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Dharini's professional and life experience has been rich in diversity. Having lived and worked on five continents, she has gained insights essential to conducting business in an increasingly multi-cultural and global environment where issues of the developing and developed worlds are merging.

Working in a variety of private and public sector structures, ranging from design studios, to agile entrepreneurial start-ups to governments, Dharini has a broad understanding of the complexities and shifting priorities that exist within all organizations. As an internationally qualified architect she has practiced in Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Sri Lanka, with a number of award-winning and leading sustainable design practices. Upon completing her Sauder MBA in 2000, she joined the business development team of a successful Vancouver-based online brokerage start-up.

Dharini's more recent work with the federal government in fostering partnerships between First Nation communities, industry, academia and government stakeholders has reinforced her interest in exploring the intersection between design, business and public policy and the role of integrated interdisciplinary teams in generating innovative solutions to complex challenges.