

Chair of the College Promotions
Committee
University of KwaZulu-Natal
2013-05-02

Dear Madam/Sir

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Sarojini Nadar

It is with great joy and confidence that I write this letter of recommendation for the promotion of Prof. Dr Sarojini Nadar. I can assure you that this recommendation comes with no reservations whatsoever.

For a number of years, I have met with Prof. Nadar, both in Sweden and in Southern Africa, and during the past two years we have been working together on the planning and – successful – fundraising of a Pilot Program on Gender, Religion and Health which we have together just effected at UKZN and three other academic institutions in South Africa, Tanzania and Ethiopia during 2012 and 2013. This Pilot Program contains a Masters Course project (funding for 10 Masters students at UKZN and SUN) and a research project (for which Prof. Nadar will be the principal investigator). The overall budget for the Pilot Program is SEK15 million (ZAR 20,543,010), of which SEK3 million (ZAR4, 108, 602) is allocated to the UKZN.

At Swedish Universities (for example Uppsala University) and at the Research Unit of the Church of Sweden, Prof. Dr Nadar enjoys a solid reputation as a researcher of high international standing, and is since many years back a well-known and much sought after scholar and researcher, known for her academically progressive and highly qualitative writing and lecturing in many fields, especially religion and gender.

I am happy to say, the reason we turned to Prof. Nadar and the UKZN when we planned for the current Pilot Program, is that we knew we would be able to secure experience and quality on the objectives of an interdisciplinary approach to gender, religion and health. We also knew we would be able to collaborate on the fundraising as well as the international networking with other institutions in Africa and Sweden, where Prof. Nadar is very highly regarded. And so we did. Prof. Nadar has been instrumental in all these aspects and we look forward to cooperate with her and the UKZN on future joint applications for projects related to academic education and research.

Finally, I would like to add how we appreciate her commitment to the three-folded responsibility of the academy, which is to serve the academy, the society and the people.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to verify any of the above information.

With kind regards,

Uppsala, Sweden 2nd of May 2013



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