

**APPLICATION AND DETAILED PROJECT REPORT
FOR PROPOSED
VIVEKANANDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
International Institute of Innovation and Technology
3 B. T. Road, Agarpara, Kolkata, West Bengal, India**

September 19, 2013

Honourable Sri Bratya Basu
Minister for Higher Education
Government of West Bengal
Higher Education Department (University Branch)
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata – 700091

Subject: Application for approval of Vivekananda International University

Dear Mr. Basu,

Pursuant to the West Bengal Government's Policy and Guidelines for setting-up Private Universities issued by your Department on 31.12.2012, we are submitting this application to set up a Private University at 3 B. T. Road, P.O. Agarpara, Kolkata. We have attached the application fees of Rs. One lakh. The application contains ten (10) copies of Detailed Project Report (DPR) containing the following particulars as required by your policy guidelines:

(a) Name and address of the organizing committee or the sponsoring body;

RAMAKRISHNA VIVEKANANDA MISSION, 7 Riverside Road, Barrackpore, 24 Parganas
PRADIP AND KUMKUM GHOSH FOUNDATION (USA), 11508 Manorstone Lane,
Columbia, MD 21044

(b) Evidence of registration of the organizing committee or the sponsoring body, its constitution, rules and regulations detailing:

Attached in Section 22 of this Detailed Project Report.

(i) Whether the Society is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or the Trust constituted under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 or the Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 (Central Act No. 1 of 1956),

- (ii) Whether Minority (religious or linguistic);*
- (iii) Registration Number (if any),*
- (iv) Date of Registration (if any),*
- (v) Place of Registration (if any),*
- (vi) Details of minority status, if any,*
- (vii) Details of certificate,*
- (viii) Details of Governing Body, managing committee etc. if any,*
(Copy of Registration of Society / Trust / Company /Minority Status issued by appropriate authority along with details of constitution, memorandum of association of the Society / Trust/

Information requested in this section are attached to the detailed Project Report as section 22.

- (c) Details of financial resources including presently received from State Government ((year wise), if any, of the organizing committee or the sponsoring body and audited report of its accounts for the last five years;*

Audited reports of accounts for the last five years of the Mission is attached.

This project is funded by Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh and his corporate entities. A Notarized statement of his finances in addition to the accountant's reviewed statement of Shamit Management, Inc. is attached.

- (d) The name, location and headquarters of the proposed University;*

3. B. T. Road, P.O. Agarpara, Kolkata

- (e) Aims and objectives of the proposed University;*

Mission of the proposed University:

Mission of this private university is to integrate research, education and professional service in areas related to technology, engineering, health sciences and other disciplines with special emphasis on innovation and technology. Our goal is also to provide the profession and academia with outstanding graduates who will advance their practice and fundamental knowledge in the areas of teaching, arts and sciences and in legal studies.

Our goal is to provide educational and research program that serves the needs of India and profession; recruit and retain a diverse student population that is representative of the state; engage in outreach activities and engage in state of the art research in collaboration with at least ten famous international universities in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Our goal is to build an unique teaching and research institution where innovations and inventions will take place for the betterment of human beings all over the world.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED PRIVATE UNIVERSITY:

The objects of Private University shall include and comply with the guidelines published by the Higher Education Department of Government of West Bengal as follows:

- (i) to provide instruction, teaching and training in higher education and make provisions for research, advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

ON THE SOUTH : Premises of Texmaco
ON THE EAST : C.S.Plot No. 1169, 1165, 1162
ON THE WEST : Barrackpore Trunk Road

(g) An affidavit to be sworn in by the sponsoring Body of an existing educational institution in a Non Judicial Stamp of Rs. 10/-declaring interalia that the authority shall augment their existing building at least 10,000/- square meter, to be used for academic/instructional purpose within three years from the date of commencement of the proposed University.

Not applicable

(h) Whether the land conversion is done for use of the land for educational purpose or not;

Yes

(i) Details of plan for campus development such as construction of buildings, development of structural amenities and infrastructural facilities to be undertaken before the proposed University starts functioning;

Attached in sections 24 and 25

j) Blue-print for campus development programme to be undertaken during first five years in phased manner after commencement of functioning of the proposed University and phased outlays of capital expenditure and sources of finance for those five years;

Attached in section 9

(j) The nature and type of programmes of study and research proposed to be undertaken by the proposed University and their relevance to the development goal and employment needs of the State and phasing of such programmes over the first five years with course-wise enrolment target;

Attached in the detailed project report.

(k) The experience and expertise in the concerned disciplines at the command of the organizing committee or sponsoring body in detail;

Attached in the detailed project report.

(l) Number of Colleges and Universities located around 5 kilometers of proposed university, their names and types etc.;

None

(m) The scheme for mobilizing resources internally and externally;

Rs. 150 crores in funds will be mobilized by Dr. Pradip K. Ghosh of USA between the years of 2013 to 2018.

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(n) Details of foreign collaboration, if any;

Proposed teaching and research collaboration will be provided by Professors from Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland College Park, University of Maryland Baltimore, Cornell University, Michigan state university and Harvard University .

(o) Details of proposed fee structure along with proposal of fee concession / fee exemption for the poor and physically handicapped students;

Will follow the West Bengal Government's policies.

(p) Details of proposed reservation of minorities students, domiciled students as well as domiciled employees;

Will follow the West Bengal Government's policies.

(q) Details of Endowment Fund – a sum of Rs. 10, 00, 00,000/- (Rupees ten crore) in the name of the proposed University and a collateral security deposit of Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore); is required to be pledged in favor of the Higher Education Department Government of West Bengal;

A notarized affidavit is attached.

(r) Admission procedure to be followed for students to different courses and research programmes of the proposed University;

Pursuant to the norms and policies of AICTE and UGC.

(s) Procedure to be followed for appointment of permanent Faculty having requisite educational and professional qualification as per UGC and others Regulatory bodies norms for the proposed University;

Will follow the UGC and other Regulatory bodies norms.

(t) Procedure to be followed for appointment of officials having requisite educational and professional qualification as well as Non-teaching staff for the proposed University;

Positions will be advertised in all newspapers published in West Bengal. Faculty members will be contacted through the LINKEDIN and other on line networking websites. Potential candidates will be interviewed by a five member recruitment committee.

(u) Details of the proposed study centers of the proposed University if it desires to run distance education programmes;

Not yet decided

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(w) Special activities and /or skill development activities that the proposed University wants to run in response to local necessity;

These programs will be developed beginning on January 15, 2014.

(x) Details of playground, auditorium and other facilities available or proposed to be created for games, sports, culture and extracurricular activities like NCC, NSS, Scouts and Guides etc;

Please see the site development plan in Sections 24 and 25.

(y) Perspective programme / arrangement for academic auditing;

Will be developed by the Curriculum Committee of 5 members.

(z) A vision statement from the sponsoring body sustaining the reasonability for setting-up the proposed University and any other information that the Organizing Committee / Sponsoring Body will like to share;

Please see the Detailed Project Report .

Respectfully submitted,

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