

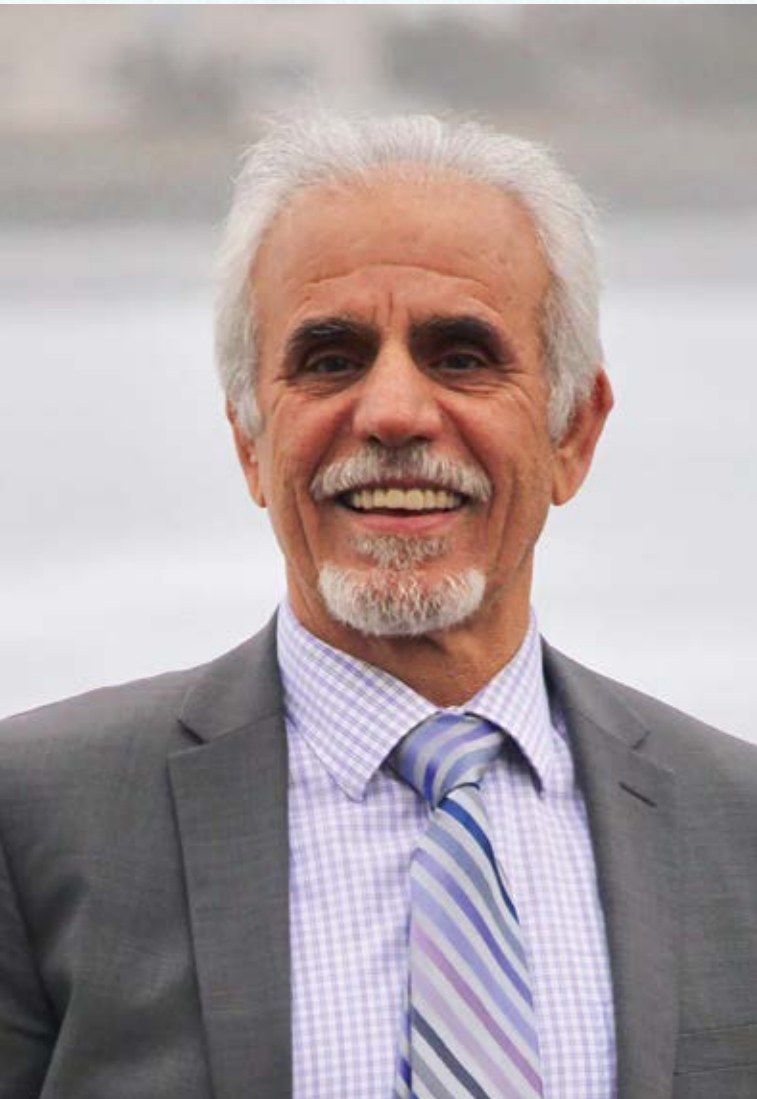


BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: TALEB ABIDALI

“Taleb and I have been working together for 15 years, and he and Hussein at Cresco have always had a huge desire to give back to the adopted society they have thrived in. I have seen them do so in many ways over the years, with DMRF being just one example. I am a huge admirer of Taleb and consider him a true friend.”

– Allan Shaw,
past DMRF Board Chair

When Taleb Abidali moved to Canada nearly 30 years ago from Iraq, he had big dreams for the future. Today, as a Principal at Cresco, a leading land development firm in Nova Scotia, Mr. Abidali has achieved great success and is proud to give back to his community through several causes and organizations.



After learning about DMRF through past Board Chair Allan Shaw, with whom Mr. Abidali has partnered in business over the years, Mr. Abidali joined the DMRF Board in 2016 and has contributed invaluable strategic direction to the Foundation over the last five years. In addition, believing wholeheartedly in the power of medical research to transform lives, Mr. Abidali and Cresco Co-Principal Hossein Mousavi generously pledged \$200,000 in 2017 to Dalhousie's Research in Medicine (RIM) Program, to help provide financial assistance to Dalhousie Medical School students. Through this gift, Mr. Abidali and Mr. Mousavi have supported ten RIM studentships each year, over the past three years.

"I have six children of my own, all of whom pursued post-secondary education at Dalhousie. My wife is also a doctor, and I understand the costs associated with medical school in particular. This is my way of giving back to the country and community that has given so much to me and my family."

Through the Cresco gift to Dalhousie's RIM Program, and through his role on the DMRF Board, Mr. Abidali is proud to support education, community and the bettering of lives through medical research.