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## **Sibi Named Meier Professor**

Mukund Sibi, professor of chemistry and molecular biology, has been selected for the Dr. James A. Meier Senior Professorship Award for the College of Science and Mathematics.

“You are most deserving of this award,” wrote Kevin McCaul, dean of science and mathematics, in a letter informing Sibi of his selection for the prestigious honor. “Your dedication to teaching, research and the department are evident in your record. This award can be thought of as a ‘thank you’ from the college.”

Gregory Cook, associate professor of chemistry and molecular biology, wrote in a letter of nomination that Sibi’s research in organic chemistry has provided insights into controlling chemical reactivity that have a far-reaching impact in organic chemistry, particularly pharmaceutical development.

Cook wrote that Sibi “has endeavored to promote our department and our university around the world. His outstanding service and outstanding accomplishments are a testament to NDSU and I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.”

Marvin J. Miller, George and Winifred Clark Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Notre Dame, wrote in a letter of support, “Prof. Sibi deserved recognition for his innovative, productive research, but he is also the ‘complete package’-an excellent researcher, teacher, mentor and professional who loves his profession and has passionately dedicated his life to serving as a positive role model as he advances our profession in every way possible.”

Currently the Dale Hogoboom Professor in chemistry, Sibi has published more than 140 papers in peer-reviewed journals. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Bangalore University, India, and his doctorate at City University of New York. Sibi was a postdoctoral fellow at Dartmouth College, the University of Waterloo and Florida State University.

The professorship is effective July 1, and continues for three years. It carries a stipend of \$3,500 per year.

The professorship is supported through an endowment gift from alumnus Meier, B.S. ’59, Ph.D. ’71, who held several leadership roles at Pittsburgh Paints and Glass during his career. Meier received an honorary doctorate from NDSU during May commencement ceremonies.