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Rochona Majumdar
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Dear Professor Majumdar,

Thank you for submitting your proposal titled "The Hindoo/Presidency College: A Global History" to the Provost's Global Faculty Awards funding opportunity for Delhi. I am pleased to share with you that the faculty committee has reviewed your proposal and has approved USD \$28,000.00 in support of this initiative.

In the review process, the committee considered the potential of each application for intellectual significance, collaboration with local partners and institutions, and potential impact on and benefits to both the University of Chicago and the region. We appreciated the deep engagement with local partners that this project entails. We would recommend that you speak with Professor Mark Hansen regarding a connection between Professor Stephen Stigler (Statistics) and P.C. Mahalanobis, which could be a valuable facet to add to this project.

We kindly request that you and your grant administrator schedule a meeting with the UChicago Global team to discuss the timeline, reporting requirements, and terms of the funding allocation, as well as any special considerations related to your project. I have also copied Aditi Mody and Arvind Balyan from the Center in Delhi on this letter, and they will work with you to plan any local logistics for this program.

Conducting University activities abroad often gives rise to additional, occasionally complex considerations and obligations, including those covered under both U.S. and local laws. Accordingly, please be sure to consider the University and/or legal requirements applicable to your project and, if needed, seek guidance from the UChicago Global team.

Finally, we recognize that the current COVID-19 pandemic has created many uncertainties around the University's international work and collaborations. Please rest assured that the University of Chicago and the UChicago Global office are committed to supporting faculty in their collaborative work around the world. However, there may be unforeseen circumstances that may prevent funded work from proceeding as planned over the coming fiscal year. Should this be the case, our office will work with you to find a way to use the funds most effectively while following best practices for health and safety.

Please carefully review the policies outlined in the annexed Grant Agreement form, and sign and return it to Marie Bejarano at mbejarano@uchicago.edu. Please note that we will not be able to release funding for your award until this form is received.

We look forward to seeing your project come to fruition!

Best wishes,



Dipesh Chakrabarty
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Faculty Director, University of Chicago Center in Delhi

Cc: Aditi Mody, Executive Director, University of Chicago Center in Delhi
Arvind Balyan, Facility Manager, University of Chicago Center in Delhi
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Application Summary

Competition Details

Competition Title: Provost's Global Faculty Awards: Delhi
Category: Internal Funding
Award Cycle: FY20/21
Submission Deadline: 01/31/2020 at 11:59 PM

Application Information

Submitted By: Rochona Majumdar
Application ID: 1141
Application Title: The Hindoo/ Presidency College: A Global History
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Where did you hear about this opportunity?

Internal advertisements.

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Proposal Abstract

The Hindoo College, established in 1817, was one of the first "Western" educational institutions in Asia. It was renamed as Presidency College in 1855. The college was established a few years after the Fort William college in Calcutta (1800) and the Haileybury College (1806) in England. As a "private" enterprise, the establishment of the college opens up questions about the role of philanthropy in the colony. The remit of both Fort William and Haileybury was to serve the East India Company. The Hindoo College however was an "academic" institution from the beginning with no explicit brief to be of service to the Company raj and subsequently the British Empire. Its location in colonial era Calcutta made it a hub of myriad global influences. The aim of this project is to analyze the history of the Hindoo and subsequently Presidency college as "global" history. By what processes did a world-class institution emerge in a newly established city, largely through private enterprise, under Company rule and continue its dominance in the Indian academic scene well into the postcolonial period? Who were the beneficiaries of its education? What was the history of pedagogy and disciplinarity in the College?

The chronological span of our inquiry is 1817-1972. 1817 was the year that the college was founded. In 1972, Professor P. C. Mahalanobis, the eminent statistician, founder of the Indian Statistical Institute, and moving force in independent India's first planning commission died. Mahalanobis' papers will constitute an important part of our project.

Project Narrative



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