



Sudeep Sarkar Named Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering

College of Engineering Dean Robert H. Bishop has named Dr. Sudeep Sarkar as Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering effective with the 2017 spring semester. He has served as a faculty member in the department since 1993, as a USF Research Faculty Fellow and then as USF Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation since 2009. I would like to thank Dr. Rafael Perez and Dr. Ken Christensen who each served as interim chair during the search for a full-time chair.

Some of Dr. Sarkar's major accomplishments at Research & Innovation include development of a program to further USF's national reputation by fostering faculty nominations for honorific awards and prizes. Because of his efforts, USF now ranks fourth in world in AAAS Fellows. He also led the development of the NSF grant for a USF I-Corps Site which has brought national and international recognition to USF, which currently ranks third in the United States with 21 NSF I-Corps Teams trained at the national level. Most recently, he served as co-chair of the Research Strategic Planning Committee that ultimately engaged 550 faculty, staff and community members. As Chair, Dr. Sarkar will continue his work as co-PI on the NSF I-Corps grant.

Dr. Sarkar has an outstanding record of scholarly research in computer vision and pattern recognition algorithms and systems. He received an NSF CAREER Award in 1995. He received his MS and PhD from The Ohio State University and a BT in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology. He has numerous awards for teaching excellence, including the USF Teaching Incentive Program Award for Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, the USF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, and the Theodore and Venette Askounes-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award.

He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), and International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR); and a charter member and Board of Directors member of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI).

Dr. Sarkar currently leads major grants as PI or Co-PI, totaling nearly \$2 million from NSF, Dept. Of Defense, and U.S. Department of Commerce. He serves on the boards of nearly two dozen national and state boards and councils, as well as many program committees. He is co-editor-in-chief for Pattern Recognition Letters, and is associate editor or member of the editorial board of several other national scholarly journals.

He is also a prolific author, with more than 200 articles, books, and book chapters, and more than 8,000 citations and a Google h-index of 40.

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