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**RAMA RAMAKUMAR**

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# Hall of Fame to induct Ramakumar

Engineering professor joined OSU in 1967



**R**ama Ramakumar, an Oklahoma State University College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology Regents Professor in electrical and computer engineering and PSO/Albrecht Naeter Professor, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame on Nov. 5.

Since 1994, the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society has recognized individuals whose achievement and leadership in scholarship, teaching, research, administration, staff support, outreach and public service have brought honor and distinction to higher education in the state by inducting them into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame. To date, more than 200 people have been so

honored.

“I was fortunate to come to Oklahoma State University in 1967 when the field of renewable energy was in its nascent state, especially in the minds of the energy/power community,” Ramakumar said. “It has been a rewarding experience to be involved with the research group at OSU over the past 51 years and see the nationwide and global growth of renewable technologies. I am humbled by the honor of being inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.”

Ramakumar received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in India and his doctorate from Cornell University. He

joined Oklahoma State University in 1967. What started as a 16-month visiting appointment turned into 51 years at Oklahoma State University’s School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Ramakumar has taught over 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students in 30 different courses, mentored 18 doctorate and numerous master’s degree students. During his tenure at OSU, he received more than \$2 million in grants and contracts for his research work and other activities associated with the Engineering Energy Laboratory.

His research interests are in renewable energy, energy conversion, power engineering, energy storage, engineering reliability and the utilization of alternate energy sources to improve the human living environment in developing countries. His work has been documented in over 250 technical papers in various journals, transactions and conference proceedings. With others, he holds four U.S. patents and contributed chapters in four books and sections in 11 handbooks in the areas of energy and power.

“Dr. Ramakumar’s dedication to the teaching and research mission of Oklahoma State University has been abundantly evident in each of his 51 years of continuous service in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering,” said Jeffrey Young, department head and OSURF Endowed Chair of Engineering in ECE. “The high honor of Dr. Ramakumar being inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Heritage Society is most certainly well-deserved.” 🇮🇳

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