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To Whom It May Concern:

During the academic year 2021-22, six class-to-class international virtual exchanges took place between LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York and St. Mira's College, Pune, as noted below.

Dr. Maria Savva and Veena Kenchi collaborated once again to do the course "MILE: Issues of Identity in India and US".

Dr. Kelly Aliano from the Art History Department, LaGuardia Community College, New York, Dr. Yan Yang from the Music and Art Department, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York, and Dr. Snober Sataravala, Department of English, St Mira's College for Girls, collaborated on the course "MILE: Art and Inequality."

The Department of English and the Department of Politics and Public Administration, St Mira's College for Girls, Pune, and the Department of Criminal Justice, LaGuardia Community College collaborated on an interdisciplinary MILE project called "Angels and Demons: Cancel Culture". Four online synchronous sessions were conducted by the faculty members Andre Anteliz, Veena Kenchi and Suhaile Azavedo.

Ekta Jadhav from the Department of Sports, St Mira's College for Girls, collaborated with Dr. Marta Kowalczyk from the Chemistry Department at LaGuardia on a course "The Chemistry of Sport". Komal Tujare collaborated with Dr. Robin Kietlinski from LaGuardia Community College to teach "Deconstructing Postcolonialism".

Finally, Dr Vaishali Diwakar, Sociology Department at St. Mira's College, collaborated yet again Dr. Tomo Imamichi, LaGuardia Community College, for the second time. The faculty and students from the two partner institutions jointly worked on the theme, 'Explorations of Choice in Context'.

The interaction in all these courses was rewarding and we look forward to such collaborations in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Olga Aksakalova
[COIL](#) Coordinator
Professor of English





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To,
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6th May 2022

Dear Dr. Lau and Dr. Savva:

I'm happy to write this letter of commitment in support of your application to the U.S. Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) grant, "The Community College Internationalization Initiative"

As faculty and scholar of postcolonial theory and literature, I wholeheartedly support educational models that enable students to transcend geographic, cultural, and political borders and disrupt the self/other and other binaries which often lead to hostility, xenophobia, exploitation, and lack of empathy. For this reason, in Fall of 2019, I responded to the invitation of Dr. Tuli Chatterji from LaGuardia to use Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) as a platform to engage students from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and New York in a collaborative project on the Partition of India. Learning about partition through literary and historical accounts benefitted students in the Indian subcontinent by opening the possibility of healing through collaboration; in turn, LaGuardia students were introduced to the devastating effects of divisive politics, and they strengthened their civic positions toward the Other. Since then, we have collaborated on 12 projects with LaGuardia Community College.

I'll be happy to pursue new COIL partnerships with LaGuardia faculty. They enable students to communicate across cultural differences, develop global self-awareness, and social responsibility. These values are shared by my colleagues at St. Mira's College. I am therefore committed to expanding our COIL network to include my local colleagues.

Sincerely,

Dr. Snober Sataravala
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COIL/MILE: Mira International Learning Exchange Coordinator
St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune, India



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MILE

Collaborative Activity- Faculty Exchange- 2021-22

Sr. No.	Name of the faculty
1	Dr Snober Sataravala
2	Suhaile Azavedo
3	Komal Tujare
4	Veena Kenchi
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