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Rector, The University of Lahore; Former Vice Chancellor,
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Administrative Experience:

1. **Rector, The University of Lahore from 16th August to date**
2. **Vice Chancellor (President),** University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan (A premier and oldest agricultural university of Asia) from 16th April 2019 to September 2020.
3. **Pro-Rector,** The University of Lahore, Lahore, Pakistan from 18th October 2018 to 15th April 2019
4. **Chairman (President),** Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan from 24th February 2015 to 23rd February 2018.
5. **Vice Chancellor (President), Founding Vice Chancellor** of Muhamamd Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan, Pakistan (A public sector university) from 15 August 2014 to 23rd February, 2015.
6. **Adjunct Professor at International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), HEJ, University of Karachi, Karachi 2017 to date**
7. **Chairman,** Department of Agronomy, University of Sargodha, Sargodha, from 9th September, 2013 to 14 August, 2014.
8. **Director,** Quality Enhancement Cell, University of Sargodha, Sargodha, from 30th July, 2013 to 14 August, 2014.

9. **Dean**, Faculty of Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, from 15th September, 2006 to 20th Nov 2012.
10. **Director**, Quality Enhancement Cell, established by Quality Assurance Agency, Higher Education Commission in University of Agriculture, Faisalabad from 21 July 2006 to 23 January 2008.
11. **Chairman**, Department of Botany, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad from 12th October 2002 to 18th September, 2006.
12. **Head/Convener**, Quality Enhancement Cell, established by Quality Assurance Agency, Higher Education Commission in University of Agriculture, Faisalabad from 4 January 2005 to 20 June 2006.
13. **Principal Investigator** of about 25 research projects funded by various international and national organizations during the last 20 years.
14. **Convener** of a number of committees meant for devising rules and regulations for uplifting the quality of higher education in the university.

Fellowships of Renowned Science Academies:

1. Fellow (Elect), Pakistan Academy of Sciences Islamabad 2000
2. Fellow (Elect), The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Italy 2003
3. Fellow (Elect), The Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS) Jordan, 2020

Teaching and Research Experience:

1. Professor, Agronomy Department, University College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha, Sargodha, Pakistan (26.08.2013 to 14 August, 2014)
2. Professor, Botany Department, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan (30.03.2002 to 14th July 2013)
3. Associate Professor, Botany Department, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan (26.05.1999 to 29.03.2002)
4. Associate Professor, Botany Department, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan (11.3.1997 to 25.5.1999)

5. Assistant Professor, Botany Department, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan (19.10.1989 to 10.3.1997)
6. Part-Time Teacher in the University College of Agriculture from 1989 – June 1993.
7. Lecturer, Botany Department, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, Pakistan (22.11.1986 to 18.10.1989)
8. Demonstrator, Botany Department, University of Liverpool, UK (1985-86).
9. Lecturer in Botany, Government Degree College, Shorkot City, Pakistan (28.3.1981 to Sept. 1983)

Academic Excellence and Awards

1. **Highly Cited Researcher** declared during 2022 by **Webometrics** (Spain) based on Google Citations with **h-index 113**. Only two Pakistani scientists are included in the list generated by Webometrics.
2. **Highly Cited Researcher** declared by the **Clarivate Analytics (Thomson Reuters USA)** for the Years 2018, 2020 and 2021.
3. “**Research.com**” has recently ranked all scientists of the world based on their scientific contribution in terms of Google Citations and h-index. In Plant Science and Agronomy I have been ranked **8th in the World and First in Pakistan**.
4. **Stanford University USA** has ranked the world scientists using Scopus citation data in November 2020. Prof. Ashraf is listed among the top 2% scientists of the world.
5. **Attained First position in the world** in the fields of **Plant Sciences, Stress Biology, Plant Ecophysiology**, based on **Google Citations (over 59000 accessed on 15th August 2021)**.
https://scholar.google.com/citations?view_op=search_authors&hl=en&mauthors=label:plant_physiology
6. Ranked the top scientist of the **OIC countries (57 countries)** by securing 4306 points in Biological Sciences in 2007 by the COMSTECH of the OIC countries.
7. Ranked the **top Scientist** in Biological Sciences in 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2010 by the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology.
8. Attained **3rd position** among the scientists from all disciplines in Pakistan during 2017 by the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology.
9. **COMSTECH (of the OIC Countries) Life-Time Achievement Award in Biology 2021**
10. **Earned Honorary Doctorate degree from the Lanzhou University China in 2018**
11. **Hilal-e-Imtiaz** (One of the highest Civil Awards) by the President of Pakistan in 2016

12. **Sitara-e-Imtiaz (Next to the former civil award)** by the President of Pakistan conferred on 14th August, 2006.
13. **Pride of Performance** (Third civil award) by the President of Pakistan in 2000.
14. **Presidential Award –Izaz-e-Fazeelat** for 1997.
15. Earned **HEC Life-time Achievement** Award in 2013
16. Earned **Pakistan Academy of Sciences Distinguished Scientist in Botany** 2013
17. Earned a medal from the **United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** in February 2013 based on excellent research on stress biology
18. Earned **Khwarizmi International Award from the President of Iran** in February 2013
19. Appointed as **Honorary Professor in Lanzhou University** China
20. **Earned D.Sc degree (a titled degree based on excellent research performed after attaining the PhD degree) from the University of Liverpool, UK in 2011 – A very rare achievement by the Pakistani scientists**
21. Appointed as a **Scientific Advisor** for the Green Technology Program, Rural Development Administration, Government of the **Republic of Korea** for a period of 3 years from January 2010 to Dec. 2012.
22. **Research Productivity Allowance for the year 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (Placed in Category A in most cases)**
23. A **shield** by the University of Agriculture Faisalabad given away by the **President of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf**, in the inaugural ceremony of the Centenary Celebrations of the University on 14 March 2006.
24. Appointed as a **Distinguished National Professor** by the Higher Education Commission from 25th Nov. 2005 to 24th Nov. 2007.
25. Appointed as an **Honorary Scientist** for Rural Development Administration, Government of the **Republic of Korea** for a period of 3 years from 1st July 2005 to 30 June 2008.
26. Dr. **Agha G.D. Ahmad** Medal by the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan (2003).
27. **Best University Teacher Award** by Higher Education Commission Islamabad (2002).
28. **Open Gold Medal** in Botany (1997) by the Pakistan Academy of Sciences, Islamabad.
29. First Award in Biology by the National Book Foundation of Pakistan in 1994.
30. **Fulbright Research Award** for 1993/94 by the U.S. Educational Foundation.
31. A **Cash Prize** (2nd Prize) by the National Book Council (Ministry of Education Pakistan).
32. **Salam Prize** (established by the Nobel Laureate Dr. Salam) in Science (Biology), in 1992.
33. Earned a **Gold Medal** from the Pakistan Academy of Sciences in the field of Biology, in 1990 (under 40).
34. Earned a **Golden Star** in 1988 from the National Farm Guide Council of Pakistan based on excellent research in Agriculture.
35. Earned a **Medal** in 1980 and 1st position in the University in M.Sc.

An Overview of Academic Excellence

Highly Cited Researcher (2018, 2020 and 2021) by the Clarivate Analytics (Web of Science)

Journal impact factor is now over 1340

Author citation index according to Web of Science (Clarivate) is over 36500

Author citation index according to Google My Citations is over 76000

Research papers published in ISI-rated journals + other journals = 760

Number of Books (Edited) = 12

Web of Science *h*-index = 83; *h*-index based on Google citations = 124

Number of PhDs produced as a major supervisor = 36

Number of PhDs produced as a co-supervisor/member = 43

Number of research projects (national/international) completed = 28

Conferences/symposia organized/participated (national/international) = over 75