

Anand Padmanabhan

Vice President and Chief Information Officer

Anand Padmanabhan is a global technology leader and a strategic & entrepreneurial chief information officer. He has built a reputation for taking on transformative assignments that require impactful action to achieve significant results. He has led several organizations through digital transformation efforts, innovating, conceptualizing strategies, and delivering platforms that align technology with academic and business objectives. He has been a CIO at multiple universities globally and has led strategies for complex university-wide initiatives.



Anand is the VP & CIO for Fordham University. In his current role, he provides visionary and operational leadership to enable a forward-thinking, enterprise-focused IT organization that champions the strategic use of technology to further the mission of the University. His central focus is on *holistic student success* and how technology can play a critical part while students are on campus and preparing them for the broader world and society. To achieve this, he works with his peers in leadership and with members across the university and outside. An organization he leans on heavily is NERCOMP's members, who are accessible and always there to help. As NERCOMP has helped him be successful, he wants to give back to the organization by being part of it.

Anand is the IT Global Collective Officer for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), which includes 27 Jesuit schools across the US. In this role, he builds relationships and collaborations with IT organizations in our sister associations across the world. Last year, he built a relationship with AUSJAL (South American equivalent to AJCU with 23 institutions), leading to a monthly meeting of IT members of various Jesuit universities in the US and South America. Similarly, NERCOMP already has a rich membership of universities. Although not all NE universities are members, he would love to see all the universities in the northeast be members of NERCOMP and would like to help NERCOMP achieve this.

Before Fordham, he was the founding Global CITO for Whittle School & Studios, leading a global multinational technology strategy. He was the CIO for The New School and served as the corporate CIO for HCL Corporation and Shiv Nadar Foundation in India; CIO at NYU Stern School of Business, Hunter College, Tennessee State University, and Seton Hill University. He also worked at the NASA Center for Educational Technologies. His experience showcases a career dedicated to technological innovation and leadership.

Anand's ongoing contributions include sitting on higher education advisory committees for Microsoft, Zoom, AWS Innovation Council, and Knack. He has an MBA from NYU, an MS in computer engineering from LSU, and a Bachelor in Electronics and Telecom engineering from Madras University. He has presented at conferences worldwide and has been recognized with prestigious awards, including two CIO 100 awards (2018 in the US and 2013 in India), the 2017 Cloud Leadership Award, and Campus Technology's Innovation in Teaching and Learning award. Anand has served on multiple boards and has published papers in peer-reviewed journals.

If elected a member of the board, Anand aims to use his diverse experiences collaboratively to drive innovative ways to shape the future of NERCOMP. In the rapidly changing higher education landscape, he envisions NERCOMP as the guiding lighthouse for the Northeast IT groups, *fostering collective learning and staying ahead*.