

Annual Research Symposium 2019

Agenda	
09:00-09.15:	Coffee and Welcome
09:15-10:45:	First round of talks – 15 talks (one talk reserved for KU)
10.45-11.00:	15 mins break
11.00-12.00:	Keynote
12.00-12:30:	Working lunch
12:30-02.00:	Second round of talks – 15 talks (one talk reserved for Vanderbilt University)
02.00-04.00:	Poster session – refreshments are served
04.00-04:45:	closing remarks and awards (best talks (3) and best posters (3) plus people’s choice awards(2)

Keynote speaker this year:



Rohit Bhargava

Rohit Bhargava is Founder Professor of Engineering in the Department of Bioengineering and affiliate professor in ECE, MechSE, ChBE and Chemistry as well as the Carle-Illinois College of Medicine. He serves at the Director of the Cancer Center at Illinois. Rohit’s research is focused on chemical imaging (infrared and Raman) and, more recently, on 3D printing. The major theme of his work is to uncover tumor-microenvironment factors in cancer progression using new technology. He received a dual B.Tech. degree (Chemical Engineering and Polymer Science and Engineering) from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi and a PhD from Case Western Reserve University (in Macromolecular Science and Engineering). Subsequently, he was a

Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health and has been at Illinois since as Assistant Professor (2005-2011), Associate Professor (2011-2012) and Professor (2012-). In addition, Rohit has contributed to new approaches in team-based research and education as well. He founded the Cancer Center at Illinois, which is combining high quality technology and engineering with the field of oncology. Earlier in his career, Rohit was the first assistant professor hired into the new Bioengineering department at Illinois and played a key role in its establishment and development. Using real-world problems to inspire education and student development, among his recent educational innovations are the development of a challenge-inspired model for undergraduate education (Cancer Scholars Program), iFEAT program for graduate students, C*STAR collaborative program and National Institutes of Health (NIH) T32-funded graduate training program focusing on the Tissue Microenvironment.