



Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

Dear College of Design faculty, staff, and students:

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Prasad Boradkar as the next Dean of the College of Design, effective September 5, 2023 pending approval by the University's Board of Regents at its June meeting.

Dr. Boradkar is an educator, researcher, and designer with several years of experience leading design and research teams in both academia and industry.

Most recently he served as UX Research and Sustainability Lead at Google's Advanced Technology & Projects division, where he led efforts on user experience research and sustainable development for health and wellness products. Prior to his work at Google, he was Professor of Industrial Design at Arizona State University, where he also served as co-director of the Biomimicry Center and director of the InnovationSpace transdisciplinary research and education lab. Throughout his career, Dr. Boradkar has led and worked in cross-functional, transdisciplinary teams that included engineers, architects, biologists, sustainability experts, business specialists, social scientists, and many others.

Dr. Boradkar holds a PhD in Sociocultural Anthropology from University College London; an MA in Industrial Design from The Ohio State University; an MDes in Industrial Design from the Industrial Design Centre, Bombay; and a Bachelor of Engineering from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, India.

As dean, Dr. Boradkar will be the chief executive officer and chief academic officer of CDes and will collaborate broadly to advance the College as a national and international leader. Building on CDes's strengths, and guided by the strategic priorities of the University, he will collaborate with faculty, students, and staff to preserve and enhance the excellence of the College.

Dr. Boradkar's appointment as dean of the College of Design is the culmination of a national search for a successor to Carol Strohecker, who announced plans last fall semester to step down at the start of the new academic year, after serving with distinction as dean since 2017.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Boradkar to the University of Minnesota. Please join me also in expressing appreciation to Carol for her service as dean, and to the search committee for its excellent work, with special thanks to Vice Provost Bob McMaster for serving as search committee chair. I am especially grateful to everyone who took time to provide invaluable feedback on our outstanding finalist candidates.

Sincerely yours,

Rachel T.A. Croson
Executive Vice President and Provost

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