

ABDUL MAJID QURESHI

* HIGHER EDUCATION *MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL *COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST *MENTOR *SCIENCE DIPLOMAT

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Staff Officer** *August 2018 – Present*
Rector's Secretariat, COMSATS University Islamabad (Principal Seat)

This position involves managing the Secretariat of CUI Rector, the apex office of one of Pakistan's largest world ranked public sector universities. It involves high degree of coordination, planning and strategic implementation in order to ensure a higher standard of student/faculty interaction/satisfaction resulting from the integration of various university operations and services. A strong sense of ownership and operational monitoring is an integral part of this job.

- **Manager (12 months)** *August 2017 – July 2018*
Cubator1ne (University Incubator-1), COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad Campus

Key assignments:
 - Secretary to the Cubator-1ne Board of Management
 - Ensuring smooth running of the University Incubator, and extending its services to supplement the entrepreneurial ecosystem of the university
 - Promoting a Startup Culture among faculty, staff and students of the University
 - Developing a marketing plan to ensure quality induction in the Incubator
 - Liaising with Industry mentors and Chambers of Commerce for emerging business opportunities

- **Research Scholar / Program Officer (10 months)** *September 2016 – July 2017*
Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad (Principal Seat)

Key assignments:
 - Conceptualizing, Planning, Monitoring, and Executing programs for skilled human resource and executive development in line with the mission of ORIC-CIIT.
 - Planning, Developing and Executing assignments related to internal and external communications in support of the Student Startup Business Centre (SSBC) and ORIC-Professional Development (ORIC-PD).
 - Preparing and Proof Reading Official Documents/Agreements.
 - Managing a dedicated team of ten professionals at Student Startup Business Centre (SSBC) and ORIC-Professional Development.

- **Research Scholar (3 years 6 months)** *April 2013 – September 2016*
Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan

Key assignments:
 - Technical Assistance for the office of Executive Director, COMSATS Secretariat
 - Programme Coordinator for COMSATS' Science Diplomacy Programme

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- Activity coordinator for Young Pakistani Thinkers, an S&T think tank for the Youth of Pakistan.
 - Conceptualizing, Planning, Monitoring, and executing scientific projects/ programmes for socio-economic development in line with the mission of COMSATS.
 - Performing research activities in order to keep pace with the recent advancements in science and reporting recent developments in the COMSATS Newsletter ST&D Section.
 - Preparing project proposals in order to seek funds from national/ international donor agencies, seeking support for COMSATS activities from local and international partners.
 - Preparing/ compiling reports of COMSATS' member countries in order to explore opportunities of mutual collaboration and conducting structured interviews of Ambassadors of COMSATS member countries to explore opportunities in S&T development in member countries.
 - Coordinating with the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology for initiating and executing joint scientific Programmes for socio-economic development.
 - Managing and organizing scientific capacity building events such as conferences/workshops/seminars/meetings in Pakistan and other COMSATS' Member Countries.
 - Preparing reports and concept papers based on the S&T profiles of COMSATS' Member Countries.
 - Representing COMSATS on national and international forums.
 - COMSATS Office Library In-charge.
- **Lecturer (1 year 6 months)** *October 2011 – April 2013*
The University of Lahore-Islamabad Campus, Islamabad, Pakistan
Key assignments:
- Teaching Microbiology (3+1 credit hours) I & II, Pharm.D Semester 3, 4. Planning and developing practical course content for undergrad students.
 - Teaching Pharmacology II (3 credit hours), Pharmaceutical Technology I (3 credit hours), and Forensic Pharmacy (3 credit hours) to undergraduate Pharm.D students.
 - Laboratory In-charge for Microbiology-Pathology, and Basic Medical Sciences Labs, responsible for design, and implementation of basic practical classes for pharmacy students and maintaining these teaching labs.
 - Supervisor, practice based pharmacy research project for final year Pharmacy students.
- **Teaching Asst./Member NUST Corp. Advisory Council (HC&P) (1 year)** *Sept. 2009 – July 2011*
NUST Center of Virology and Immunology, Islamabad, Pakistan
Key assignments:
- Delivered lectures on Toxicology, Toxicokinetics, and Clinical Management of Toxicity in the B.S Virology and Immunology Semester III and assisted in student assessment and student seminar sessions.
 - Also conducted an independent 3 Credit hour course on 'Biosafety and Lab safe handling' (Feb-June 2011) for B.S Semester IV students, with particular emphasis on surveys regarding Biosafety practices and awareness at diagnostic centers of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.
 - Participation in Industry-University dialogue on curriculum improvement and joint projects focused on Medical Biotechnology
- **Project Medical Coder (3 months)** *November 2008 – January 2009*
Ovex Technologies, Islamabad
- **Jnr. Officer Production (Injectable & Vaccines) (4 months)** *June 2008 – October 2008*
Amson Vaccines and Pharma. Pvt, Ltd., Islamabad
- **Production Pharmacist (Oral Dosage Forms) (3 months)** *March 2008 – June 2008*
Scotmann Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad

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- **Industrial Internship (1 month)**
Shaigan Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Islamabad

July 2005 – August 2005

EDUCATION

- **Master of Business Administration (MBA) (ongoing)** November 2017 – June 2020 (expected)
Hamdard University Karachi-Islamabad Campus.
-Specializing in Marketing/Sustainability/Strategic HRM
- **Master of Philosophy in Virology and Immunology, (M.Phil.)** November 2008 – July 2011
National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad
- Acquired NUST Merit Scholarship
- **Bachelors in Pharmacy, (B.Pharm.)** February 2004 – 2008
Hamdard University Karachi, Islamabad Campus, Islamabad
- Awarded Merit Certificate for overall 3rd position in B. Pharmacy
- **Advanced Level, (GCE A' Level)** August 2000 – 2002
Roots Montessori and High School, Rawalpindi
- *University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate, UK*
- **Ordinary Level, (GCE O' Level)** July 1997 – 2000
Spring Field Public School, Rawalpindi
- *University of London External Assessment Council, UK*

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- As Principal Organizer of activity
Organized Abroad
 - COMSATS-ISESCO-INIT-RSS Third International Workshop on Applications of ICTs in Education, Healthcare and Agriculture, **Amman, Jordan** (May 2016)
 - COMSATS-ISESCO-INIT 2nd International Workshop on “Applications of ICTs in Education, Healthcare and Agriculture, **Rabat, Morocco** (November 2015)
 - COMSATS-ISESCO-INIT-TNCESC 3-Day Regional Consultative Workshop on 'National Innovation System and Intellectual property' (Arab Region), **Tunis, Tunisia** (October 2015)
 - COMSATS-ISESCO-INIT 3-Day Regional Consultative Workshop on 'National Innovation System and Intellectual property' (African Region), **Rabat, Morocco** (November 2014)
- Organized in Pakistan**
 - COMSATS-NLPD launching ceremony of Urdu translation of book entitled “One hundred reasons to be a Scientist”, Islamabad, Pakistan (August 2016)
 - ‘Science Diplomacy: Perspective from the South’, COMSATS Lecture Series on Science Diplomacy, Islamabad, Pakistan (April 2016)
 - COMSATS-ISESCO-PAS Regional Workshop on Biosafety and Biosecurity for Life science Researchers, Islamabad, Pakistan (April 2016)
 - ‘Sustainable Development Goals: Scientific Perspective for Pakistan’ , COMSATS Lecture Series on Science Diplomacy, Islamabad, Pakistan (April 2016)

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- ‘Science Diplomacy: An Overview’, COMSATS Lecture Series on Science Diplomacy, Islamabad, Pakistan (February 2016)
- COMSATS-UNESCO-PAS Discussion Forum on ‘Science for a Sustainable Future’, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 2015)
- COMSATS-CIIT-ICTP International Symposium on Light and Life, Islamabad, Pakistan (October 2015)
- COMSATS’ Roundtable on Science Diplomacy for the South: COMSATS Science Diplomacy Programme, Islamabad, Pakistan (February 2015)
- COMSATS-ISESCO-INIT-CIIT International Workshop on Applications of ICTs in Education, Healthcare and Agriculture, Islamabad, Pakistan (December 2014)
- COMSATS-UNESCO-ECOSF Seminar on “Quality Science Education: Securing a Sustainable Future for All” at the World Science Day for Peace and Development 2014, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 2014)
- Roundtable Meeting “Recapitulating the history and progress of Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), 1994-2014”, Islamabad, Pakistan (October 2014)
- COMSATS-ECOSF Seminar on Science Communication and Journalism, Islamabad, Pakistan (April 2014)
- COMSATS-CIIT Seminar on ‘Science for Water Cooperation’ at the World Science Day for Peace and Development 2013’, Islamabad, Pakistan (November 2013)
- COMSATS-ISESCO-INIT-CIIT 3-Day Regional Consultative Workshop on 'National Innovation System and Intellectual property' (Asian Region), Islamabad, Pakistan (October 2013)
- National Seminar on "Strategies for enhancing South-South Cooperation in Human Resource Development", Islamabad, Pakistan (September 2013)
- Young Pakistani Thinkers Assembly, Islamabad, Pakistan (June 2013)
- 1st Annual HCV Symposium, held at NUST Center of Virology and Immunology, Islamabad, Pakistan (March 2011)

▪ **Participated**

- 2-Weeks exposure Visit of Chinese National Indigenous Innovation Development Zones and China Torch Program Centre, **Beijing, China**, December 2018
- AAAS-TWAS Summer Course on Science & Diplomacy, **Trieste, Italy**, June 2015
- Joint CISS-KAS International Conference on Prospects of Trilateral Cooperation between Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran, Islamabad (April 2014)
- 11th International Conference on "Frontiers of Information Technology 2013", Islamabad (December 2013)
- International Conference on Alternative Media in Pakistan - Opportunities and Challenges, SDPI, Islamabad (November 2013)
- Training course on 'Trade in Services', organized by International Trade Centre (ITC) and PITAD under the EU funded TRTA II programme, Islamabad (October 2013)
- International Conference on “Contours of Emerging International Nuclear Order: Challenges and Options”, Islamabad (June 2013)
- SPSS 19.0 Workshop, School of Chemical and Materials Engineering, NUST, Islamabad (March 2012)

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- Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Workshop, SSE, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore (January 2012)
- 1st National Conference for Patient Care Pharmacists, Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad (April 2011)
- Workshop for Proper Storage and Handling of Drugs in Pharmacy, 1st National Conference for Patient Care Pharmacists, Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad (April 2011)
- 1st Annual HCV Management Symposium (2011), NUST Center of Virology and Immunology, Islamabad, Pakistan

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member Pakistan Pharmacist Association, Islamabad Chapter, Pakistan (2008 to-date)
- Member American Society of Microbiology, U.S.A. (2011 – 2015)
- Member Society of Toxicology, U.S.A. (2011 – 2016)
- Expert Group, National Academy of Young Scientists (2017-present)
- Member, Board of Trustees, Services Welfare Trust, Rawalpindi (2015-present)

KEY SKILLS

▪ *Computer Skills*

- Proficient with using computer and IT applications, active learner and can effectively use common IT tools for office work.

▪ *Other Key Skills*

- Ability to work as a part of a team or independently
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills both verbal and written
- Positively driven attitude with a mind-set of delivering professional service and learning
- Proficient in English Language (**IELTS Score Overall 8.0** (19 July 2014), also have basic understanding of Arabic, Mandarin. Enthusiastic about learning French & Italian Languages.

COUNTRIES VISITED FOR OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- China (2018)
- Jordan (2016)
- Italy / Slovenia (2015)
- Morocco (2014, 2015)
- Tunisia (2015)

GENE SUBMISSIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

▪ **Gene Submissions**

- *mRNA* Sequence - Homo sapiens clone Pakistani placental (IDO1) mRNA, complete cds,(2011), Cloning and expression of Human indolamine 2,3 dioxygenase by **Qureshi, A.M.**, Asghar, K., Ashiq, T., Anwar, A., Raza, I., Noor, F. and Qadri, I. NCBI ACCESSION # JF772862.
- mRNA Sequence- Homo sapiens macrophage colony-stimulating factor 1 (MCSF1) mRNA, partial cds, (2011) Cloning and expression of human CSF-1 gene from human glioblastoma cells by Raza, M.I., Anwar, M.A., **Qureshi, A.M.**, Rana,Q., Sadia,H. and Qadri,I. NCBI ACCESSION # JF803735.
- Hepatitis B virus isolate NCVI-5314 precore/core protein (C) and core protein (C) genes, complete cds, (2011), Mutations in precore/core gene of Hepatitis B virus: A molecular study from Pakistan by Raza,A., Mehmood,K., Begum,F., Zulfiqar,B., **Qureshi, A.M.**, Qureshi, S. and Qadri, I. NCBI ACCESSION # JN132130

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▪ Publication

– **Qureshi, A.M.**, Nasir, K., Mahrooh, A., Zulfiqar, B., and Asghar, K. (2014) *Indoleamine 2, 3-dioxygenase: Potential in Cancer Therapy*, **Science Vision**, 2014, (Published).

▪ Poster Presentation/Abstract Submission

– *High Expression of Indolamine 2,3 dioxygenase (IDO) in Cirrhotic Livers of HCV Patients*, A. Qureshi, K. Asghar, A. Anwar and I. Qadri, at The Viral Hepatitis Congress, Frankfurt (2015), Published in **Journal of Viral Hepatitis**; p 37, 22 (Suppl. S3), 19–49.

– *Expression of Indolamine 2,3 dioxygenase (IDO) in HCV induced Liver cirrhosis*, by; **A. M. Qureshi**, K. Asghar, T. Ashiq, B. Zulfiqar, H. Afzal, T. Rahat and I. Qadri, at the 1st annual HCV Management Symposium (2011), NUST Center of Virology and Immunology, Islamabad, Pakistan.

ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- Keen Interest in travelling, book reading, photography and participation in team sports events and table tennis.
- Founder of “Vaccines for Life & Health”, a network for vaccine awareness in Pakistan (www.vaccines.com.pk now www.healthyvaccines.com)
- Founder of medstore.pk and Pakdrugs.com, e-commerce and information portals for drugs.

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- 1) Disabled by Criminally negligent doctors, The Daily Dawn, <http://www.dawn.com/news/1150444>, December 13, 2014, 12:07PM
- 2) Pharmacy careers in Pakistan: In focus Industrial Pharmacy, Technology Times Pakistan (Volume 06, Issue 51) <http://technologytimes.pk/post.php?id=9478>
- 3) Pakistani Experts attend AAAS-TWAS Workshop on Science & Diplomacy, Technology Times Pakistan (Volume 07, Issue 03) <http://technologytimes.pk/post.php?id=9628>
- 4) Opinion: Moving Forward with Science and Technology, COMSATS Newsletter, Vol.9 Issue 2, March-April 2017 (<http://www.comsats.org/index2.php?LinkID=43>)
- 5) Challenges of Bio-Entrepreneurship In Pakistan, BiologyDecoded.com (<http://biologydecoded.com/challenges-of-bio-entrepreneurship-in-pakistan/>), July 10, 2017

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