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Dear Dr. Bhavana Dixit,

The Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) of the University of California, Berkeley is pleased to invite you to participate in our three-week summer certificate training course in *Sustainable Environmental Management*. The program is offered under the auspices of the Rausser College of Natural Resources and will take place online from May 2022 to July 1, 2022, and on UC Berkeley's campus from **July 18 to July 29, 2022**. You will participate in the Rausser College of Natural Resources's Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) short-term professional consultation and training in *Sustainable Environmental Management*. Please plan to arrive in Berkeley by the evening of **July 17, 2022** and to leave no earlier than the morning of **July 30, 2022**.

The screening and selection process is very competitive. Every year we receive applications from many more well-qualified professionals than the program can accept. The Beahrs ELP participants are highly diverse geographically and together represent an impressive wealth of expertise and perspectives on leading environmental and sustainable development issues. We look forward to participants engaging in an intensive, interactive, and rewarding learning experience this summer that they will continue through networking in the Berkeley Beahrs ELP Alumni Network in years to come.

Please, at your earliest, take the documentation listed below, to the closest United States Consulate to initiate processing to secure a B-1 visa, the indicated visa for non-immigrant visitors to the United States who have been invited to participate in short-term, non-credit bearing, professional, and training activities:

- Beahrs ELP participant invitation letter (this letter)
- Your passport
- Recommendation letter you included in your application for acceptance into the Beahrs ELP
- All relevant information that documents your financial ability to attend the Beahrs ELP
- Letters of sponsorship for training or travel funds necessary to participate in the Beahrs ELP

The total cost of the training is \$7,525 USD. Accommodation, most meals (no *per diem* necessary), instruction, training materials, and field trips are included in the \$7,525 USD fee. We ask that you or your sponsoring organization cover the cost of this course, and that you bring approximately \$400 USD cash to Berkeley for uncovered meals and incidentals. In addition, you are responsible for covering the cost of international travel to and from San Francisco/ Oakland, California, and local transport to the UC Berkeley campus. You are also responsible for procuring your own travel medical insurance to cover the duration of the program. Proof of insurance will be required.

In the past, program participants have been successful obtaining scholarship support from their employer or government, private foundations, firms and individuals, as well as international and bilateral donor agencies.

If you would like to have access to UC Berkeley's libraries during the program, you must additionally pay the fees necessary for an official visiting scholar appointment at the university, and secure a J-1 visa; more information can be found at our website here:

<https://iep.berkeley.edu/content/2022-beahrs-environmental-leadership-program-faq>.

Once you have identified funding to participate in the program, please ensure that a signed letter from the funder/s is emailed to the contact email address noted below by **Friday, February 18, 2022**, stating the commitment to pay \$7,525 USD to the Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program, University of California, Berkeley, towards your participation in the 2022 summer program. In the event that you receive Beahrs ELP scholarship funding in the coming months, the total payment amount required will be adjusted. We will be sending an email regarding scholarship allocations in the coming months.

Please note that due to the ongoing changes in the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 program may have to be modified. We will do our best to update you with any changes. If you have any further questions regarding this, please read our FAQ at

<https://iep.berkeley.edu/content/2022-beahrs-environmental-leadership-program-faq>.

You may be able to make your appointment online. Please contact us should you or the consular officer require any further clarification or documentation:

Beahrs ELP: beahrselp@berkeley.edu

Sincerely yours,



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