



Office of Alumni & Corporate Relations

Indian Institute of Technology Madras

YOUNG FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD (YFRA) REPORT 2021

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Recognizing academic excellence and rewarding the students and research scholars has been a tradition at IIT Madras for a long time. Institute Day, Convocation, AlumNite etc., are the occasions where such awards are presented. We have many awards funded by alumni as an endowment and the returns from the endowment are given as a prize to the students.



Young Faculty Recognition Award:

Young Faculty Recognition Award was instituted in the year 2010. Award consists of a Cash award Rs. 50,000/- and certificate to outstanding young faculty members to acknowledge and felicitate their achievements in their respective academic and pedagogic fields on Teachers Day.

Awardees for the year 2021:

The following Professors were awarded for “**Young Faculty Recognition Award**”

S. NO.	Recipient Name	Department
1	Dr. Uday Kiran Khankhoje	Electrical Engineering
2	Dr. Sreeram Krishnamoorthy Kalpathy	Metallurgical and Material Engineering
3	Dr. Dawood Kothawala	Physics

Voice of the Awardees



I am very grateful to Dr. Balasubramanian and Dr. P. Manohar Anand for Instituting this award for recognizing outstanding contributions from young faculty. These awards go a long way in building a tradition of excellence for the Institute as well as motivating young achievers. Thank you for your generosity.

- Uday Kiran Khankhoje



I am grateful to the sponsors of the Young Faculty Recognition Award (YFRA) of IIT Madras. It is very encouraging to see that the sponsors have created an endowment specially for the purpose of motivating teaching and learning activities at IIT Madras. As IIT Madras is primarily focusing on excellence in research, it is a natural tendency of faculty members to divert bulk of their attention towards research, overshadowing the efforts put by faculty into teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Given this scenario, the constitution of such an award motivates faculty to equally excel in teaching as much as research. I once again thank the sponsors for this contribution, and the Director of IIT Madras for following a systematic procedure of selecting YFRA awardees.

- Sreeram K. Kalpathy



It is an honor to be recognized for one's efforts towards research, particularly so in fundamental sciences where one is often exploring questions that are far removed from everyday experiences. Conveying the excitement of these questions to students and public is a challenging, and a very satisfying, part of any such research. Although one does science simply for the fun of it, an award such as the YFRA comes as a pleasant surprise and, most importantly, serves as a source of positive encouragement for research and pedagogy. It is a pleasure to thank Dr. P. Balasubramanian for his vision in recognizing the importance of these and for instituting these awards.

- Dawood Kothawala

Thank you for your most generous contribution! We are so fortunate to have caught the attention of alumni like you with large warm hearts. We can't do without you, and we greatly appreciate your willingness to be a helping hand.

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