



University of St Andrews Library

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Dear Professor Anindya Skhar Purakayastha,

Thank you for your application to the 2020 Special Collections Visiting Scholar Scheme at the University of St Andrews. The committee charged with making these awards has now met, and I am writing with the good news that your application has been successful. Congratulations!

We are looking forward very much to seeing you in St Andrews in the summer. There are four items which need your immediate attention: dates, travel, accommodation and photograph.

If the dates stated in your application are still convenient you should go ahead and make your **travel and visa** arrangements. Please keep all receipts to facilitate reimbursement. If you would prefer to use the travel agent with which the University has an arrangement, that is DP&L Travel at [st-andrews@dpandl.co.uk](mailto:st-andrews@dpandl.co.uk).

Please also confirm as soon as possible whether you wish to take advantage of the university **accommodation** we will provide, or whether you would prefer to make your own arrangements. We will need to make bookings and pressure on accommodation is often acute. As was specified in the further particulars, if you choose to make your own arrangements, you will receive a contribution towards cost equivalent to the rent payable in the allocated university accommodation. These costs would be reimbursed at the conclusion of the visit.

It would also be most helpful if you could send a **photograph** that we could use in our announcement of the competition result (though I should stress this is entirely optional, and not a condition of the award).

Once we have received your notification of acceptance, my curatorial colleagues will be back in touch before your visit to confirm your first booking in our reading room and to identify what collections materials would like to see on your first visit.

We had a terrific response to our call for applications for this year's scheme and many fine submission from extremely well-qualified candidates. So it is a great compliment to the quality of your application that you stood out in such company and that your application was successful.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to St Andrews in the summer.

Yours sincerely

pp Gabriel Sewell  
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