

Ph.D awardees

During the **current academic year, we had 5 Ph.D. Degree Awardees**, 4 under the SASTRA deemed **to be** University, Thanjavur and one under Anna University, Chennai. Of these, 3 of the candidates **were present to** receive the award **and two were given in** absentia.

1. The first candidate was Dr. Vidya Gopakumar, who was awarded the “Doctor of Philosophy” for her Ph.D. thesis entitled “Generation of corneal epithelial cells from noncorneal autologous source for the treatment of bilateral limbal stem cell deficiency” She completed her Ph.D in October 2021. She was given the award by the chief guest and her supervisor, Dr.S.Krishnakumar, Professor & Head of L & T Ocular Pathology department.
2. The next candidate was Dr. A.Samdani, , who was awarded the “Doctor of Philosophy” for his Ph.D. thesis entitled “Design and Development of automated computational pipelines for intermolecular recognition of kinases pertaining to structure-based drug design and validation” . He completed his Ph.D on October 2021. He was given the award by the chief guest and his supervisor, Dr.V. Umashankar, (Formerly Faculty of Centre of Bioinformatics, Vision Research Foundation) .
3. The next candidate was Dr. B. Lakshmi, who was awarded the “Doctor of Philosophy” for her Ph.D. thesis entitled “Identification of systemic risk factors and Genetic biomarkers for intravitreal steroid-induced ocular Hypertension”. She completed her PhD in Jan 2022. She was given the award by the chief guest and her supervisor, Dr. Dr. Sailaja V. Elchuri, Associate Professor, Dept. of Nanobiotechnology, Vision Research Foundation.

4. Two candidates were awarded their PhD degree in absentia and their guides received the awards on their behalf:

Dr. Naresh Kumar

Guide: Dr. Coral Miriam (Faculty, R.S.Mehta Jain Department of Biochemistry & Cell Biology)

Thesis title: “Molecular mechanism of the anti angiogenic and anti tumorigenic potential of Lysyl Oxidase Propeptide (Lox-PP)” (Ph.D was completed in March 2021)

5. Dr.Arun John

Guide: Dr.V.Umashankar (formerly Faculty, Centre of Bioinformatics, Vision Research Foundation)

Thesis title: “In silico design of peptide and chemical inhibitors targeting carbonicanhydrase IXmediated pH homeostasis in cancer cell and in vitro validation of inhibitory efficacies” (Ph.D completed in December 2020).

The candidates gave a valedictory address after receiving their PhD award.

Other institutional awards under VIBS

S.No	Name of the award	Recipient	Award details	Attendance for the function
1.	Prof. S.Krishnamoorthy Rao Gold Medal Award for the year 2020-2021.	Dr.Amit Chatterjee from the Nanobiotechnology department (Vision Research Foundation)	Gold Medal + Certificate	Dr. S. Narayanan received the award on behalf of Dr. Amit Chatterjee, since the candidate was not present .
2.	Swarnalata Punshi award for the year 2020-2021.	Dr. Lakshmi B (Core Laboratory, Vision research foundation)	Certificate + Cash Prize -	Dr. Lakshmi received the award in person.