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Garimella receives open access award from Purdue Libraries

Purdue Libraries and the Office of the Provost recently gave Suresh Garimella, executive vice president for research and partnerships and the R. Eugene and Susie E. Goodson Distinguished Professor in the **School of Mechanical Engineering (<https://engineering.purdue.edu/ME>)**, the 2017 Leadership in Open Access Award.

The award was given as part of Purdue Libraries' celebration of Open Access Week.

James L. Mullins, dean of Purdue Libraries, says Garimella was selected to receive the recognition this year for leading by example in the open access movement at Purdue. Garimella has more than 400 works posted in the **Purdue e-Pubs (<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/>)** repository, which have been downloaded close to 256,500 times.

"It is a great honor to be recognized for our research group's commitment to open access. I am deeply thankful to the scores of students in my group who, over the years, have contributed to the impactful publications that have been eagerly downloaded through the University's excellent Purdue e-Pubs portal," Garimella says.

Since 2012, Purdue e-Pubs has close to 15,153,000 downloads from users all over the world, with the average download rate of 2,256,893 per year.

"Dr. Garimella embodies the spirit of the land-grant institution through his work to make scholarly research widely available," says Jay Akridge, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity. "I congratulate him and all of the students in his group who contribute to global learning by broadening the reach of scholarship."

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Suresh Garimella (seated) was given the 2017 Leadership in Open Access Award. The award was presented by Jay Akridge, interim Provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity (left); James L. Mullins, dean of Purdue Libraries (center); and Nina Collins, scholarly publishing specialist (right). [Download image](#)