

Memorandum 2018/19-7

To: School and Division Heads, College of Engineering
From: Arvind Raman, Senior Associate Dean of the Faculty, College of Engineering
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Subject: Nominations for Neil Armstrong Distinguished Visiting Fellows, Class of 2020,



In 2019, on the occasion of Neil Armstrong's "one small step" Purdue Engineering proudly launched the Neil Armstrong Distinguished Visiting Fellows ([NADVF](#)) program to bring highly accomplished and recognized scholars and practitioners to Purdue Engineering and to catalyze collaborations that can lead to increased impact and visibility for our faculty, schools/divisions, and college. The Class of 2019 Fellows was recently announced. We now seek nominations for NADVF who will begin their Purdue visits starting in 2020.

Eligibility: Individuals who have been recognized for their impact and achievements in engineering or related disciplines at a level comparable to membership in the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), are eligible to become NADVFs. NADVFs will collaborate with Purdue Engineering faculty members on research projects, and/or on broader School or College priorities including new research directions, industry engagement, on-campus and online educational efforts, increasing diversity and inclusion, as well as entrepreneurship. The hosting unit is expected to organize high-visibility colloquia/workshops during the visit of the NADVF.

Period of visitation: The cumulative duration of the appointment will be between a minimum of one month to a maximum of three months, and can be undertaken in the course of multiple visits, but must be completed within three years. Exceptions to this visitation period will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A standard visit is expected to be one month per year over three years.

Nomination: Faculty interested in nominating candidates for NADVFs should first contact their Heads. Heads should email their School/Division's nominations as they are received to raman@purdue.edu and mjfreeland@purdue.edu. **NADVF nominations for the Class of 2020 will be evaluated starting May 1, 2019 and continually after that until a final selection has been made.** Nominees are not supposed to know of their nomination, although the nominators should have a general sense that the nominees, if invited, will have a reasonable chance of accepting the invitation. Each nomination should include the following information:

- 1) NADVF nominee's name, title, affiliation, and CV (only if available publicly)/website.
- 2) What is the nominee world-renowned for?
- 3) What are their most important recognitions?
- 4) List potential Purdue Engineering faculty host(s) and potential topics of collaboration.

The finalists will be selected as nominations are received, in part, based on the likelihood of impact of the nominee's visit on research and education at Purdue. The finalists for NADVF appointments starting in 2020 will be contacted by the Senior Associate Dean for the Faculty in June 2019.

Benefits: The College will provide (a) competitive salary/compensation to the NADVF plus eligible benefits during their stay, and (b) up to \$5K in direct costs to the host faculty member(s) per month of the NADVF's visit to offset collaboration costs during the visit (S and E costs and/or student/postdoc salary). The hosting unit/faculty will provide: (c) funds for travel and lodging for NADVF, and (d) discretionary funds for NADVF in support of the collaboration (for example, to bring along a grad student/postdoc/colleague for the collaboration). The hosting faculty and unit are responsible for providing office space and clerical/IT support for the NADVF.

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