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Challenging the belief that some lives matter less, Srishti Gupta Narasimhan has dedicated her career to advancing global health equity and advocating for inclusive educational opportunity around the world.

Living and working abroad has been a vital shaping force in Narasimhan's career and beliefs. As a physician and public health consultant, Narasimhan had the opportunity to work in Switzerland, Peru, Tanzania, India, Botswana and Indonesia. This work enhanced her appreciation of the cultural, structural and social components of complex problems. Narasimhan served for nearly two decades at McKinsey. A leader in the global health practice, she worked to harness the power of public-private collaboration to tackle challenges including child mortality, vaccine access, and family planning. Narasimhan later championed diversity and inclusion efforts, directed global talent programs including international mobility and experiences, and led global alumni engagement and strategy.

Today, she serves on the boards of Idorsia Pharmaceuticals, a leading biotechnology company launching products in Japan, Europe and the United States; the Norrsken Foundation, the largest ecosystem connecting social entrepreneurs across Europe and Africa; and the BackPack Foundation, which advances higher education for women in science and leadership. She also supports STEAM experiences and scholarships for underserved students and mentors founders in health and education.

Narasimhan is a member of Harvard's Global Advisory Council, longtime alumni interviewer for Harvard College, and served as co-Chair for her 25th reunion committee.

"I have had the honor of working with truly remarkable people and organizations around the world, and I hope to bring their collective wisdom, insights and experience to bear in service of Harvard. I would fully give my time and energy, experience and perspective, and heart and soul to serve Harvard, a community that has changed my life in indescribable ways."

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