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Upon joining KSTC in February 2001, Mahendra applied his teaching, research, and management experience to the creation and management of KSEF and making R&D investments in novel ideas for innovation and commercialization. He is helping to forge partnerships between academic, industrial, and state institutions in building and expanding Kentucky's scientific and engineering capacity to attract external research funds from all sources. In addition, Mahendra has proactively pursued the growth of the Federal SBIR and STTR Programs in the state through outreach and state-funded assistance programs. He currently provides direction to the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation, Kentucky Commercialization Fund, and the Kentucky SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program; these programs facilitate innovations, provide opportunities to translate these into technologies having commercial potential, and allow building and training of technical workforces for solving real problems. Mahendra also serves Kentucky Space LLC and Exomedicine Institute as Science Director.

Before joining KSTC, Mahendra worked at several universities in the USA, Europe, and India as well as at MBI International, a biotechnology R&D organization in Lansing, Michigan. He has been a consultant to the United Nations Development Program, Food and Agriculture Organization, and the Organization of American States. For his outstanding contributions in microbiology, Mahendra received the 1997 G.B. Manjrekar Award from the Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) and an American Society for Microbiology International Professor Award in 2006. He also received a National Tibbetts Award in 2006 for exemplifying the Federal SBIR/STTR Programs at both the state and national levels, and was named SBIR Person of the Year for 2014. Mahendra is a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM Fellow), a fellow of AMI (FAMI), and a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (MRSC). Mahendra received and managed research grants and contracts in several million dollars from federal, state, and industrial sources. He received his PhD in Microbiology in 1972 from IARI, New Delhi, and is the author of ten USA patents, one Canadian patent, and over 120 research papers, articles, and book chapters.