



## Foster Technical Talent from Weak Economic Backgrounds



**Partner: Smt. Kamala & Sri Venkappa M Agadi Charitable Trust (SKSVMA)**

SKSVMA runs the Smt. Kamala and Sri Venkappa M Agadi College of Engineering and Technology (SKSVMACET), a co-educational engineering college in Gadag, Karnataka catering largely to students from the districts of Gadag, Hubli and Belgaum. The founder Chairman's dream was to "offer world class engineering education and benefit rural aspirants", particularly the girl child. Around 600 + girl students are currently pursuing engineering at SKSVMA and, while they possess the intelligence and skills, many of them lack the financial means to follow their dreams.



### About the Program:

In fiscal 2015-16, Sonata entered into a 3-year arrangement with SKSVMA to offer education, training And employment opportunities to deserving students. Accordingly, we

- Grant scholarships to 4 deserving students each year – 2 each from the Computer Science/ Information Systems and the Electronics & Communication streams. The beneficiaries are chosen based on their performance in the third year. We have requested SKSVMA to grant at least one scholarship in each stream to a deserving girl student
- Provide opportunities to qualified students to intern with us on a Research Internship or a Dissertation Internship subject to meeting the selection criteria
- Include SKSVMACET in our recruitment pool to identify students who meet our selection criteria

### Expected Outcome:

To date, we have granted scholarships to seven deserving students, most of them girls. Two girl students have also been offered internships at Sonata. These initiatives have boosted the morale of economically challenged students and have also fostered a competitive environment, especially amongst girl students who vie for scholarships and a chance to pursue their dreams.



"Sonata has wholeheartedly agreed to sponsor scholarships to four of our college students. Sonata is also offering internship program to two girl students of our college. These activities have created a competitive environment among the girl students and has also boosted the morale of financially challenged students. We are very proud to be associated with Sonata's unique CSR programme. Thank you again for your generosity and support" *Professor Hayavadana, Chief Administrator SKSVMACET*

"I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to society and possibly by your inspiration a scholarship to future students like myself. I really appreciate the efforts of the company and the motivation that they are providing to students and I hope they will still provide a good encouragement to the students of my college" *Raziya Begum Maniyar, Scholarship Recipient*

