

# FW: Dr Sr Beena Jose's International Fellowship: TORCH International Engagement, 2021 - 22

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Dear Sr Beena

We have good news. Due to the delays arising from COVID-19, your grant has been extended for use until 31 May 2022 (see below). Do you think you will be able to use the money by then?

Personally I would recommend we try to find time in late Spring, towards the end of the allowed period.

God bless you,

Fr Andrew

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Dear Dr Pinsent,

I hope that this email finds you well - thank you for your patience as we adapt to International Engagement programming in the continuing COVID related restrictions. We are now in a position to plan ahead for the 2021-22 academic year at TORCH, as we have been given a decision on budget for this period.

You were originally awarded International Fellowship funding award of £5,000 for the International Fellowship of Dr Sr Beena Jose. We are pleased to confirm that this funding is available for you to use between now and 31 May 2022. In order to release the funding, we ask all awardees to complete the attached 'Project Change Request Form'.

We appreciate that various things will have changed since this award was made, and so on this form, we ask awardees to outline what the new plan is for the project and what the budget breakdown is, considering the current and continuing restricted situation. We will then confirm approval of the new plan and suggested budget breakdown and support your project going forward.

At the moment, the University as a whole is still facing uncertainties about international travel and in-person events in Michaelmas and Hilary terms, and given the difficulty of predicting official guidance, we appreciate there may still be challenges when anticipating what future activities can take place.

If you are looking for new ways to reshape your project, here are some example options to consider:

- Digital webinars or workshop series
- High profile 'in conversation with' events for live YouTube broadcasting
- Translation: this could include hiring a translator for live, simultaneous translation, captioning for digital events, transcription or subtitles for pre-recorded events, etc.
- Producing research 'yearbooks', chapbooks, zines, etc for members of a programme/ research group, this could include hiring a graphic designer, printing and posting
- Commissioning artwork for project use, e.g. bespoke map design, logo design
- Professional podcast recording or bespoke audio production
- Film 'screening': procuring the rights to screen a film that is hosted online via TORCH. This could include a Q&A with director or practitioner
- Commissioning and recording a musical performance

If you would like to discuss details of the above suggestions or any alternative options, please reach out to the International Officer, Dr Anbara Khalidi, to discuss any ideas you may have.

Please could you return the 'Project Change Request Form' to us by 5pm on Wednesday 1 September 2021. Alternatively, please do let us know in writing if you are no longer able to use the TORCH project funding.

All best wishes,

Anbara

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# TORCH International Fellowship...

## Anglo-Indian Perspectives on Human Dignity in Heal...



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### Project Details

<b>Application No.</b>	0008145		
<b>Title</b>	Anglo-Indian Perspectives on Human Dignity in Healthcare and Medical Research		
<b>Start Date</b>	20/09/2020	<b>End Date</b>	01/11/2020
<b>Department</b>	Theology and Religion Faculty (DX)	<b>Sub-unit</b>	
<b>Ethical Review Required</b>	No	<b>CUREC No.</b>	

### Partners from Other Organisations

Title	Surname	Forename	Organisation	Email Address
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### Financial Details

<b>Funding Type</b>	Outright grant	
<b>Total project cost</b>	£7,000.00	
<b>Contribution from Department / Faculty / Division'</b>	£2,000.00	From the Ian Ramsey Centre to cover the workshop, panel discussion, and filmed public seminar.
<b>Contribution from external sources</b>	£	
<b>Contribution from other Sources</b>	£	
<b>Total amount requested from TORCH International Fellowships</b>	£5,000.00	

### Breakdown of funds requested from TORCH International Fellowships

Purpose	Description	FY1 £	FY2 £	FY3 £	FY4 £	FY5 £	Total all years £
Travel and subsistence	Travel India-UK (£1,200); accommodation and food at £50/day total for 42 days = £2,100	3,300.00					3,300.00
Other	Books and other research costs (£850); and a stipend for the Fellow (£850)	1,700.00					1,700.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>

# Supporting Information

<p><b>Lay Summary</b></p> <p>How can we ground human dignity in healthcare and medical research when faced with situations in which such dignity has or may be violated? Examples include the scandal in the National Health Service (the "Mid Staffs scandal"), in which large numbers of patients in Britain, a rich per capita country, were mistreated; or the accusations made by some against the work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta; or dilemmas arising or likely to arise from present or near-future advances in genetic sciences.</p> <p>The proposed TORCH International Fellowship for Dr Sr Beena Jose, an Indian nun and Doctor of Chemistry, aims to bring interdisciplinary and Anglo-Indian perspectives to bear on these questions. The aim is to assess the limitations of Beauchamp and Childress' four principles of autonomy, non-maleficence, beneficence, and justice. As a means of critique and possible improvement, she will examine the work of two Oxford academics: Andrew Pinsent's work on the second-person perspective in virtue ethics; and the complementary work of the Oxford polymath, barrister and Ig-Nobel prize winner Charles Foster, at Green Templeton College, who has examined the limitations of the Beauchamp-Childress principles across diverse historic case law, such as the prohibition of "Dwarf Tossing" competitions.</p> <p>Dr Jose's fellowship in Oxford will culminate in a workshop and panel discussion with interdisciplinary experts, as well as a public seminar. During her time in Oxford, she will be hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, at the Faculty of Theology and Religion. The Centre anticipates that this TORCH Fellowship will strengthen Anglo-Indian research links and provide opportunities for ongoing partnership, research and outreach.</p>
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# TORCH INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS 2018-2019

## Case for Support Template (MAX 2 pages please)



**Name and Faculty of Applicant:** Andrew Pinsent, Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, Faculty of Theology and Religion

**Name of proposed International Fellow:** Dr Sr BEENA JOSE

**Country and Organisation:** Principal, Vimala College, Thrissur, Kerala, INDIA

**Research statement:** Please explain the rationale for proposing this researcher for this scheme. How will they contribute to academic life in Oxford e.g. how will they connect with researchers and research groups? etc (maximum 500 words)

The proposed International Fellow, Dr Sr Beena Jose, has a PhD, an MSc, and is a researcher with a growing list of publications. She is also a nun and principal of her college in India, and has made a regional impact in regard to science and religion issues via her contribution to a TV series 'Light of Truth' on Shalom Television, Kerala, India. She spent 2014-2015 as an international visiting research scholar at the Jesuit School of Theology (JST) of Santa Clara University, California, USA. She has also made a series of short-term visits to Oxford as a scholar in the programme, "Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and Humanities II," organized by the Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford (SCIO) over 2017-2019. During her visit earlier in 2019, we met and discussed research possibilities as a visiting scholar under the TORCH International Fellowship initiative.

If selected for a TORCH fellowship, the focus of Dr Jose's work will be on the question of the grounding of human dignity in healthcare and medical research, examining the limitations of Beauchamp and Childress' four principles of autonomy, non-maleficence, beneficence, and justice. Her intention is to engage principally with two Oxford academics: 1. Myself, and my work on second-person virtue ethics, as a Buberian alternative to Cartesian-style absolute autonomy. On this account, we are not just biological machines, or rational animals, or Cartesian egos, but persons-in-relation. 2. The complementary approach of the Oxford polymath and barrister Charles Foster, at Green Templeton College, who has examined the limitations of the Beauchamp-Childress principles across diverse historic case law, such as the prohibition of "Dwarf Tossing" competitions. The intention will be to apply insights gained from this research into human dignity to a range of scenarios, such as: (A). The scandal in National Health Service hospitals ("Mid Staffs scandal"), in which many patients in Britain, a much richer per capita country than India, were mistreated and, in some cases, suffered avoidable deaths; (B) The criticisms directed against the work of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, including by the British Medical Journal *The Lancet*; (C) Some dilemmas arising or likely to arise from advances in genetic sciences, including attempts to synthesize life, building on work that Dr Jose carried out at the Jesuit School of Theology (JST) of Santa Clara University.

Dr Jose is expected to contribute to academic life in Oxford principally by means of dialogue with her peers, culminating in a workshop and panel discussion, as well as a public seminar to showcase her work. Possible panel participants at present include: Dr Stanley Rosenberg (Executive Director of SCIO); Professor John Hedley Brooke (Andreas Idreos Professor Emeritus of Science and Religion); Dr John Roche (Senior Lecturer in the History of Science, SCIO); Dr Ashley John Moyse (McDonald Postdoctoral Fellow in Christian Ethics and Public Life); and Dr Celia Deane-Drummond (Inaugural Director, Laudato Si' Institute, Campion Hall). The plan is to prepare at least one paper for publication, and draft material for at least two more following the fellowship.

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**College and Departmental Support** What will you seek from your college and/or department/faculty (for example, common room membership, workspace, accommodation, dining rights, centre membership) to support the individual during their time in Oxford? Please let us know if any of this support is already confirmed. (maximum 100 words)

The Chair of the Faculty of Theology and Religion, Prof. Graham Ward, has written to me in support of this application. I will request official status for Dr Sr Beena Jose as an Academic Visitor at the Faculty of Theology and Religion if her application for a TORCH Fellowship is approved, especially so that she can have ready access to libraries. She will also be an Associate of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion while she is in Oxford. I do not, at present, plan to apply for Dr Jose to be a college visitor.

**Outline of proposed activities:** Please provide a clear and concise summary of the events, seminars, and workshops in which they will be involved (maximum 250 words)

The principal activity will be Dr Sr Beena Jose spending a period of six weeks as an Academic Visitor and TORCH International Fellow at Oxford, starting three weeks before the start of Michaelmas term 2020.

The first three weeks of this period will be devoted principally to her own research, under my supervision as her academic host. We shall be meeting at least twice during this period, and I shall also endeavour to set up a meeting for her with Prof. Charles Foster.

The last three weeks of this period will continue this research. In addition:

- (a) there will be a workshop and panel discussion as described in the first section above;
- (b) Dr Jose will offer one of the Ian Ramsey Centre public seminars either on the grounding of human dignity or more general Indian perspectives on science and religion;
- (c) we will draft one paper for publication, and plan at least two more publications that Dr Jose can finish when she returns to India.

The £5,000 TORCH Fellowship will be devoted exclusively to the support of Dr Jose during her visit to Oxford. The costs of the workshop, panel discussion, and filmed public seminar will be met by the Ian Ramsey Centre, for which we have budgeted up to £2,000.

**Future plans** How might appointing this individual as a TORCH International Fellow translate into longer-term research collaboration? (maximum 250 words)

The Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion has already developed successful projects, attracting \$5.5M of external grants to date, in two major middle-income regions worldwide, namely Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. The centre does not yet, however, have any links with the Indian subcontinent. Besides the intrinsic and research value of Dr Jose's visit to Oxford, her visit will also represent our first substantive link to India, as she is someone with a high level of interdisciplinary expertise who is also making a broader public impact through her work for regional TV. The hope is that this link will develop into a new research and outreach stream for the Ian Ramsey Centre and the work of TORCH, for example by means of a new regional project funded by the John Templeton Foundation.