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September 23, 2021

Aparajita Chattopadhyay, PhD  
Professor  
International Institute for Population Sciences  
Mumbai- India

Dear Dr. Chattopadhyay:

On behalf of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, it is my great honor to extend this formal invitation and to welcome you as a Yusuf Hamied 2021-22 Fellow. I am delighted to reintroduce you to the faculty director of our Yusuf Hamied Fellowship program, Dr. Kavita Sivaramakrishnan, who will be in touch regarding plans for your residency with us in New York, which we hope will happen in 2022 when it is safe to travel and a better time for in-person exchanges on your research with our faculty. (Dr. Sivaramakrishnan's email is [ks2890@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:ks2890@cumc.columbia.edu)). You have already heard from our colleague, Ravina Aggrawal, director of the Columbia Global Centers | Mumbai, whose team will assist you with visa and hotel arrangements when the time comes to plan your stay.

Your fellowship with us will build on terrific momentum built in the first two years of this program. It is our intention to plan your 2022 stay so that it is as productive and agreeable as possible to help you seed what we hope will be sustained research collaborations with our faculty. To achieve that efficiently, we look forward to planning a preparatory Zoom call for you with one of our faculty members who will serve as your school facilitator, and we will plan to have you present a virtual talk on your work early next year via Zoom so that our faculty can get to know your interests and plan collaborations.

I hope you will save the date of October 15 and join us online at 6pm (Mumbai time) for our annual Yusuf Hamied Distinguished lecture to be given by Dr. Vikram Patel. I am attaching the flyer so that you can register for that lecture.

With thanks to our friend Dr. Yusuf K. Hamied for making this program possible and in anticipation of your 2022 residency with us, I send best wishes to you and welcome you into our Hamied Fellowship Program.

Sincerely Yours,

Linda P. Fried

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Dear Ms. Saikia,

**United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Innovative Methods to Measure the Impact  
of COVID-19 on Mortality through Surveys and Censuses**  
*Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 23-26 August 2022*

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Statistics Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), in collaboration with the UN-DESA Population Division and New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi, is organizing an Expert Group Meeting on Innovative Methods to Measure the Impact of COVID-19 on Mortality through Surveys and Censuses. The meeting will take place at the NYU Abu Dhabi campus, on 23-26 August 2022.

The meeting is organised under the guidance of the Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Mortality Assessment (TAG) established jointly by UN-DESA and the World Health Organization (WHO). As a final output of the Working Group 2 under the TAG, the recommendations produced by the Expert Group Meeting will not only help fill national data gaps in adult mortality in terms of availability, quality and timeliness, but also provide guidance on ways to collect data that can capture the impact of the pandemic (or any future crisis) on adult mortality through surveys and censuses.

The meeting will discuss and agree on a set of proposed recommendations for censuses and surveys based on ongoing research and experiments, and particularly in low-income and middle-income countries. These recommendations will seek to (a) improve adult mortality data collection in terms of quality, availability and timeliness; and (b) generate census and survey data that could be used to measure the impact of epidemics, pandemics and other disasters on adult mortality. The proposed recommendations would cover innovations in questionnaire design; interview methods and sampling strategies, as well as integration of surveys and censuses with other data sources on mortality (e.g., civil registration, health information systems).

In this context, we would like to invite you to join the Expert Group Meeting. Your travel to the meeting, as well as meals and accommodation will be covered by NYU Abu Dhabi. Please kindly return the attached participation form and travel request form by **Friday, 13 May 2022.**

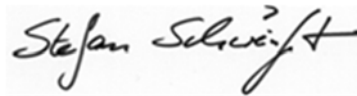
Ms. Nandita Saikia  
Professor  
Public Health and Mortality Studies  
International institute for Population Sciences  
Mumbai, India

The concept note for the meeting is attached for your information. Further detailed information concerning the meeting, including the provisional agenda and expected contributions, will be communicated in due course. Please note that the meeting will be conducted in English only.

If you have any questions on substantive issues related to this event, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Haoyi Chen, Statistician (E-mail: [chen9@un.org](mailto:chen9@un.org), WhatsApp: +1 609 902 6806). For administrative matters, please contact Ms. Caroline Kassab (E-mail: [ck2688@nyu.edu](mailto:ck2688@nyu.edu)).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your positive response and substantive contribution to the meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Stefan Schweinfest  
Director  
United Nations Statistics Division/DESA

21 June 2022

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Professor Nandita Saikia  
Room No 38, Academic Building International Institute for  
Population Sciences  
Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400088  
India

Dear Professor Nandita Saikia ,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to accept visiting status as a Campus Visitor at The Australian National University (the University) for the period 1/11/2022 to 31/12/2022. Please note that this offer does not constitute an offer of employment with the University.

Your hosting area will be the Division/College: College of Arts and Social Sciences, unless otherwise determined. Prof Vladimir Canudas Romo will oversee your activities on behalf of the University.

As a status holder you are welcome to make use of the University's library resources in addition to any other resources made available to you by your host College or Division.

As a status holder you will receive a building swipe card. Please talk to your host College or Division about being issued a swipe card.

As a status holder you will receive login access and an ANU email address. Please talk to your host College or Division about relevant IT policy.

### **Allowances and/or Reimbursements**

The University will provide you with a total allowance of up to \$12,000.00, made up as follows:

Airfares	up to \$3,000.00
Accommodation for the period of your stay at the University	up to \$8,000.00
Other	up to \$1,000.00

On arrival please contact Prof Vladimir Canudas Romo ([u1019088@anu.edu.au](mailto:u1019088@anu.edu.au)) to arrange payment of your allowance or reimbursement. If you have further questions please contact the Finance Office in your hosting area.

The University may be able to assist you in finding suitable rental accommodation through the University Accommodation Services (UAS). University House also provides short-term

hotel style accommodation. This letter of invitation includes more information about finding suitable accommodation.

## Visa Requirements

To visit Australia you will need to apply for and have an appropriate visa granted by the [Australian Department of Home Affairs](#).

### Temporary Activity Visa (Subclass 408)

If you are applying for a [subclass 408](#) Temporary Activity visa, please note that the University is an approved Visiting Academic sponsor. You must lodge your application online with the Department of Home Affairs. On your visa application form you will need to provide the following information:

- The University's Sponsorship Application ID: 55651084
- Sponsorship approval date: 17 May 2022
- Australian Business Number: 52 234 063 906.
- Sponsorship letter

You will be required to pay a visa application charge when you lodge your visa application.

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## Insurance

During your period of status with the University, you will be covered under our volunteer insurance policies, which include cover for: personal accident; public liability; professional indemnity; and employment practices. You may wish to establish whether you are covered by your home institution for workers compensation and/or investigate supplementary private insurance.

International visitors are not covered for travel or health insurance and are encouraged to seek private insurance arrangements prior to their visit at the University. Some countries do have reciprocal health care agreements with Australia, which provide some limited coverage, generally for emergency situations. To establish if you are eligible for these arrangements and the level of cover provided, please visit the [Medicare Australia's](#) website.

## School Fees

Holders of the subclass 408 (Temporary Activity) visa are recommended to contact the International Education Unit directly to assess their individual eligibility regarding the school fee exemption for dependents studying at an ACT public school. If you are not eligible, you may be required to pay full school fees. Further information can be obtained online at The [ACT Department of Education and Training website](#). Tuition fees are not payable by New Zealand residents or citizens.

## Policies and Conditions

For the duration of your association with the University, you will be subject to the University's policies, which may be viewed on the University's [website](#). I particularly draw your attention to the [Code of Conduct](#), [Conflict of Interest](#), [Intellectual Property](#) and [Academic Titles Conferral](#) policies. As part of your Visitor and Honorary Appointment (VaHa) arrangements, the University may require you to enter into an agreement regarding intellectual property you create which is related to your appointment with the University.

Any public statements made by you during your visit must acknowledge your status with the University and not imply any representation of your views as being those of the University. You will not have authority to speak on behalf of or represent the University unless agreed beforehand with the College Head in your host area.

Should you have any questions or queries about these policies during your visit I encourage you to discuss them with your University contact.

The University reserves the right to withdraw this status at any time prior to its expiry date.

For information on parking on campus, please refer to the [Parking Office's website](#). This is necessarily a formal letter but please be assured that it is with great pleasure that the University offers this status.

Yours sincerely,

Prof Edith Gray  
Professor  
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***To be given to the contact officer on arrival:***

1. Certified copy of passport
2. Certified copy of valid visa

21 June 2022

Department of Home Affairs

Sponsorship Approval ID: 55651084  
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To whom it may concern

**Sponsor statement in support of subclass 408 Temporary Activity visa – Professor Nandita Saikia**

The Australian National University wishes to sponsor Professor Nandita Saikia for the subclass 408 Temporary Activity visa to visit the Australian National University during the period 1/11/2022 to 31/12/2022.

Nandita Saikia is visiting the Australian National University to participate in the Australian research project as outlined in the attached statement from their host at the University.

As an authorised representative of the Australian National University, I confirm the following:

1. Sponsorship obligations

The Australian National University will meet the sponsorship obligations for all applicants included in this application who are granted the subclass 408 visa, including all family members who are granted the subclass 408 visa. A list of all relevant applicants is provided below:

– Professor Nandita Saikia, date of birth 31/12/1980

2. Applicant skills, work experience and English proficiency

The Australian National University as sponsor of this visa application has assessed the applicant's English proficiency, skills and work experience and determined that the applicant has the required level of English proficiency, skills and work experience to fulfil the requirements of the project / program they will be undertaking at the Australian National University.

Yours sincerely,

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## **ANU ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION**

### **ANU Rental Properties**

ANU owns a small number of rental properties in Canberra as staging accommodation to new ANU staff and visiting fellows. As our rental properties are 'staging' accommodation we offer 3 to 12 months stays depending on the length of your appointment.

T: 02 6125 1100

E: [rental.uas@anu.edu.au](mailto:rental.uas@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://anuapartments.anu.edu.au/>

### **Liversidge Court Apartments**

An apartment complex located on the ANU campus made up of studio, one and two bedroom self-contained apartments. Run similar to a hotel, the apartments can be booked for a short term stay (1 night) or a longer term stay (up to 3 months).

T: 02 6125 1100

E: [reservations.uas@anu.edu.au](mailto:reservations.uas@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://anuapartments.anu.edu.au/accommodation-and-facilities/self-service-apartments>

### **University House**

University House is a full serviced 105 room hotel located on the ANU campus. Guests can choose from a wide variety of room styles including standard rooms, superior suites, two bedroom apartments with fully-equipped kitchen, and a suite purpose-built for wheelchair access and functionality.

T: 02 6125 5276

E: [UniHouse@anu.edu.au](mailto:UniHouse@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://www.anu.edu.au/unihouse/>

### **Casual Accommodation in Student Residences**

Over summer (late November - early February) there are a number of Student Residences that offer accommodation on a casual basis. Bookings are made through the individual residences so you will need to contact them directly for information about availability and rates. During the school year the majority of the student residences are full with long term residents and cannot offer short term accommodation.

#### **Fenner Hall**

T: 02 6125 9000

E: [fenner@anu.edu.au](mailto:fenner@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/accommodation/student-residences/fenner-hall>

#### **Toad Hall**

T: 02 6125 6060

E: [toad.hall@anu.edu.au](mailto:toad.hall@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://uaw.anu.edu.au/Toad/Home.html>

#### **Ursula Hall**

T: 02 6125 6200

E: [accommodation.ursula@anu.edu.au](mailto:accommodation.ursula@anu.edu.au)

W: <http://ursula.anu.edu.au/Ursula/12.html>

#### **Burgmann College**

T: 02 6125 6100

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W: <http://burgmann.anu.edu.au/>

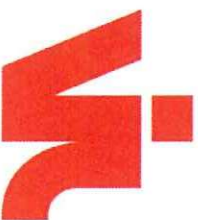
#### **UniLodge**

T: 02 6194 5000

E: [unilodge.anu@unilodge.com.au](mailto:unilodge.anu@unilodge.com.au)

W: <http://www.unilodge.com.au/Canberra/ANU/>





This is to certify that  
**Varsha Nargoje**  
International Institute for Population Sciences

has attended the  
**VIU Summer Institute on Ageing | Global Ageing: Low- and Middle-income Country Challenges**  
**June 13-17, 2022**

The Summer School took place over 5 days and consisted of seminars, general discussions, and hands on sessions  
**2 ECTS credits**

**Faculty**

- Mauricio Avendano, University of Lausanne & Harvard University
- Lisa Berkman, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Axel Boersch-Supan, Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy
- Agar Brugiavini, Ca' Foscari University of Venice & VIU
- Luigi Ferrucci, National Institute on Ageing
- John Giles, World Bank Group
- Mickaël Hilgsmann, Maastricht University
- Arie Kapteyn, University of Southern California
- Hans-Peter Kohler, University of Pennsylvania
- Jinkook Lee, University of Southern California
- Stefania Maggi, National Research Council of Italy
- Jürgen Maurer, University of Lausanne
- Owen O'Donnell, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Giacomo Pasini, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Ritu Sadana, WHO
- Guglielmo Weber, University of Padua

*Agar Brugiavini*

**Agar Brugiavini (Coordinator)**  
Scientific Director, VIU Ageing Program

*Carmelo Marabell*

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Dean, Venice International University



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- Owen O'Donnell, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Giacomo Pasini, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Ritu Sadana, WHO
- Guglielmo Weber, University of Padua
- Tutors: Ya Gao (Ca' Foscari, University of Venice), Francesco Maura and Greta Pesaresi (University of Padua)

Agar Brugiavini (Coordinator)  
Scientific Director, VIU Ageing Program

Carmelo Marabello  
Dean, Venice International University