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Dear Prof. Babu

I am an alumnus of IIT-Madras (BTCH, 1992) and I recently joined the Department of Chemical Engineering here at the University of Maryland as an Assistant Professor. Having entered into academia, I am eager to stay in touch with Indian Universities, and I would like to explore collaborations between our departments.

I would also like to encourage your undergraduate students to apply for admission to our graduate program in Chemical Engineering. I have been expressly entrusted with the task of increasing our graduate recruitment from India, particularly because there is widespread praise here about the quality of Indian students. You should be very proud of the outstanding education you impart to students in your department.

We, at Maryland, are experiencing a phase of rapid growth. Our department currently has 18 research-active faculty, of whom six were hired over the last four years. We seek enthusiastic students who wish to earn a Ph.D. in this vibrant environment. Our research strengths are biotechnology; nanotechnology / advanced materials; and process control / systems engineering. Further information is available at our web-site: <http://www.ench.umd.edu/>.

My own research can be broadly classified as nanotechnology and focuses on soft matter, including polymers, colloids, and surfactant systems. I develop novel materials and elucidate their internal nanostructure (further details are on my web-site). If any students or Professors are interested in my research, please encourage them to email me.

Please convey my regards to the other Professors in your department. Best wishes for your continued success!

Yours truly,
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