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Professor Gaurab Bhardwaj has received the Aspen Institute’s Faculty Pioneer Award for his teaching and writings on big problems confronting business and society. And he has received the Deans’ Award for Excellence in Teaching across all Babson programs.

Gaurab’s teaching, research, speaking, and facilitating work are in strategy, decision making, innovation, and solving big problems.

He has worked with companies from science, technology, and medicine-driven industries like biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and diagnostics, health care, telecommunications, computers, and chemicals. He has been a keynote speaker, taught in executive education programs, and facilitated discussions among executives, engineers, scientists, and physicians from Biogen Idec, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Boston Scientific, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Eli Lilly, EMC, Genzyme, Leadership Forum, Lucent Technologies, Merck, Orion Corporation, Radiology Leadership Institute, SABIC, Teradyne, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, and others.

In addition to teaching at Babson Executive and Enterprise Education, he teaches core strategy courses and an elective called Solving Big Problems to Evening MBAs and undergraduates at Babson.

In his research, Gaurab is studying how people and organizations solve big problems. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and the Eleutherian Mills – Hagley Foundation, and has been published in the journals Management Science, Expert Opinion on Drug Discovery, Chemical Heritage and others, and as a chapter in the book Innovating Strategy Process. He has written for BioExecutive International and Babson Insight and his work has been covered in Effective Executive and the ACR Bulletin of the American College of Radiology. Based on field research, he has written case studies of two women’s hospitals in India, a medical diagnostics company in Boston, and an NGO that provides economic independence to women freed from human trafficking. His current research project is an investigation of the recent Ebola epidemic. Gaurab has presented his research at several international conferences and has been a reviewer for journals, conferences, and the National Institutes of Health.