



# Certificate of Completion

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**Raza Rafiqul Hoque**

*in recognition of successful completion of the*

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**Dr. Raza Rafiqul Hoque**  
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Dear Dr. Hoque:

Congratulations on your selection for Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship for a period of nine months to conduct research on a project titled: "Carcinogenic Risk of PAHs in Tribal Homes of Northeast India and Receptor Modelling of Sources Contributions for Public Health Decision Making," at University of Rochester, Rochester, NY beginning August 1, 2017. Dr. Philip Hopke, Department of Public Health Services, University of Rochester will be your faculty host.

It gives us great pleasure to send you the Fulbright-Nehru grant document (**Award No. 2258/F-N APE/2017**). If you accept the award, please sign, scan and return an electronic copy to USIEF. You can retain the original with you.

As part of your Fulbright grant benefits, you will receive roundtrip transportation via economy class from your place of residence in Tezpur, Assam to University of Rochester, Rochester, NY and back in accordance with Fulbright guidelines. You will receive a monthly maintenance (MMR) allowance of \$3,035 per month for a period not exceeding nine months beginning August 1, 2017; one-time payment of \$500 as settling-in allowance; \$1,000 professional allowance; \$100 transit allowance and \$500 baggage allowance. You will also receive an accident and sickness coverage for the grant period (Please see ASPE guide for details regarding coverage). If required, USIEF will provide supplemental university health insurance.

**Visa Instructions:** You must appear personally before the Visa Consular Officer in Kolkata to obtain your visa. You will be required to produce the following documents at that time:

1. Original USIEF grant document
2. Passport (s) valid for six months beyond your grant end date and old passports
3. The Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange of Visitor Status (DS-2019)
4. Photograph (2 inches X 2 inches)
5. Confirmation Page of your DS 160 (visa application form)
6. A letter from the appropriate authority sanctioning your leave of absence, if employed

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USIEF-Delhi office will send your DS-2019 form to **Ms. Shevanti Narayan, Regional Officer, USIEF-Kolkata**. Ms. Narayan will contact you with regard to your visa formalities. She can be reached through email [shevanti@usief.org.in](mailto:shevanti@usief.org.in) and telephone (033) 2288 0659.

Your travel will be arranged in consultation with you and in accordance with USIEF regulations. You will fly on airlines covered under the Fly America Act or by Air India. For your travel arrangements, please get in touch with Ms. Viji Shibu Ninan, Program coordinator-Indian Program, USIEF-New Delhi at [vijee@usief.org.in](mailto:vijee@usief.org.in) and telephone 011-42090947.

In case of grantees on eight or nine month grants, this fellowship provides for a dependent allowance of \$200 per month towards maintenance for one principal dependent, provided the dependent is in the U.S., for at least 80% of the entire grant period.

If you are employed, the fellowship has been awarded to you on the assumption that you will be given leave by your employer for your research/teaching/professional development in the U.S. This should be confirmed officially to us as soon as possible. Since funds in this program are extremely limited, no extensions are possible.

CIES, the coordinating agency in the United States, has been designated by the FSB and the U.S. Department of State to arrange, verify and supervise the professional programs of foreign scholars visiting the United States to conduct advanced research under the Fulbright-Nehru program.

You should feel free to communicate with USIEF and CIES concerning any problems that may arise during your stay in the U.S. Please contact **Dr. Sudarsan Dash**, Senior Program Officer, Indian Program, USIEF-New Delhi at [Sudarsan@usief.org.in](mailto:Sudarsan@usief.org.in) and **Ms. Viji S. Ninan**, Program Coordinator-Indian Program, USIEF-New Delhi at [Vijee@usief.org.in](mailto:Vijee@usief.org.in); The Program Officer for Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program at CIES is **Ms. Meaghan Wallace** [mwallace@iie.org](mailto:mwallace@iie.org). All matters relating to international travel, except in the case of emergency, should be taken up directly with USIEF in India at least two months before your departure from the U.S. You are expected to return to India as soon as your grant ends in the U.S.

USIEF will disburse your monthly stipend and applicable allowances, unless otherwise specified, through wire transfer to your U.S. bank account. Please provide USIEF the required U.S. bank information on the prescribed format immediately after opening your U.S. account.

USIEF expects you to remain in touch with USIEF and CIES during the course of your grant. You will have to submit a **mid-term report**, half way through the grant period, to USIEF. In addition you are required to submit **two** reports on your U.S. experience and impressions -- one to CIES at the end of your stay before leaving the U.S. and the second to USIEF after your return. The report templates will be given to you at the appropriate time.



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Please note that extension is not possible under the Fulbright-Nehru awards. Visiting Fulbright-Nehru scholars are subject to the two-year foreign residence requirement associated with the J-1 visa. This means that you are not eligible to apply for status in the U.S. as permanent resident, H temporary worker/trainee, or L intra-company transferee until you have resided and been physically present in India for at least two years following your departure from the United States.

We wish you all the best for your Fulbright-Nehru Program in the U.S.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Diya Dutt  
Deputy Director

Encl: As stated

cc: Fiscal and Administration Section, USIEF-New Delhi  
Ms. Shevanti Narayan, Regional Officer- USIEF-Kolkata

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#### CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

I accept the fellowship offered to me by the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) and agree to abide by the terms set out in the award documents sent to me by USIEF. In accepting, I certify that I have not received financial and travel assistance from any other source.

I understand that no transfer of visa sponsorship will be permitted.

I will return to India after completion of the program.

I agree to send USIEF my U.S. bank details to facilitate wire-transfer of my stipend and other applicable allowances.

I agree to submit the completed USIEF mid-term and final report forms.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_