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Dear **Prof. Misra**

The Science and Engineering Research Board has been initiating several schemes to cater to varying needs of scientific community. In continuation to its efforts, SERB has conceptualized a new scheme to bring an international dimension to the R&D system of India and thereby promoting a globally competitive environment.

The scheme VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research Faculty) which is set to create a significant impact on the research scenario of the nation was announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister during the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on January 8, 2017. The objective of the scheme is to leverage the specialized knowledge, skills and expertise of overseas scientists including NRI/PIO/OCI into the Indian research framework.

The salient features of the VAJRA Faculty Scheme is that it offers adjunct/Visiting Faculty position to overseas scientists to undertake high quality research in S&T priority areas of the country in public funded Indian institutions/universities. The residency period of the Vajra Faculty would be for a minimum of 1 month and maximum of three months a year and the faculty would be provided US\$ 15000 in the first month and US\$ 10000 pm in the other two months for their travel and honorarium. Further information about the scheme can be found in www.vajra-india.in. The VAJRA Faculty scheme brochure is also enclosed for your kind information.

This is a momentous opportunity for Indian institutions to invite overseas faculty to enrich the existing scientific and technical know-how. I take this instance to request you to identify potential overseas faculty/researcher who could contribute to your research activities and submit a joint research plan under the VAJRA Faculty scheme, whose call for application will be opened shortly. I solicit your cooperation and active participation in this important initiative of SERB, which not only has the potential to raise the institution's global standings but also fuel the nation's scientific, technological and innovation progress.

With warm regards

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Yours sincerely,

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