

2021 Awardee

Outstanding Alumnus Award of College of Basic Sciences and Humanities

Dr. Devender Singh Sandhu

Dr. Devender Sandhu, Managing Director of Uvax Bio Canada is an outstanding community leader who remains steadfast in his ongoing pursuit of excellence. Dr. Deven Sandhu is an alumnus of GBAUT where he completed Master's in Microbiology from College of Basic Sciences and Humanities (1985-1988).

He received the prestigious Nehru Centenary Commonwealth Fellowship to pursue PhD in Biochemistry specializing in cancer therapies at the MRC National Institute for Medical Research and University of London. He has developed new treatments for complex conditions and developed intellectual property that has brought commercial and scientific recognition to Canada. He continued his passion to pursue translational research by joining Sanofi Pasteur, Catalent, Johnson and Johnson. He supported Cell/gene therapy work as a Director General at Biotherapeutics Manufacturing Center (Ottawa) and founded Biocule and Virocule Inc. He co-developed and commercialized Health Canada approved Anosmic Test to identify and segregate Covid infected patients.

With a collaborative and inclusive approach to public service, Devender strives to build consensus in decision-making and create an environment where racial biases are eliminated. He continues to inspire innovation among his colleagues and leads with integrity and kindness. Dr. Sandhu's contributions to his professional and personal communities are tremendous and longstanding. Dr. Sandhu was awarded the Canadian Ontario Volunteer Service Award and the City of Vaughan's 2022 Order of Vaughan. Dr. Sandhu is deeply dedicated to his family. A respected scientist and active member of both professional and community boards, Dr. Sandhu continues to consistently demonstrate his family values and inspire others globally.