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### **The 2023 Higher Education Award is awarded to Dr. Ravindra T. Desai**

Dr. Ravindra T. Desai was a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Imperial College London and is now an STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellow at the University of Warwick. Dr Desai has been outstanding contributor to the supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students across the Imperial College faculty. By providing clear motivation and cutting-edge research problems, Dr Desai gives his students the perfect platform to learn, develop and acquire new skills. His individualised approach to supervision has helped students to grow in confidence and become embedded in international collaborations.

Dr Desai's commitment to research supervision has seen him supervise thirty students in just four years. As well as the significant quantity, the quality must also be emphasised, Dr. Desai has guided many of his students to publications in peer-reviewed journals, including one notable first year project. All of this work is supported by a commitment to widening inclusivity and diversity, as an active committee member of Imperial's *Race Equality Advisory Group*. This commitment extends beyond his remit as an undergraduate and postgraduate supervisor as Dr. Desai has also volunteered his time to supervise and mentor A-Level students taking place in the *Nuffield Research Placement* program, supporting students from underrepresented groups.

For these reasons Dr. Ravindra T. Desai is awarded the RAS Education award for Higher Education for 2022.