



Saurya Das

Academic Representative

Saurya earned his Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics from the Institute of Mathematical Sciences in Chennai, India. He subsequently completed post-doctoral fellowships at Penn State University, the University of Winnipeg, and the University of New Brunswick. In 2003, he joined the University of Lethbridge, where he currently holds the position of full professor. His research is centered on gravitation, cosmology and quantum physics, has made significant contributions to these areas. Saurya has published over 150 research articles and has mentored more than 20 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in academia and beyond.

Beyond his teaching and research, Saurya is deeply committed to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) initiatives, both locally and internationally, where he has worked to ensure that diverse voices are represented in research initiatives. He is a founding member of the Support Network for Academics of Colour Plus (SNAC+), a member of the University of Lethbridge's Board-Faculty Association Joint Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JCEDI), and the Co-Chair of the DEI Committee for the European Space Agency (ESA)-led Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA) mission, a groundbreaking project involving over 1,700 physicists, which aims to deploy the most sensitive gravitational wave detectors into space. Throughout his career, Saurya has been a passionate advocate for creating an inclusive academic and research environment, recognizing that diverse perspectives are essential to the advancement of science.