

Bio-Sketch of the Speaker

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Ramasastry obtained PhD in Chemical Sciences in 2005 from the Department of Organic Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (India) under the supervision of Prof. A. Srikrishna. He then pursued postdoctoral studies with Prof. Carlos F. Barbas, III at The Scripps Research Institute, San Diego (USA). After briefly working in industry, he became Assistant Professor in 2011 and then Associate Professor in 2017 at the Department of Chemical Sciences, IISER Mohali.

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He is a recipient of the DST-Swarnajayanti Fellowship (2017-18), CRSI Bronze Medal 2018, AVRA Young Scientist award 2018, OPPI Young Scientist award 2018, and Thieme Chemistry Journals award in 2017. He has been admitted as a Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (MRSC) in 2016. Since 2017, he is serving as an Editorial Advisory Board member of the RSC journal, *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry*. He has been adjudged as the outstanding reviewer for *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry* in 2018.