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The USC Viterbi School of Engineering is proud to announce that *Mark Humayun*, co-director of the USC Roski Eye Institute and and *Shrikanth "Shri" Narayanan*, Niki & C. L. Max Nikias Chair in Engineering have been elected to the National Academy of Inventors' 2016 Fellows Program, the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors. NAI Fellows have demonstrated "a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society."

Humayun merges medicine and engineering to focus on developing treatments for the most debilitating and challenging eye diseases and holds more than 100 issued patents and patent applications, most in the area of bioimplants for ophthalmology.

Narayanan is internationally recognized as a pioneer in speech and language processing, machine speech recognition and translation, multimedia analytics, mobile device interfaces, emotions research and affective computing, and biometrics. His work is enabling novel diagnostics and treatments across a variety of domains such as autism, addiction, depression and suicidality.

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