

# Prashant Pathak

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Prashant Pathak is a senior advisor of the POA Educational Foundation on issues pertaining to social venture capital and entrepreneurship. Currently he is leading the Social Venture Capital Fund (SVCF) initiative. The SVCF initiative is a result of POA's flagship initiatives - 'Project Beyshick' and 'Project Beyshick Business Plan Competition'. Project Beyshick nurtures prosperity and financial independence amongst First Nations communities and individuals by encouraging and mentoring entrepreneurial efforts. The Business Plan competition was a successful pilot for the SVCF project. Prashant has been working with several institutions and corporations in Canada to launch the project in full scale. He has been an active mentor for Project Beyshick since its inception in 2005.

Prashant brings to the SVCF and Project Beyshick initiatives his expertise and knowledge as a private equity investor, advisor to Fortune 500 corporations and general management experience gained in operating roles. He is currently the Managing Partner of ReichmannHauer Capital Partners (RHCP) a business building oriented private equity fund.

Before joining RHCP, he was a Partner of McKinsey & Company Inc. At McKinsey he was a leader of the North American Telecom Practice, the Financial Services Practices and also a leader of the Canadian Strategy & Corporate Finance Practice. Prior to McKinsey, he spent several years in the industry in a range of management and operations roles at Schlumberger Geco-Prakla and HLS (a JV of Halliburton Logging Services in India). During this time he gained extensive international experience across Europe, Middle East Asia and South East Asia. In addition to operations management Prashant has experience in leading product and technology platform development.

Outside of professional interests, Prashant actively contributes to several charitable institutions and causes related to young people. He is on the board of the North York General Hospital a leading health care institution in Canada, an alumnus of the core team of Vartana, a new type of bank in Canada - a bank that is not only a charity, but is also owned by and dedicated to serving others engaged in charitable activities. Prashant is a Charter Member of TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs). Founded in 1992, in Silicon Valley TiE, also known as Talent Ideas and Enterprise is a global, non-profit network dedicated to the advancement of entrepreneurship.

Prashant migrated to Canada in 1998. He now lives in Toronto. Prashant has a MBA from INSEAD with Distinction and a B.Tech degree in Electrical Engineering from The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), where he was adjudged the Best All-round Graduating Student of his class. He also has a Diploma in Fuzzy Logic from IIT.