

# News Release

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## Future Leaders Award Presented to Apurba Banerjee at International Conference

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, April 17, 2019**—The AATCC Future Leaders Award was presented to **Apurba Banerjee** on April 11, 2019 at the International Conference held in Fort Worth, TX, USA. The Future Leaders Award recognizes promising young professionals in the fields of textiles, apparel, and related material sciences. These young professionals are the future of our industry and the future leaders of AATCC. Award recipients are determined by each AATCC Interest Group.

Banerjee is chief scientist at brrr<sup>o</sup> Inc. In 2011, she received a Bachelor of Technology in Fiber and Textile Processing from the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. In 2013, she received an MS in Design and Merchandising from Colorado State University, and in 2017 graduated from the University of Georgia with a PhD in Polymer, Fiber, and Textile Sciences.

She joined AATCC in 2012, while a student and, since joining, has been a very active AATCC member. While a student, she presented papers each year from 2013 through 2017 at the AATCC International Conference Herman and Myrtle Goldstein Student Paper Competitions. She also received two AATCC Foundation Student Research Support Grants in 2014 and 2017. She served as president of the University of Georgia AATCC Student Chapter from 2014 to 2015, and treasurer from 2015 to 2016. She has co-authored four publications and two patents.

Banerjee currently serves on the AATCC Executive Committee on Research and is the vice chair on AATCC Technical Committee of Research.

### **The Future Leaders Award**

Nominees for the AATCC Future Leaders Award must be AATCC members who are 39 years old or younger and actively engaged in the greater textile or related industries. They must display leadership skills and have a history of service to AATCC or the greater textile and related industries. A key quality of successful candidates is a desire to become more involved with the objectives of AATCC: to increase expertise, encourage research, and establish channels for the interchange of professional knowledge. Nominees must agree to join the AATCC Young Professionals Committee and must participate, as their professional commitments allow, in the work of the committee. The award includes a framed certificate signed by the AATCC president and the Interest Group (IG) chairs and a special pin.

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USA, provides test method development, quality control materials, and professional networking for members in about 50 countries throughout the world.

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