ASGERALLY FAZLEABAS
Ada, Michigan
Career Achievement Award 2020

Asgerally Fazleabas is recognized world-wide for his outstanding research in women's health, specifically in endometriosis, hormonally controlled early events of implantation, and pregnancy in humans. He has developed a non-human primate model that has allowed many scientists to make significant discoveries and clinical applications regarding endometriosis, a disease which affects 10% of women of reproductive age. As a professor, he has educated many graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and medical students.

Fazleabas earned a bachelor's degree from California State University in Fresno, California in 1974 and a master's degree in dairy science at the University of Illinois in 1976. Fazleabas obtained his Ph.D. in reproductive physiology under the mentorship of Professor Charles Graves in 1980.

Fazleabas completed postdoctoral training (1980-1983) at the University of Florida, under the superb mentorship of two renowned professors of reproductive physiology, Dr. Fuller Bazer and Dr. Michael Roberts. He then joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Illinois – Chicago as a research associate.

In 1985, Fazleabas became an assistant professor in the same department and quickly moved through the academic ranks becoming a full professor in 1995. He served as Director of the Center for Women's Health and Reproduction at the University of Illinois from 2002 to 2009. Since 2009, he has been professor and associate chair for research, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology; director, Center of Women's Health Research, co-director, Reproductive and Developmental Sciences Program at Michigan State University.

His service to the scientific world has been most significant through his research, serving on many federal grant review panels, and holding major leadership positions in scientific societies, particularly the Society for the Study of Reproduction.

There are few other scientists in women's health who have a similar impact on the industry, making Fazleabas most deserving of a College of ACES Alumni Association Career Achievement Award.