



Career Launch and Acceleration

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Dr. Murthy is Associate Dean of Graduate school and Professor of Chemistry at Michigan Technological University, Houghton Michigan where she has taught for over 20 years. Previously, she served as Chair of the Department of Chemistry at Michigan Tech University and as Program Director at the National Science Foundation in the Division of Graduate Education. Her research focus is in the area of bioorganic chemistry. Her research group consists of graduate students, undergraduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

She has been actively involved with activities aimed at professional and career development of women faculty and students in STEM fields for many years. She served as Director of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) at Michigan Tech where she focused on increasing the number of women faculty through increased recruitment, retention and career advancement. She was nominated for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) Award in recognition of these activities. She was Chair of the Working Group that put together a proposal for a Paid Maternity Leave Policy at Michigan Tech. She was awarded the Faculty Distinguished Service Award in 2011 in recognition of her efforts in developing the policy. Since 2014, she has become active in moderating COACH workshops for faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. In Fall 2014 and 2015, she conducted a series of COACH workshops for women scientists and engineers in India with Geri Richmond of Oregon and Laura Green of U of Florida.