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Vikram Jandhyala received a BTech in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi in 1989, and MS and PhD degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995 and 1998, respectively.

After spending two years in the design automation industry at Ansoft Corporation (acquired by Ansys), he joined UW EE in 2000. His research, which has led to more than 200 papers and several PhD students at top R&D positions has been funded by DARPA, semiconductor industries, national labs, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and National Science Foundation, including an NSF CAREER award, and has received awards from UIUC, IEEE, UW, and NASA.

He founded, along with his students in 2006, Nimbic, a venture-backed simulation company which was acquired by Mentor Graphics in 2014. He was the founding UW director of the UW-PNNL Northwest Institute for Advanced Computing (NIAC) from 2012 to 2014. He was chair of the UW EE department from 2011 to 2014, led the UW EE professional master's program as faculty director through early growth in 2009 and 2010, and was an inaugural UW presidential entrepreneurial faculty fellow in 2011.

His current interests are in the science and art of innovation, entrepreneurial and design thinking, educational innovation, social and organizational networks, and computational and data science.