

Original Submission – Nazarali

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Naming

Requested name: DR AJ NAZARALI OR "NAZARALI"

Requested use of name: Street

Background Information (Reason for name request):

Dr. Adil Nazarali was a dedicated teacher and researcher who worked tirelessly to broaden the minds of students and bring scientific research funds to the University of Saskatchewan. At the time of his passing, he was collaborating to develop a Neuroscience PhD program at the University of Saskatchewan.

He brought his family from Bethesda MD USA to Saskatoon in 1993.

He loved the community here and saw an opportunity to build a research program at the University of Saskatchewan. He appreciated the hard work ethic of Saskatchewan people and strived to do the same in everything he did.

If you have submitted a person's name, please provide a short biography (Given name, date of birth, place of birth, contributions, awards, achievements or other related information):

Dr. Nazarali was born on June 25, 1954 in Kampala, Uganda. He obtained his undergraduate training in Pharmacy from the Portsmouth School of Pharmacy, England and a M.Sc. in Biopharmacy from the Chelsea School of Pharmacy, King's College, University of London, England. He graduated with a PhD in September 1984 from the Faculty of Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Alberta (UofA). Following fellowships at the U of A and the University of Nottingham, he moved to the USA in 1987 to be a guest researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda MD where he conducted research on the mapping, distribution and regulation of neurotransmitter and neuropeptide receptors in the brain. This was followed by a visiting associate fellowship in the lab of Nobel Laureate, Dr. Marshall Nirenberg, in the Laboratory of Biochemical Genetics, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Bethesda MD. Dr. Nazarali's project there involved molecular characterization of mammalian homeobox (Hox) genes.

In 1993 Dr. Nazarali began his distinguished career at the University of Saskatchewan first in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, then moving to the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition in 1995 where he remained until his passing. Dr. Nazarali, Professor, Laboratory of Molecular Cell Biology was passionate about research and often spent late nights and weekend hours alongside his graduate students in the lab. He supervised 22 graduate students over his career and was extremely proud of their successes. The focus of his research was to advance

understanding of how the body is able to repair damage to the brain, especially as a function of age.

However, research was not possible without grants and Dr. Nazarali was always working on the "next grant application". Over the years he brought many grants to the University of Saskatchewan including a Saskatchewan Health Services Utilization and Research Commission start-up grant and continued to receive funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada as well as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Grants, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada Grants, and many others throughout his career.

He published over 60 papers in refereed journals, 10 reviews/ book chapters, and presented 50 scientific abstracts at international conferences. In doing so, he collaborated closely with numerous colleagues at the U of S to raise the profile of the university and develop long-lasting research relationships.

In addition to graduate teaching and research, Dr. Nazarali taught many medical and pharmacy undergraduate students at the U of S, resulting in the Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching in 2015. He was very proud and humbled to receive this award.

In 2015 Dr. Nazarali was designated a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and this honor was also very special to him.

While the awards, honors, publications and grants were important to his career, Dr. Nazarali would have been the first to say that none of this would have been possible without the support of the University of Saskatchewan. He was privileged to establish his career there and recognized how lucky he was to call Saskatoon his home.

Attachment:

https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/webform/dr_aj_nazarali_royal_pharmaceutical_society_fellow.pdf

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