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Vandana Bhalla received her Ph. D. in Organic Chemistry from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar in 1998 under the supervision of Prof. Harjit Singh. She was a JSPS postdoctoral fellow at Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan during 2002-2004 and JST researcher in Aida Nanospace project with Prof. Takuzo Aida of University of Tokyo, Japan. She is presently working as Professor at Department of Chemistry, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, India. She has published more than 220 research papers in international journals and has delivered around 80 lectures.

Research Interests:

Research interests lie in the area of supramolecular material chemistry and catalysis.

Awards and Honors:

- i. Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences Bangalore w.e.f. January 1, 2025
- ii. AV Rama Rao prize for Women in Chemical Sciences for the year 2025 awarded by Chemical Research Society of India, Bangalore.
- iii. SERB-POWER Fellowship for three years from March 30, 2021-March 29, 2024
- iv. INSA Teacher award for the year 2020.
- v. Rajib Goyal Award for the year 2017 for contribution in Chemical Sciences by Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.
- vi. Prof. S. S. Sandhu Endowment Award, for the year 2017 awarded by Indian Chemical Society for contributions in Chemical Sciences.
- vii. First Shiv Nath Rai Kohli Mid-Career Best Scientist Award for the year 2018 for contribution in Chemical Sciences by Panjab University, Chandigarh 2018.

- viii. Bhagya-Tara award by Panjab University for contribution in organic chemistry 2015.
- ix. Thomson Reuters Research Excellence India Citation Award 2015. First women scientist in India to get this award. This award is given to Indian scientists whose recent papers represented the strongest research performance in their research area in terms of number of highly cited papers, total citations to these highly cited papers, or both.
- x. Bronze Medal Awarded by Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI), Bangalore.

Positions Held:

- 1 Editorial Board Member, Asian Journal of Organic Chemistry.
- 2 International Advisory Board Member, Chemistry: An Asian Journal.
- 3 Associate Editor, *RSC Advances* (since 2015)