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**Sub: Acceptance of Project: “Bridging the Human Resource Gap: Developing a Lay-Counsellor Workforce To Address Perinatal Mental Health In Rural Rajasthan, India” under Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant for 2017-19.**

Dear Dr. Shahirose,

On behalf of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, I am pleased to inform you that your proposal is among the 6 projects that have been selected for funding in the areas of Environmental Science, Physics, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, English & Nursing.

Your application was evaluated by a selection committee who made recommendations for approval to the Executive Council of the Shastri Institute. In concurrence with the recommendations of the Adjudication Committee, the Executive Council has approved a grant of **Rs. 5,00,000 (Rs. 5 lakhs) each for two years for your project on “Bridging the Human Resource Gap: Developing a Lay-Counsellor Workforce To Address Perinatal Mental Health In Rural Rajasthan, India” in collaboration with Dr. Rachana Johri, Dean, Ambedkar University Delhi, India**

This two-year Collaborative Research Project grant is supported by funds from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education (MHRD), Government of India. **The grant for next financial year is subject to receipt of funds from the MHRD.**

Please note that the Shastri Institute encourages:

- (i) Maximum involvement and participation of students in the project.
- (ii) Promotion and the dissemination of findings among the developmental agencies and policy makers.

- (iii) Completion of research activities and reporting on time and in accordance with the budget submitted.
- (iv) Sustainable outcomes: creating links with other research institutes, academics, developmental organizations, activities and policymakers that extend beyond the specific research activity being undertaken by the project in India and Canada.

The grant earmarked for your project for 2017-18 is Rs.5,00,000 which is being processed and will be released upon receipt of a revised budget for the current year.\* Any expenses incurred beyond budgeted amount must be recovered from other sources.

The second year grant will be released on receipt of the following:

- Proposed Budget for 2<sup>nd</sup> year;
- Narrative Report of 2017-18;
- Utilization Certificate of 2017-18.

The amount that will be released in the second year will be **eighty five (85) percent** of the grant for the year. The remaining **fifteen (15) percent** will be released upon receipt of the utilization certificate, financial and final narrative reports.

Please ensure to acknowledge Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute if you share/discuss your project in any forum and while printing/publishing the research outcomes of this project.

Please sign the attached copy of this letter as confirmation of your acceptance and return it to the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, at the following address:

**Attn: Programme Officer-SICRG  
Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute  
5, Bhai Vir Singh Marg  
New Delhi – 110 001**

Should you have any query, please feel free to contact me at [prachi@sici.org.in](mailto:prachi@sici.org.in) or Ms. Reshma Rana at [reshma@sici.org.in](mailto:reshma@sici.org.in).

Congratulations and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Prachi Kaul, Ph.D  
Director


\* The funds will be released and utilized for the project in 2017-18.

## AGREEMENT

This Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and University of Calgary -Canada, for the project entitled **“Bridging the Human Resource Gap: Developing a Lay-Counsellor Workforce To Address Perinatal Mental Health In Rural Rajasthan, India”** within a budget of Rs.5,00,000 for 2017-18 to be extended to 2018-19 and a subsequent grant to the maximum of Rs.5,00,000 upon submission of utilization certificate of the current grant and availability of fund for the said project.

On behalf of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute  
the undersigned is pleased to make this offer:

I accept this grant  
under terms described above

  
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**Dr. Prachi Kaul**  
Director  
Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

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**Dr. Shahirose Sadrudin Premji**  
Associate Professor,  
University of Calgary

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