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Anjana is the Assistant Dean for Research Initiatives where she is responsible for strategic planning, design and management for internal funding programs such as the Solution Areas, which are bringing interdisciplinary teams of faculty together to tackle systems-level challenges in partnership with key decision makers. She is also supporting the new Sustainable Societies Initiative, which advances our ability to achieve the profound societal changes needed for a sustainable future.

Anjana joined Stanford in 2014. She served as core programmatic staff for the complex charge of the Doerr School creation, working in close collaboration with faculty leadership and senior administration on all elements of the transition. She co-led the Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources (E-IPER), and ran E-IPER's joint MS degree programs. She also worked for five years in community college education, leading multi-stakeholder teams to build clean energy, environmental science, and sustainable campus initiatives, and deliver social innovation programs that served a diversity of communities. Anjana's work builds from a 10-year private sector career driving environmental improvements within manufacturing and research practices, and creating sustainability strategies for large corporate clients.

Anjana brings a sustainability lens and practitioner competencies to her roles in higher education administration. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil/Environmental Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the Illinois Institute of Technology Stuart School of Business. Anjana enjoys being an active parent and avid traveler to friends, family, and forests near and far.