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**RK Narayanan Named 2026 AUTM Volunteer of the Year**

**[Seattle, February 10, 2026]** – AUTM proudly announces Radhakrishnan (“RK”) Narayanan, PhD, MBA, as the recipient of its 2026 Volunteer of the Year Award. This is AUTM’s highest honor recognizing exceptional leadership, service, and contributions to the technology transfer community. AUTM is the non-profit leader in efforts to educate, promote, and inspire professionals to support the development of academic research that changes the world and drives innovation forward. Narayanan was presented with the award during the AUTM Annual Meeting, where leaders from across the innovation ecosystem gathered to celebrate collaboration and impact.

Narayanan has been a dedicated AUTM volunteer for many years, contributing his time and expertise across multiple committees. His service includes the Annual Meeting Program Committee, the Eastern Region Meeting Planning Committee, Co-Chair of the Better World Project Committee, and Chair of the Mentorship Committee, where he has played a key role in strengthening professional development and community engagement across the organization.

Narayanan is Senior Director of the Office of Technology Transfer at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL), where he focuses on forging strategic partnerships, advancing innovation, and translating CSHL’s scientific discoveries into real-world impact. His work centers on building long-term value through intellectual property management, startup formation, and biopharmaceutical collaborations.

“Volunteering with AUTM has shown me how profoundly our community shapes the future of academic innovation,” said Narayanan. “At AUTM, every act of mentorship, every story we elevate, and every relationship we build strengthens the path from discovery to real-world solutions. It’s a privilege to contribute to that mission.”

AUTM commends Narayanan for his outstanding service and dedication, which continues to inspire and elevate the global technology transfer community.

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AUTM is the non-profit leader in efforts to educate, promote, and inspire professionals to support the development of academic research that changes the world and drives innovation forward. Our community is comprised of more than 3,000 Members who work in more than 800 universities, research centers, hospitals, businesses and government organizations around the globe.