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Shobha Srinivasan, PhD, is a sociologist and works as a Health Scientist Administrator at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in the Susceptibility and Population Health Branch. She currently directs four programs relating to social and behavioral research: Environmental Justice, Health Disparities, Community-based Participatory Research, and the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Environmental Health Research. Dr. Srinivasan has brought to this position more than 10 years of experience in teaching, research and administration in both academic and community environments.

Prior to this she worked as the Research Director for the Asian & Pacific Islander Health Forum, a health advocacy organization, on building community-university partnerships to address various health challenges in indigent and immigrant communities. While at the University of California, Davis and the University of California, San Francisco, she focused specifically on issues relating to inequities in access to health care and in promoting cultural competence among university and health professionals. Combining her expertise in health, mental health, epidemiology, international development and migration, as well as gender, race, and ethnicity, Dr. Srinivasan has consistently followed an approach that is interdisciplinary as well as community based and participatory. The goal of all these projects was to make health policy recommendations at the local, state and national levels regarding care for immigrant, indigent, as well as culturally and linguistically diverse populations.