

IIT Hyderabad's Young Alumni instituted Research Excellence Awards to promote the fellow students

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On August 27, 2022, the research excellence awards ceremony 2022 was conducted with IITH Fraternity & Alumni together on board in an online mode. These awards are given to our students who have excelled in their research in the academic year 2021-22. IITH alums set up awards to motivate our students to pursue research. Every year, one UG/PG/PhD student in the respective departments is awarded for excellence in research during their academic period.

Cheering the moment, Prof B S Murty, Director, IITH, said, *“We thank our young alumni who have contributed individually & collectively to initiate the following research endowment awards. I am confident that this bond between Alums & Alma mater will deepen as we all grow together & deliver our best for humanity.”*

Speaking on occasion, Prof Saptarshi Majumdar, Dean (Academics), IITH, said, *“It is indeed a privilege and honour to be part of this important milestone for IITH. IITH is a new institute, but it is like an old institute with this event because any mature institute will be known mostly for its alums. Today is a day where our alumni are not only showing that IITH is a vibrant institute but also putting us in a league of the older IITs and giving more responsibilities to our shoulders.”*

Expressing gratitude to beloved Alumni, Dr Mudrika Khandelwal, Dean (Alumni Relations), IITH, said, *“Indeed, alumni are the brand creators and flag bearers of their Alma mater. IITH graduated their first batch in 2012 & this year is particularly special because this is the 10th year of our graduating batch. The journey has been short but very accomplishing, fulfilling and rewarding. It gives me immense pleasure and makes me very proud that we have constituted three awards and one scholarship because of our alumni's generous contributions.”*

The list of Awards & Awardees:

1. Najafi & Singh UG Excellence Award

Mr Sajal Sagar Singh, a dual-degree graduate from the 2016 batch, Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, has instituted this award honouring his PhD Advisor Prof Khalil Najafi, the Schlumberger Professor of Engineering and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan. **Awardee: Ms G Hemaja**

2. VAK Award for UG Research Excellence

Mr Goutham Veeramachaneni, Mr Annanay Agarwal & Mr Soumitra Khanale, graduates from the 2018 batch of the department of Computer science & Engineering, have started this award to celebrate their companionship at IIT Hyderabad. **Awardee: Mr Sowrya Gali**

3. Kesav Nori Research Excellence Award

Dr Prashanth Chatarasi, a graduate from the 2012 batch of the department of Computer Science and Engineering, along with his PhD advisor Prof Vivek Sarkar and Dr Ratna Sarkar, came forward to establish this award to commemorate Late Prof Kesav Nori from IIT Kanpur. Dr Chatarasi is currently a research



staff member at IBM Watson Research centre. His advisor Prof Vivek Sarkar, a prof in the school of computer science & the Stephen Fleming chair for Telecommunications in the college of computing at Georgia Tech.

Awardee: Mr Desu Surya Sai Teja & Mr Nilesh Rajendra Shah

4. Financial Independence Scholarship

Mr Ashwin Nandapurkar, a graduate from the 2015 batch of the department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, came forward to generously support a student for 3 consecutive years. The funds will be utilized for purchasing laptops and other necessities. The goal of this scholarship would be to provide economic support to deserving students.

Awardee: Mr Shantanu Pandey

Electronic release on Award Ceremony: <https://youtu.be/OcVlgdUWrLE>

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