



TO: Trustees and Overseers of Tufts University

FROM: Jamshed Bharucha, Provost and Senior Vice President 
Bruce Male, Chair, International Board of Overseers 

We are writing to formally invite you to join the International Board of Overseers for the second trip of the annual *Tufts in the World* program series, *Tufts in India*, scheduled to take place in India November 7-11, 2005. Our thanks to all of you who participated in the highly successful *Tufts in Mexico* program last November. Our visit has already begun to strengthen the University's ties to Mexico.

India is strategically important to the University and home to a large number of Tufts students, alumni, and faculty. The University hopes to increase the number of students coming from India as well as strengthen relationships with our alumni and with important Indian institutions. During this visit we will have opportunities to learn from leaders in industry, education, and government. Our program will begin in Mumbai on November 7 and close in New Delhi on November 11. A copy of the itinerary, containing more details, is attached. As in Mexico, our program will include symposia featuring Tufts alumni and faculty, visits to area historical and cultural sites, and receptions for President Bacow to meet with local Tufts alumni, parents, and friends.

India is one of the world's most ancient civilizations. It is a country in transition, with a diversity of culture, language, race, and religion. India is also a country of rampant socioeconomic disparities and inequalities. President Bacow has referred to his previous visit to India as one of the most challenging yet transformative travel experiences of his life. This trip will enhance your understanding of the world and confront your preconceptions of both this culture and your own. Now is the time to advance the presence and reputation of Tufts in India, to build on our strong alumni base, and to strengthen ties and enrich understanding between our two countries and peoples. If you have any contacts in India, please let us know.

Tufts in India coincides with another trip to India coordinated by Usha Sellers, program director of the Tufts Travel-Learn Program. Overseers and trustees will have the option to join this trip and extend their stay another week, during which time they will have the opportunity to visit other areas of North and Western India. A copy of this itinerary is in the packet being mailed to you.

As preparation for this program please refer to the Tufts in the World webpage, accessible from the Tufts University website via the Provost's page: www.tufts.edu/provost/tuftsintheworld. You may also wish to follow current Indian news at <http://www.expressindia.com/> and <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/>. For general tourist information, visit <http://www.tripadvisor.com/> or <http://www.incredibleindia.org/>.

It would be very helpful if you would notify us, as soon as possible, whether or not you plan to attend this upcoming program in India. Please respond to the Overseers Office by faxing the attached rsvp form to 617-627-3068 or emailing a response to IBO@tufts.edu. With regards to the Tufts Travel-Learn program, please contact Usha Sellers at 617-627-5323 or usha.sellers@tufts.edu or visit <http://www.tufts.edu/alumni/c-itinerary-05india.html>.

We hope you will be able to join us, and we look forward to seeing you this November in India.