Biswa Nath Datta, Professor of Mathematical Sciences and Distinguished Research Professor at Northern Illinois University has received the 2015 Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair Award by United States Department of State Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs with Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur (IIT-KGP) as the Home Institute for the period of four months beginning October 1, 2015.

Earlier, Professor Datta had received two Senior Fulbright Specialists Awards in 2006 and 2008 in Mongolia and Egypt, respectively, to visit and deliver lectures on his research at National University of Mongolia and several Universities in Egypt. The Distinguished Chair Award is of the highest level of Fulbright Awards.

“The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Program awards are viewed as the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. The candidates are considered eminent scholars and have significant publication and teaching record”, according to the Fulbright website.

In India the award will be administered by United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF).

“USIEF promotes mutual understanding between the nationals of India and the national of United States through the educational exchange of outstanding scholars, professional and students”.

During the award period, in addition to delivering lectures/workshop/courses and conducting research at the home institute, IIT-KGP, Professor Datta will visit several other Universities and Research Organizations of high distinction in India, including IIT-Delhi, IIT-Madras, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Gujarat, IIT-Guwahati, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata, Bangalore, and Delhi, to deliver lectures on his current interdisciplinary research on “Computational and Optimization Methods for Inverse Quadratic Eigenvalue Problems in Active Vibration Control and Finite Element Model Updating”.

His in-country visits are currently being organized and coordinated by USIEF.