Karthik Muralidharan holds the Tata Chancellor’s Endowed Professorship in Economics at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Born and raised in India, Prof. Muralidharan earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from Harvard University (*summa cum laude*), an M.Phil. in economics from Cambridge University, and a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University.

Prof. Muralidharan has conducted extensive research on education and social policy in developing countries. His research has received funding from the NSF, the World Bank, the British Department for International Development (DFID), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Legatum Foundation, the Spencer Foundation, Douglas B Marshall Foundation, and the Omidyar Network; has been published in leading economics journals including the *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and *Journal of Political Economy*; and been featured in global media outlets including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and the Economist in addition to several leading Indian newspapers.

He is a Research Associate of the NBER, and also on the Board of Directors of the Poverty Action Lab at MIT where he is co-chair of the education research program. He is actively involved in policy advising and capacity building in India at both the central and state-government level, and is associated with the NITI Aayog (Govt. of India) as an honorary adviser for education and social policy. A short summary of this work, is available at: [https://socialsciences.ucsd.edu/econnection/fall2016/karthik-muralidharan.html](https://socialsciences.ucsd.edu/econnection/fall2016/karthik-muralidharan.html)