

**ASSOCIATION OF ATLANTIC UNIVERSITIES
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1997
DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD**

SAMPALLI SRINIVAS

Sampalli Srinivas, Srini as he is known, is described by his colleagues as a gifted and dedicated teacher, whose outstanding skills are attested to by his consistently high student ratings of instruction. Since his appointment to Dalhousie University in 1992, he has won the 1995 Faculty of Science Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 1997 Dalhousie University Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence, a clear reflection of the high regard in which he is held.

Known for his careful and comprehensive explanations of difficult concepts, Sampalli Srinivas takes his teaching responsibilities seriously by preparing in full, in writing, each and every lecture that he delivers. The examples, questions for student interaction, and demos are carefully selected and targeted to the class and level that he is teaching. The pulse of the class is constantly taken to evaluate the effectiveness of the lessons. Students are never mere ID numbers in his class; no matter the class size, Srini Srinivas knows the names and educational background of all his students within a few weeks and lets them know that he is interested in their ideas and feedback.

Sampalli Srinivas is a caring teacher. His students comment on his "unusual level of dedication," "his willingness to meet with them at any time, (even evenings and weekends), and his strong support and encouragement for their success." He also takes many opportunities to introduce new techniques that enhance student learning and career development and is an active participant in curriculum development and teaching enhancement activities at Dalhousie.

Equally good in doing research, Sampalli Srinivas has published extensively in internationally reputable journals and actively involves students in his research. Under his guidance, his students have produced numerous high quality Honours theses and when his students produce publishable research, which they often do, it is as thrilling to him as it is to them.

His undying commitment to students, his personable, enthusiastic and effective instruction, and the excellent direction and leadership he provides to students and colleagues alike, make Sampalli Srinivas a most worthy recipient of the 1997 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award.