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I-STEM Ambassador

To

Date: 24.04.2026

Dear Dr. Vinod Khairna,

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to serve as an I-STEM Ambassador (voluntary position). In this capacity, you will play a key role in furthering I-STEM's mission by engaging with students, professionals, and institutions to promote scientific research and expand technology access across India.

Here's why this opportunity is worth seizing and what you can expect:

1. **Recognition and Visibility:** Your exceptional contributions as an I-STEM Ambassador will be acknowledged through certificates, public appreciation, and opportunities for networking within our community.
2. **Influential Work**: Join a dedicated team that is making a meaningful impact in the STEM industry, advancing access to technology and research across India.
3. **Intellectual Enrichment**: Engage in projects that promote growth, innovation, and collaboration within the STEM ecosystem, gaining valuable skills and expanding your professional network.
4. **Contentment Pledged:** Take pride in knowing your dedication is driving lasting change, shaping the future of scientific research and technological advancement in India.

Responsibilities

- ✓ Act as the primary I-STEM representative in your region, promoting the platform to students, researchers, and institutions.
- ✓ Encourage registrations on the I-STEM National Portal to expand the user base and network.
- ✓ Encourage institutions to upload publicly funded labs, equipment, and research resources to enhance accessibility for the scientific community.
- ✓ Serve as a key ambassador for I-STEM, fostering engagement and collaboration by promoting the platform's resources, opportunities, and initiatives.
- ✓ Deliver updates on outreach projects, feedback, and community participation to I-STEM's core staff on frequent intervals.

We are confident that your dedication and passion will significantly contribute to the success of our mission. We are pleased to welcome you as an I-STEM Ambassador and look forward to the positive impact you will make.

Thank you for your willingness to take on this role as an I-STEM Ambassador. We look forward to your meaningful contributions and a successful collaboration.

Warm regards,

Harilal Bhaskar

Dr Harilal Bhaskar,
National Coordinator & COO, I-STEM, Bengaluru

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Terms of Engagement of Ambassador (Volunteer Position)

This Terms of Engagement (hereinafter referred to as 'Terms') describes the arrangement I-STEM a project of Indian Institute of Science (IISc)Bengaluru) (hereinafter referred to as the 'Organization' for this agreement) and the permission granted to you to act as an ambassador (hereinafter referred to as the 'Ambassador').

We appreciate your decision to volunteer with us and we will do the best we can to make your experience delightful and rewarding.

The Organization aims to engage volunteers in enhancing its visibility across the state, facilitating the onboarding of researchers, custodian institutions, and experts (including retired professors and SMEs).

I. **Relationship**

The Ambassador agrees that this is a voluntary association and there is no relation of an employer and employee created by this. The Ambassador understands that no remuneration is offered for this position, and it is completely a voluntary position. Ambassador further agree not to claim employment or an internship from the Organization post the expiry or termination of this engagement, whichever is earlier. Ambassador cannot use the position to popularize/advertise their political, religious, or ideological beliefs, any such instances observed or identified can lead to termination of the position.

II. **Duties**

Your duties and responsibilities as a State Ambassador are outlined in the attached role description. The role description forms part of these Terms so please read this document carefully, sign and return it.

III. **Term and Termination**

1. The term of this engagement shall be for three months unless the engagement is discontinued by either the Organization or the Ambassador.

2. The organization may discontinue your engagement immediately if it finds sufficient cause that you have misrepresented your credentials or have used your position and association with the Organization as an Ambassador for your personal gain.

3. If you wish to discontinue your engagement with the Organization then, you are required to submit a letter to the concerned (COO, I-STEM) 7 days prior to your discontinuance of engagement.

IV. **Roles and Responsibilities (Refer SOP for more details)**

1. Act as the primary liaison, fostering partnerships with institutions to promote registration with the I-STEM National portal.

2. Advocate for the inclusion of publicly funded laboratories and equipment on the portal, ensuring equitable access for researchers statewide.

3. Spearhead the implementation of Facility Booking Records (FBR) in collaboration with institutions, enhancing researchers' access to vital laboratory facilities.

4. Champion I-STEM, inspiring researchers all over India to effectively utilize the available laboratories and equipment.

5. Conduct events to promote I-STEM.

V. **Use of Offer Letter**

1. Volunteer may use this offer letter solely for the purpose of showcasing their volunteer opportunity with I-STEM, and it is understood that this offer letter holds no validity with Central and State governments, as it pertains solely to a voluntary position.

2. Misrepresentation of this offer letter or its use for personal gain may result in termination of this Agreement and potential reporting to state authorities for investigation.

VI. **Confidentiality**

Volunteer agrees to hold in confidence all confidential information of Organization, including but not limited to data shared by I-STEM National Portal, including details of colleges, institute head, equipment live data in laboratories, that might be shared via email or postal communication. The data thus received can be solely used for I-STEM Purpose. Any breach or threatened breach of confidentiality that this Agreement will result in irreparable harm to the Organization for which damages would be an inadequate remedy. Therefore, the Organization shall be entitled to equitable relief, including an injunction, in the event of such breach or threatened breach of confidentiality. Such equitable relief shall be in addition to Organization s rights and remedies otherwise available at law.

VII. **Assignment**

The Ambassador shall not assign, or grant any encumbrance over, or deal in any way with, any of its rights under these Terms or any document referred to in it, or purport to do any of the same, without, in each case, the prior written consent of the Organization and any such assignment in violation thereof, shall be null and void ab initio.

VIII. **Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications, representations, or agreements, whether oral or written.

IX. **Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of State Karnataka.

X. **Severability**

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be put on hold, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

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XI. **Waiver**

No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

XII. **Notices**

All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally, sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or sent by overnight courier.

I Dr. Vinod S. Khairnar understand and acknowledge all the above conditions. I understand that breach of any of these conditions may result in I-STEM reviewing or ceasing my services. I agree to I-STEM keeping copies of my information in a secure personnel file if required.

Signed: _____

Dated: 24.04.2026

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By: Harilal Bhaskar (Signature)

Name: Dr. Harilal Bhaskar,

National Coordinator & COO, I-STEM

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