

# ENDOWMENT AWARDS

## Department of Biomedical Science



The Department of Biomedical Science at Bharathidasan University is a pioneering department dedicated to developing skilled professionals in the biomedical sciences, preparing them to address the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities of tomorrow's health and biotechnology sectors. To motivate students and provide them with more exposure to research and the industry environment, our department is keen to encourage them to apply for internships and training programs. We also place great emphasis on ensuring that students receive training at reputed National institutes across the country. However, only a few students are awarded fellowships for internship and training programs.

Therefore, we decided to initiate more fellowships and scholarships within our department for the benefit of our students. To promote such activities, the proud alumni of BDU, **Dr. V.G. Venkatesh**, Professor of Supply Chain Management at EM Normandie Business School, France, established Endowment Awards in honor of retired professors, Prof. Chellam Balasundaram and Prof. Govindaraju Archunan. He generously contributed to these endowments, which were presented to **Prof. M. Selvam**, Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, for the benefit of Biomedical Science students. **Dr. G. Mathan**, Head of Biomedical Science, played a pivotal role in creating these two endowment awards

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## Prof. V.G. VENKATESH

Professor V.G. Venkatesh is Vice-Dean and Professor of Supply Chain Management at EM Normandie Business School, France, a globally accredited institution. Holding a Ph.D. in Global Sourcing and Sustainability from the University of Waikato, New Zealand, he brings over two decades of international experience in research, teaching, and professional practice.

Hailing from a small town, Srivilliputtur, India, Professor Venkatesh overcame humble beginnings to build a academic career. A passionate educator, he integrates theoretical rigor with practical insights, inspiring students to address global challenges like sustainability and supply chain management. His teaching fosters critical thinking, innovation, and responsibility, equipping learners to drive positive change. He has delivered courses and training sessions worldwide, consistently motivating students and professionals. This ability to bridge academia and industry has established him as a committed supply chain academic.

Recognized globally, Professor Venkatesh was featured on the #ThinkAmplifyList by the University of Bath and has received prestigious honors, including the Erasmus+ Fellowship, CiAS-Hungary Fellowship, and the Normandie Foundation Prize. His research focuses on sustainability, supplier networks, and global logistics, areas in which he has conducted workshops and programs across continents to mentor diverse communities.

A committed lifelong learner and advocate for equity and inclusion, Professor Venkatesh views education as a transformative tool for empowerment and progress. Through his publications, keynote addresses, and collaborations, he continues to shape global discourse on sustainability and supply chain management, contributing to a more equitable and sustainable future.



## **Prof. GOVINDARAJU ARCHUNAN ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Dr. G. Archunan is an accomplished academic and researcher with extensive experience in Zoology. He currently serves as the Dean of Research at Marudupandiyar College, Thanjavur, and has held various significant academic and administrative positions at Bharathidasan University.

He earned his M.Sc. in Zoology from Annamalai University in 1981, a Ph.D. from Banaras Hindu University in 1989, and a D.Sc. from Bharathiyar University in 2015. His career spans over 40 years in research and 30 years in teaching, with numerous publications (161 Web of Science, 186 Scopus, 235 Google Scholar), 2 patents, and several awards, including the Tamil Nadu Scientist Award (2009) and the Fellow of National Academy of Biological Sciences (2019).

Dr. Archunan's research mainly focuses on animal biotechnology, endocrinology, and pheromones, particularly in buffalo and other livestock species.

Dr. Archunan was holding academic responsibilities as the Head of the Department of Animal Sciences and the Head of Biotechnology at BDU. He also established the Centre for Pheromone Technology and conducted extensive research in this area. He has supervised 28 Ph.D. scholars, delivered numerous invited talks worldwide, and contributed significantly to various international collaborations, particularly in Germany, Japan, the UK, and China.

Additionally, he has organized and chaired several conferences and workshops, both nationally and internationally. He has published over 180 research articles and authored books in genetics and microbiology.

Dr. Archunan's contributions to animal science and biotechnology have earned him recognition in the form of fellowships, including INSA-Visiting Fellowship (2004) and Commonwealth Fellowship (2005), and he remains actively involved in advancing research in his field.

- ❖ **Two scholarships will be awarded annually for 4th and 5th year M.Sc. Biomedical Science students from the Academic year 2025-26 onwards.**



## **Prof. CHELLAM BALASUNDARAM ENDOWMENT INTERNSHIP/PROJECT FELLOWSHIP**

Dr. Chellam Balasundaram is an experienced academic with over four decades in teaching and research. He completed his doctoral degree at Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu, and has served as a Professor, UGC Emeritus Fellow, and visiting Professor at Tanjore Tamil University. He also has editorial experience with the Bharathidasan University Journal of Science and Technology.

Dr. Balasundaram has published over 150 research papers in aquaculture, particularly focusing on using herbs to treat fish diseases. His research also includes studies on tribal health and prawn culture.

He serves as a referee for international journals and his work has been widely read and cited by researchers globally. In addition to his scientific contributions, he has written more than 30 popular science articles and frequently gives science talks on All India Radio.

He is also an expert in research methodology and statistical applications and teaches Yoga and stress management in universities and colleges. Currently pursuing an MSc in Yoga, he runs a free yoga center for the public and is passionate about promoting Astanga Yoga.

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