportunities, thereby furthering their research capacity and global perspective, and at the same time forging long-term relationships with scientists and engineers in the United States.

The fellowship should be commenced by 31st January 2018. The awardee of the fellowship will be called as "SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow". The award of the fellowship grant is governed by the Terms & Conditions as outlined in the SERB Bond signed by the Awardee.

The Grant-in-aid budget approved by IUSSTF for the subject award is as follows:

S.No.	Heads	Amount (INR)
1.	International air ticket costs for travel to the U.S. & back <i>(Air tickets will be issued directly by IUSSTF travel desk on Air India Airlines by economy class and shortest route, as per SERB guidelines)</i>	1,50,000
2.	Monthly Stipend @ US\$ 3000 per month for 12 months US\$ 3000 x 12 months i.e. US\$36000 US\$36,000 x Rs. 64 i.e. Rs. 23,04,000 Advance Grants for twelve months to be released to the Parent Institution/Fellow: US\$ 36,000 x Rs.64= Rs. 23,04,000	23,04,000
3.	Overseas Medical Insurance at a maximum of Rs. 65,000 or at actuals* Advance Grants to be released to the Parent Institution/Fellow: 50% of Rs. 65,000 i.e. Rs. 32,500/-* <i>(*The remaining 50% amount will be disbursed at actuals against the</i>	65,000*



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	<i>supporting vouchers/receipts at the time of grant settlement)</i>	
4.	100% personal contingent grant for the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow to be released to the Parent Institution/Fellow <i>(The personal contingency is to cover expenses for U.S. Visa and airport transfers for the duration of the fellowship and the expenditure should be supported with vouchers/receipts)</i>	60,000
5.	Conference grant for the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow will be released up to a maximum amount of Rs. 74,000.00 only <i>(The fellow seeks formal approval prior from SERB and IUSSTF for attending the conference. The amount will be released after receiving the supporting documents/ receipts and details of participation of the conference.)</i>	74,000
6.	Total Budget approved for the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow by IUSSTF (S. No-1-5)	26,53,000
7.	Total Budget being made available to the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow by IUSSTF: (90% twelve months stipend of S. No-2 + 50% of Sr. No. 3 + 100% of S. No. 4) i.e. 20,73,600 + 32,500 + 60,000 = Rs. 21,66,100)	21,66,100
	Equivalent in US\$	\$33,845.31

The advance grants is being released to Dr. Partha Halder vide the Award Letter No. SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship 2017/77-Partha Halder dated 4th January 2018 (1st tranche).

S.No.	Heads	Amount, (INR)
1.	Monthly stipend for twelve months 90% of the approved amount of Rs. 23,04,000	20,73,600
2.	Overseas Medical Insurance 50% of the approved amount of Rs. 65,000	32,500
3.	Personal contingent grant 100% of the approved amount	60,000
	The advance grants to be released (1st tranche)	21,66,100

Exchange Conversion rate as on 04.01.2018: 1 US\$ = Rs. 64

Rs. 21,66,100.00 (Rupees twenty one lakh sixty six thousand and one hundred only) is being released by a RTGS transfer as per the following details as submitted by the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow:

(i)	Name of the Account Holder	Scottish Church College
(ii)	Account Number	084010100249621
(iii)	Bank Name and Address	Axis Bank 126A Bidhan Sarani, Shyambazar, West Bengal, Kolkata-700004
(iv)	IFSC Code Number	UTIB0000084
(v)	MICR Code	70021101
(vi)	Amount	INR 21,66,100.00



Note:

(i) The grants as per the Award letter is being released to the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow on the prevailing foreign exchange rate. Any difference in exchange rate will be reimbursed by IUSSTF after completion of the fellowship and on submission of UC/SE supported by the forex receipts. The UC/SE will be accepted only on submission of foreign exchange conversion receipt.

(ii) The balance 10% stipend for the financial tranche will be released after submission of UC/SE and the Fellowship Report along with all the supporting receipts/ vouchers.

The SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow/ the Grantee institution may please note the following towards strict compliance:

(i) Due recognition to the IUSSTF and SERB has to be made in all scientific publications, presentations etc by the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow.

(ii) SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow / Grantee Institution must submit a Utilization certificate and Statement of Expenditure (UC/SE) for the grants received from Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum on completion of fellowship period in the prescribed formats.

(iii) All the relevant documents/ reports in the prescribed formats must be submitted by the SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow / Grantee Institution to the Indo-U.S. Science and Technology Forum.


(iv) SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow must submit **original flight boarding passes and a Certificate of Participation (enclosed)** to certify travel on tickets issued through IUSSTF Travel desk.

(v) The accounts of the Grantee Institution shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority/ audit, whenever the institution is called upon to do so.

(vi) Any unspent amount of grants will have to be refunded to "Indo-U.S. S&T Forum" by a cheque/demand draft payable at par in New Delhi.

Disclaimer

1. As SERB Indo-U.S. Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is funded by SERB; the Fellow will be governed by the SERB overarching framework of prevailing regulations and policies (such as the *Open Access Policy*) to the extent applicable.
2. All grant-in-aid Awards are subject to availability of funding, either from internal resources or external agencies, as the case may be.
3. IUSSTF is not responsible if the Funding Agency, at any given point of time, withdraws the funding support to the Program due to unforeseen exigencies; or for any delays in fund release arising due to delayed receipt of funds from the Funding Agency.
4. No damages, direct or indirect, caused due to any eventualities during work, stay and travel, such as an accident, injury or illness, shall be attributed to IUSSTF during the course of implementation of the Award or any period preceding/ succeeding the Award.
5. IUSSTF reserves the right to amend its policies and priorities anytime, depending on circumstances, and such decisions shall be binding for all Awards.


R. Varadarajan
Head (F&A)

Copy to,

1. **SERB Indo-U.S. Research Fellow:** Dr. Partha Halder, Department of Chemistry, Scottish Church College, Kolkata
2. **U.S. Host:** Prof. John F. Berry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin, USA
3. Director, Scottish Church College, Kolkata
4. Fellow's file.



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