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## Dr. Roman Ganta

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## Tick-borne Diseases Impacting Animal and Human Health: Building Bridges from Basic Research to Vaccine Development

Dr. Roman Ganta is currently the McKee Endowed Chair Professor in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine at University of Missouri. Prior to 2023, he was a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. Dr. Ganta established the Center of Excellence for Vector-borne Diseases at Kansas State University in 2015 and served as its founding Director until his move to the University of Missouri early this year.

Dr. Ganta has over 25 years of internationally well-recognized research program focused on several tick-born rickettsial diseases of global public health and animal health importance. Dr. Ganta has consistently secured competitive grant funding which amounted to over \$20 million in research support. He currently has three active NIH R01 grants and a USDA grant focused on basic and translational research goals investigating various tick-borne diseases. He authored or co-authored more than 100 peer-reviewed research articles & book chapters, delivered over 100 invited lectures, and also secured several patents. Dr. Ganta served on various study sections and editorial boards. Over the years, he mentored

numerous graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty members.

• November 1

- 4:00 PM
- Overton Auditorium

If you would like to meet with Dr. Ganta, please contact Dr. Satyanarayana Pondugula (4-8505 or srp0010@auburn.edu).