



Distinguished Alumnus Award 2021

We take immense pleasure in honouring **Dr. Vallabh Sambamurthy**, an alumnus of the 18th batch of IIM Calcutta, for his outstanding contributions to the field of academia through excellence in teaching and research.

Dr. Sambamurthy is the Albert O. Nicholas Dean at the Wisconsin School of Business, University of Wisconsin. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1989, a PGDM from IIM Calcutta in 1983, and a BE (Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering from the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli in 1981. As Dean of the Wisconsin School of Business, he is leading the transformation of its BBA and MBA programs, launch of new specialty master's programs in business analytics, supply chain, and healthcare, and enhancement of corporate outreach and engagement. Prior to Wisconsin, he served as the Eli Broad Professor at Michigan State University (2002-2019), and had prior faculty appointments at the University of Maryland (1998-2002) and Florida State University (1989-1998).

Dr. Sambamurthy is a leading expert on corporate strategy, innovation, and transformation in the digital economy. He is a prolific scholar and author, with over 100 publications, including 64 peer-reviewed articles in top academic journals. The Association of Information Systems ranks him among the top 11 researchers within the global community of information systems scholars over the past 30 years. He has taught courses on digital strategy and innovation in the MBA programs at different schools in the US, India, and Asia Pacific and won teaching awards. He has co-authored several books on digital transformation that are used in MBA programs and executive education.

His impact as an educator is measured through the success and growth of more than 4,000 MBA students, 500 MS students, 700 undergraduate students and nearly 100 doctoral students at ten schools across different countries around the world. He has chaired 18 Ph.D. dissertations in addition to serving on an additional 50 doctoral dissertations over time. He has worked as consultant and advisor to several Fortune 500 firms. He has served on the editorial boards of numerous academic journals, including a six-year term as Editor-in-Chief of Information Systems Research. Sambamurthy has garnered several recognitions for his contributions to teaching, research, outreach, and mentoring. The Association of Information Systems (AIS) honored him with the LEO Lifetime Achievement award (2017) and recognition as AIS Fellow (2009). He was selected as distinguished fellow of the Information Systems Society at INFORMS (2011), and he received the William Beal Distinguished Faculty Award—the highest honor at Michigan State University (2014). In addition, the Broad College of Business recognized him with its highest honor as the John D. and Dortha J. Withrow Endowed Teacher Scholar (2011), while the National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli conferred its Distinguished Alumnus Award on him in 2009. He has held distinguished visiting scholar appointments at the Indian School of Business, National University of Singapore, Bocconi University among many others.

In addition to playing tennis, travelling, and watching movies with his family, Sambamurthy is an avid reader of PG Wodehouse and spy thrillers, and an aficionado of Carnatic, Hindustani and Western music.

We acknowledge Dr. Sambamurthy's significant achievements as a scholar with enormous pride and bestow upon him the Institute's highest honour for its alumni, the 'Distinguished Alumnus Award'.

Given this 14th day of November, 2021.