



The Office of Alumni Affairs,
U.S. Consulate-General, Chennai

Certificate of Participation

This is to certify that

Aniruthiya Pandisukumar

participated in the

I HAVE A DREAM
Inside-Out Leadership and Mentoring Journey
for International Exchange Alumni

during August 2015 - November 2015 at
Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Ms. Ariel H. Pollock
Public Affairs Officer
U.S. Consulate-General, Chennai

Mr. Sandeep Bhogra
Learning Voyages,
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United States Department of State
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20522
www.state.gov

April 14, 2015

Dear Aniruthiya:

On behalf of the Study of the U.S. Branch at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, I congratulate you on being chosen to participate in the Study of the U.S. Institute for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership.

Study of the U. S. Institutes (SUSIs) are funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs whose mission is to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. SUSIs aim to provide young aspiring leaders, like you, a substantive, initial exposure to the United States through short term study on a U.S. campus. Your Institute will include a 4 week academic residency, leadership development, community service activities, an integrated study tour, and interaction with American peers.

Your program will be hosted by the University of Kansas located in Lawrence, Kansas from June 25 to August 2, 2015. Your primary contact at the Institute is Ms. Mary Banwart, mbanwart@ku.edu, and you can expect to be contacted by her directly with additional program information. Many people assist to ensure the success of the program, including staff at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country. You should contact the staff at the U.S. Embassy with any specific questions regarding your visa application and flight information.

Attached to this letter are: 1) your DS-2019 form; 2) a J-1 visa brochure; 3) a Study of the U.S. Terms and Conditions form; 4) a participant consent form; and 5) a Medical History Form and 6) a pre-conference survey.

- 1) The DS-2019 is necessary to obtain a J-1 (exchange visitor) visa. When you prepare to enter the United States, you must present the DS-2019, your passport, and your visa to a U.S. customs official.
- 2) The J-1 visa brochure explains the terms of the J-1 exchange visitor program. Please read and understand the requirements of the exchange visitor program, and sign on the designated line on the DS-2019 form.
- 3) The Study of the U.S. Terms and Conditions document details the SUSI program requirements. Please review and sign the document prior to applying for the visa and present it to the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy.
- 4) The Department of State participant consent form allows us to use photos and video from the Institute that you appear in. It would also allow us to use quotes from you if you were interviewed for our publications.
- 5) The Medical History Form can be filled out and signed at the same time as the Terms and Conditions. It has no bearing on your visa process and will be kept confidentially at the

Study of the U.S. Branch unless there are specific health items that we feel should be communicated to the host institution.

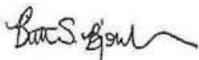
- 6) The pre-conference survey will provide us with information related to the Women's Leadership Conference in which you will participate on July 1, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Please fill out the form clearly.

If you have any questions, please contact your ECA program officer, Susanna Gransee, at GranseeSM@state.gov.

We hope that you will enjoy your program in the United States and that it will allow you to learn about and experience U.S. culture and society. I also hope that you will share your country's history, culture, and concerns with the Americans you meet.

Safe travels and we look forward to welcoming you in the United States!

Sincerely,



Britta S. Bjornlund
Branch Chief
Study of the U.S. Branch
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
U.S. Department of State



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

June 2, 2015

Dear **Ms. Aniruthiya Pandisukumar:**

You will be traveling as part of the International Leadership Visitor Program (IVLP), a three-week exchange program fully sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. As part of this program, you will be issued a J1-visa, the official exchange visa, which will correspond to the dates listed on your DS-2019. Your official program dates are **June 25 – August 2, 2015.**

Under U.S. immigration law, J1 visa holders have a 30 day grace period after the last day listed on the visa. Therefore, your visa is valid until ***the date stamped at the point of Entry.***

If airline representative or foreign immigration authorities have questions about this grace period, please show them the below regulations, which can be verified online on the State Department and the DHS websites.

STATE DEPARTMENT: 9 FAM 41.62 N8.6 30-Day Post-Completion Period

(CT:VISA-1806; 02-16-2012)

- a) Exchange visitors are issued Form I-94, Arrival and Departure Record, marked "D/S" (Duration of Status) upon entry into the United States. This document, along with a valid Form DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status, documents the valid nonimmigrant program status of an exchange visitor participant.
- b) The initial admission of the exchange visitor will not exceed the period specified on the Form DS-2019 (the beginning and end dates), plus a period of 30 days "for the purpose of travel" (see 8 CFR 214.2(j)). The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) established this 30-day period (refer to 8 CFR 214.2(j)). DHS has concluded that the 30-day post-completion period was intended to be a period following the successful completion of the exchange visitor's program and is to be used for domestic travel and/or to prepare for and depart from the United States, and for no other purpose. Foreign nationals are under the jurisdiction of DHS during this period. A program extension and/or transfer cannot be done if an exchange visitor's record in SEVIS is not in active status during this period.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY: 8 CFR § 214.2(jii)
214.2(j)(1)(ii)**

(ii) *Admission period.* An exchange alien, and J-2 spouse and children, may be admitted for a period up to 30 days before the report date or start of the approved program listed on Form DS-2019. The initial admission of an exchange visitor, spouse and children may not exceed the period specified on Form DS-2019, plus a period of 30 days for the purposes of travel or for the period designated by the Commissioner as provided in paragraph (j)(1)(vi) of this section. Regulations of the Department of State published at 22 CFR part 62 give general limitations on the stay of the various classes of exchange visitors. A spouse or child may not be admitted for longer than the principal exchange visitor.

Sincerely,

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

March 26, 2015

Ms. Aniruthiya Pandisukumar
1st Year Student of Bachelor of Arts in Literature
Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College
Pasumalai, Madurai 625 004

Dear Ms. Aniruthiya Pandisukumar:

Greetings from the U.S. Consulate General Chennai!

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Students Leaders on Women's Leadership, an exchange program which is hosted and conducted by the University of Kansas from June 27 to August 1, 2015. Three more students from India (Madurai, Hyderabad and Ghaziabad) have also been selected to participate in the program.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders are intensive academic programs whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. **The 2015 Study of the U.S. Institute on Women's Leadership will be** hosted by the University of Kansas from June 27, 2015 to August 1, 2015. About 20 student leaders from Afghanistan, India, Mongolia, Morocco and Pakistan will attend the Institute. It will begin with an opening conference in Washington, D.C. and the participants will travel to the University of Kansas where they will engage in a four week academic residency focusing on adaptive leadership, change and empowerment, in the context of both the participant's own society and of U.S. society. The curriculum will examine the progress of women in society from both a U.S. and a broader perspective and includes sessions on diversity and gender studies. The academic residency will be complemented by an educational study tour that will take participants to the Amish Country and finally to Chicago (Illinois) where participants will conclude the program and depart the United States. Throughout the Institute, participants will visit relevant local women's organizations, where participants will meet with women leaders, learn about opportunities and challenges and focus particularly on how these groups have strategized, developed action plans and built strong networks of women leaders. Each participant will be challenged to create a Mission, Vision, Values (MVV) plan and a Leadership for Change Plan (LCP) to implement in their home community.

All travel and living expenses of the students (domestic and international travel, transportation, housing, health insurance, books, cultural, mailing and incidental expenses) will be covered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. There will no financial obligation on Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College or Ms. Aniruthiya Pandisukumar to participate in this program. The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai will arrange the international tickets, visa formalities, and provide all other logistical and administrative assistance with your visit. I would like to bring to your notice that your participation in the program will be contingent upon your ability to obtain a U.S. exchange visitor visa.

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I am confident that you will be an excellent representative of your college and your country at the Study of the U.S. Institutes program. Please let us know at the earliest, in writing, if you will be able to participate in this program. If you require any further information or have any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my colleagues Ms. Krishnakumari (Cell: 9841272079; Email: lakkamrajuk@state.gov), Ms. Ratna Mukherjee (Cell: 98412-72073; Email: mukherjeerx@state.gov) and Ms. Suman Bela Walters (Tel: 044-2857-4033; Email: walterssb@state.gov) for assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Andie De Arment
Cultural Affairs Officer

cc: Mr. S. Nehru, Principal, Mannar Thirumalai Naicker College, Madurai
cc: Dr. Raja Govindaswamy, Director, Self-Financing Wing, Mannar College, Madurai