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THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
Institute for Educational Development

Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan





About the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development

Since its establishment in 1993, Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development (AKU-IED) in Pakistan has played a transformative role in the field of education by producing high-quality teachers, teacher educators, and researchers. Its impact has been felt in Pakistan and other developing contexts, making it a valuable contributor to the education landscape.

Our graduates working in schools are known for their student-centered and interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning and work as agents of change to improve the system and make best practices from around the world ubiquitous in Pakistan.

As an academic and research institute, we take immense pride in being producers of knowledge and cultivating the value of generating knowledge in our students. Numerous of our graduates are engaged in producing original work in the areas of teaching, assessments, educational policies and governance, and innovative pedagogies.

Message from AKU-IED Leadership

This directory is part of a rite of passage which captures our students becoming our alumni. To watch them move on, is both a source of pride and a bittersweet sense of nostalgia.

As an institution, we take immense pride in the success of our past graduates, who now serve in top-tiered private and public institutions in Pakistan and abroad. Having reached levels where they work as agents of change and educational leaders, they are a testament to the quality of education we provide. We are confident that our recent graduates will also excel in their professional careers, given their academic excellence, passion for the field, and love of learning.

We believe that they are ideal candidates for your organization, bringing with them a unique perspective and a strong work ethic.

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AFSHAN QAYYUM

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Career aspiration



I would like to pursue a doctoral degree in the near future. With that, I hope to bring innovation to classroom-based assessment practices.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation

Dissertation topic



Role of Formative Assessment Techniques in Enhancing a Grade V English Language Teacher's Assessment Practices in a Private School in Gilgit

Skills



- Interpersonal skills
- Innovative problem-solving

Education



- Master in English Literature, Karakoram International University, 2013

Experience



- Associate, SNC Project AKU-IED Pakistan, Feb 2023-to date
- English Teacher, Fauji Foundation Model School Aliabad, Hunza, Feb 2016-Sep 2020
- English Language Tutor, Institute of Skills & Human Resource Development, 2018
- English Teacher, Diamond Jubilee Schools, Gilgit, Feb 2012-15

Awards and Honours



Awarded with an appreciation letter for a dutiful and proactive vice principal, 2017

Fun fact



I have always been a good listener and a great confidante to my friends.





ALIA NUZHAT

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Career aspiration



I aspire to work both as a teacher educator and as a teacher to serve my community; and to use my knowledge of advanced teaching methods to develop and promote creativity and high-order thinking skills that will increase the performance of students.

Area of interest/ specialization



Teacher Education

Dissertation topic



Explore, how to improve the English language reading comprehension skills of students in a private secondary school in grade Five.

Skills



- Communication skills
- Time management skills
- Ability to work under pressure

Education



- Bachelor of Education, Allama Iqbal Open University Pakistan, 2015
- Master in English Linguistics, Karakorum International University Gilgit-Baltistan, 2014

Experience



- Teacher (Science & English), Jinnah Iqbal private Secondary school in Rawalpindi, 2019-2021
- English teacher, AKESP Gilgit, 2015-2016

Fun fact



I enjoy living and working in an orderly and calm environment. My first thought whenever I see a messy space is to make it as efficient and orderly as possible.





FOUZIA JEHAN

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Career aspiration



The improvement of teacher education and assisting novice teachers in becoming more knowledgeable are my objectives as a teacher educator. I want to push future teachers to be creative and help them go to the highest level of learning and to enhance students' learning and allow them to express themselves in the best way possible.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Teacher Education
- TESOL and TEFL

Dissertation topic



Exploring Hindering and Facilitating Factors Affecting Spoken English Fluency of Grade-9 Students in a Private School in Hunza

Skills



- Preparing lesson plans, engaging with the teaching and learning process
- Engaging students with curricular and co-curricular activities.
- Good communication skills

Education



- Masters in English Literature and linguistics, Karakoram International University Gilgit Baltistan, 2019
- Bachelor of Education, Karakoram International University Gilgit Baltistan, 2016
- Bachelor of Education, Karakoram International University Examination Board Gilgit Baltistan, 2014
- Associate Degree in Education, Education Elementary College for Women Gilgit, 2013

Experience



- Senior teacher at AKES, P (current)
- Teacher/lecturer, Hasegawa Memorial Public School Hunza, 2019-2021
- Teacher, Uswa Public School, Ganish Hunza, 2015-2017

Awards and Honours



- US Aid Scholarship during ADE.
- Scholarship holder in AKU-IED MEd

Fun fact



I am a nature-loving person who enjoys hiking, as I belong to one of the mountainous regions of Pakistan.





IRFANA IMRAN

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Career aspiration



In addition to being an educator, I am eager to seek a fulfilling career beyond the classroom, such as school administration, career counselling, curriculum specialist, educational consultant.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation
- Educational Psychology, Youth and Child Studies
- Curriculum Studies

Dissertation topic



Use of Formative assessment Classroom Techniques to facilitate grade eight students' involvement in history class at a semi-private school in Karachi

Skills



- Planning, designing, and implementing curricula and teaching resources
- Conducting and designing online assessments and examinations
- Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis
- Computer skills and effective soft skills

Education



- PDG in Applied Psychology, Virtual University Pakistan, 2018
- Master of Education, Teacher Education, Hamdard University Karachi, 2011
- Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Karachi, 2009
- Bachelor of Education, Hamdard University Karachi, 2008

Experience



- Cambridge O level Academic coordinator, 2018-2022
- Cambridge O level and A level classes teacher, 2015-2018
- Elementary Class teacher, 2012-2015
- Inclusive (special) education Montessori level in charge, 2010-2012

Awards and Honours



- Awarded for organizing Model United Nations and other academic events, 2017-19
- Recognized as the best section in charge, 2011
- Awarded for meritorious performance, 2007-09

Fun fact



I am interested in exploring taboos around the world and I have a huge collection of coins from 1980 to date.





KALIM ULLAH KHAN

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Career aspiration



I would like to continue my studies and broaden my pedagogical and research knowledge. I also want to utilize my abilities as a teacher educator/trainer in the field of assessment measurement and evaluation to enhance the assessment strategies at the school level and provide support to the teachers in terms of effectively using assessment practices.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment Measurement and Evaluation

Dissertation topic



Assessment practices in a multigrade mathematics classroom. An Action research study at primary level public school of Ghizer, Gilgit Baltistan

Skills



- Qualitative and Quantitative research skills
- Teaching and pedagogical skills
- Leadership skills, team management, and event management/ organizing skills.
- Communication skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education, 2015
- Master of Science in Statistics, University of Karachi, 2009

Experience



- Research Associate, AKU-IED, 2022 to date
- Elementary School Teacher, Government Education Department Gilgit Baltistan, 2017- to date
- School Support Associate , USAID-funded Pakistan Reading Project, 2015-17
- Admin & Finance Officer, AFAQ, 2014-15
- Research and Development Manager, Dewan Spinning Mills, 2010-13

Awards and Honours



- Class Representative, MEd Class of 2022
- Member, AKU-IED Dean's Council, 2022

Fun fact



I have enjoy poetry, cultural dance and music, and exploring the creativity of nature.





KAMRAN MUREED

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Career aspiration



With my degree, I look forward to designing syllabi, learning objectives, and strategies for how to teach; crafting learning materials; constructing assessment tasks; assessing learning progress and outcomes; and providing timely feedback on learning. I would also like to pursue doctoral studies.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment, Measurement, and Evaluation
- English Language Teaching & Teacher Trainer

Dissertation topic



Exploring Strategies for Teaching and Assessing Narrative Writing of Grade Five Students Belonging to a Government Primary School of Bin Qasim Town, Karachi

Skills



- Written and oral communication
- Time management and organisation
- interpersonal and active listening skills
- Collaboration, adaptability, empathy, and patience

Education



- Master of Arts in English literature and Linguistics, University of Karachi
- Bachelor of Education, Sindh University
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Karachi

Experience



- Government Primary School Teacher, 2015 to date
- Volunteer English Language Teacher and Teacher Trainer, Aghosh Orphan Carehome, Aug 2022 to date

Awards and Honours



- AKU Award of Excellence in Student Leadership, 2023
- Best Teacher Award, 2016 and 2022
- Highest GPA (3.9+) in two semesters of MEd at AKU-IED

Fun fact



I worked for the Abdullah Memon Logistic Company for a period of 5 years during which I learned professionalism, time management, collaboration, hard work, and much more!





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Career aspiration



I would like to pursue a PhD in Education with a focus on science and technology, to bring innovation regarding the use of technology in science.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment
- Measurement and evaluation
- Science and technology

Dissertation topic



Investigating Science teachers' technology integration at a private higher secondary school in Karachi.

Skills



- Fluent in Urdu, English, Persian, Pushtu, and Chitrali
- Developing and creating presentations, videos and animations
- Ability to critically analyse and solve problems creatively

Education



- Master of Education, 2022
- Bachelor of Education, 2016
- Master of Science (Physics), 2013

Experience



- Physics lecturer, Peshawar Model Degree College Peshawar, 2017-2020
- Science teacher, Fazaia Degree College Peshawar, 2015-2016

Awards and Honours



Distinction in MEd, 2022

Fun fact



I am honest and collaborative, and I enjoy camping, hiking and art.





MEHER KAMIL

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Career aspiration



I aspire to become an assessment specialist and administrative professional.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment measurement and evaluation
- Programme evaluation

Dissertation topic



Investigating the Effects of the Differences Between Expected and Actual Grades on the Mental Health of Grade XII Students in Gilgit-Baltistan.

Skills



- Strong digital literacy skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education, 2020
- Master of Science in Pakistan Studies, 2018
- Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, 2015

Experience



- Senior Teacher, Diamond Jubilee High School Jandrote, Social studies and Pakistan studies
- Member, ITREB (Education), 2019-2020
- Member, Aga Khan Youth and Sport Board
- District commissioner, Girl Guide, 2017-18

Awards and Honours



- Best teacher award, Diamond Jubilee High School Gupis-2015
- Best teacher award, Diamond Jubilee High School Jandrote Gupis-2018

Fun fact



I can work effectively under pressure, which is a valuable skill in today's fast-paced and demanding work environments. It requires efficient time management, task prioritization, and the ability to maintain focus and composure in the face of tight deadlines or unexpected challenges.





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Career aspiration



I would like to pursue my higher education in the area of school development, leadership and innovation in the teaching and learning process.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Educational Leadership and Management
- School leadership

Dissertation topic



Exploring the Impact of Inclusive Education in SIP on Teachers' Classroom Practices in Govt Schools in Silgan Valley in the Ghizer District of Gilgit-Baltistan.

Skills



- Strong interpersonal skills
- Advocates for collaboration and cooperation in the workplace

Education



- Master of Arts in Education, Allama Iqbal Open University, 2018
- Associate degree in Education, Karakorum International University, 2016
- Bachelor of Arts (Islamic History) Karakorum International University, 2014

Experience



- Headteacher, Govt primary school, Umalsat Yasin, Feb 2022 to date.
- Headteacher, Govt primary school, Umalsat Yasin, 2019
- Elementary School Teacher, since Jul 2017
- Math teacher, AKES, P May 2016-Jul 2017.

Awards and Honours



- Recipient of a merit-based scholarship from Pakistan regarding a project in the ADE programme.
- Best scout leader award.

Fun fact



I learned how to camp and hike from my time as a scout and I am always happy to teach others the basics of the same. I am also fond of reading different genres of literature.





NOOR AKBAR

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Career aspiration



With an enriched experience in teaching and learning and education assessment, I want to reach a managerial level to best serve in the field of education.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Educational Assessment
- Measurement and Evaluation.

Dissertation topic



The influence of Standardized Achievement Tests on Grade 10 Pakistan Studies students in a private school in Karachi, Pakistan

Skills



- Educational assessment
- Research and Information and communication technologies (ICT) skills
- Excellent written and spoken skills in the English and Urdu languages

Education



- Bachelor of Education, Karakorum International University, 2016
- Masters in International Relations, 2009

Experience



- Specialist Humanities, AKU-EB, Jul 2022 to date
- Lead-Social sciences, SMS Aga Khan School. 2020-2021
- Senior lecturer, Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Karachi, Jan 2021-Jul 2022
- Lecturer of History and Geography of Pakistan, Alfazz (an online educational institute) and IBA school Sukkur, Sindh, Aug 2022 to date
- Worked as visiting faculty at MSB Institute Haidari Karachi from Dec. 2019- January 2021.

Awards and Honours



- Star Teacher Awards, AKESP, 2015-2018
- Award for outstanding performance as a teacher, AKHSS, Karachi, 2022-23

Fun fact



A committed pedagogue with a keen interest in educational assessment, measurement and evaluation who considers his job as his joy.





QAYUM KHAN

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Career aspiration



I hope to work for educational development and to improve educational quality, as an educational change agent especially in my region.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Teacher education (social studies)

Dissertation topic



Practices and Perceptions of Pakistan study teachers with regards to enhancing civic engagement among secondary grade teachers at public and private schools in Gilgit Baltistan.

Skills



- Educational management
- Educational Administration
- Problem-solving skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education, 2016
- Master of Arts in Pakistan Studies, 2011

Experience



I have 11 years of teaching experience in social studies and three years of teaching Pakistan Studies and one year of school leadership as school head.

Fun fact



I have facilitated students as a teacher of social studies and lecturer of Pakistan Studies for the last 12 years, the ratio of failed students in my whole career remains only 2 percent at all boards level such as AKUEB, Karakorum University Board and Federal Board Islamabad.





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Career aspiration



My ambition is to become an effective assessment specialist and researcher who can creatively use all of the learned knowledge and experiences to benefit and serve learning.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Educational leadership
- Educational assessment, measurement and evaluation

Dissertation topic



Perceptions of students about formal assessment of holistic competencies

Skills



- Passionate and creative
- Leadership skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education, Science Specialization, 2019
- Bachelor of Science, in Actuarial Sciences and Risk Management, 2015

Experience



- Senior Science Teacher

Awards and Honours



- Award for Excellence for outstanding performance from Aga Khan Education Services Pakistan, 2016-2017
- Award for Outstanding Performance from Aga Khan Education Services Pakistan, 2015-2016

Fun fact



As I spent many years teaching science, it made me close to the environment and improved my different skills like cooking, health and fitness, and gardening. I also enjoy music, arts, and literature.





ZAHRA SALIM SHER MUHAMMAD

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Career aspiration



I want to ensure that I am always contributing to quality classroom practices including, improved teaching practices and pedagogy, maximum student learning, authentic assessments, and uniform and progressive curriculum and resources. In future, I would want to work on teacher education and improved classroom practices.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Teacher Education
- Effective learning and quality classroom practices

Dissertation topic



Using mentoring to help novice teachers of English as a second language to adults, in a community-based language program in an urban setting in Pakistan, incorporate speaking activities in their classrooms.

Skills



- Managing diverse teams in schools and at management levels
- Designing and conducting customized training for teachers

Education



- Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, 2020
- Diploma in Teaching and Learning, 2016
- Bachelor of Education, 2015
- Masters in Economics, 2010

Experience



- Teacher Trainer at Beaconhouse School System SGO4 (2016)
- Academic Advisor for English at AKES, P Southern Region (2020)
- Regional Academic Lead at The City School (2021)
- Academic Manager currently at IU School system (2022)

Fun fact



I am an avid reader. I also enjoy exploring ideas on pedagogy and content for English Language teaching for adults.





ZOHRA JABEEN

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Career aspiration



I look forward to pursuing a doctoral degree and to working in a professional environment that values my work.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Science teaching
- Digitalization in the education of teaching science

Dissertation topic



Challenges and Prospects of teaching science in response to COVID-19

Skills



- Time management
- Creative problem solving and adaptability
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Communication and teamwork

Education



- Master of Arts in Education, 2016
- Bachelor of Education, 2013

Experience



- Secondary-level Teacher, DJ Middle School, Ghulkin, 2016
- Science and Math teacher, DJ Middle School, Simshal, 2013
- Teacher, DJ Middle School, Ghulkin, 2010-11

Awards and Honours



- Certificate in leadership and management skills, NUML Islamabad, 2015
- Certificate in volunteerism, Volunteer corps Ghulkin, 2010
- Best teacher award, DJ middle school Ghulkin, 2012
- Best student award, Ghulkin Student Association Karachi, 2014

Fun fact



I enjoy hiking and camping.





AISHA NAZ ANSARI

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Career aspiration



I aim to grow in academia to contribute to educational development including students' holistic development, promotion of research and systematic review culture, and understanding of the dynamics of developmental projects.

**Area of interest/
specialization**



- Psycho-socio-emotional development
- Human development
- Educational research
- Systematic reviews in education
- Public-private partnerships in education
- Educational technology

Dissertation topic



Social Capabilities and Life Skills of Secondary Grade Students

Skills



- Consistent
- Dedicated
- Goal-oriented
- Punctual
- Possess research skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons.), Sukkur IBA University, 2019

Experience



- Research Assistant, Sukkur IBA University, 2021
- Teacher, Sukkur IBA managed School, 2020-21
- Teaching and Research Assistant, Sukkur IBA University, 2019-20

**Awards and
Honours**



Gold Medal, BEd, Batch 2015

Fun fact



I am a self-stimulated person who competes with myself.





AMBREEN ABBASI

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Career aspiration



I would like to work in the area of educational research, especially in the teaching section. I want to deeply analyze how students' psychological issues which hinder them from learning and how these can be resolved.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Qualitative research
- Continuous professional development

Dissertation topic



Exploring classroom practices of B.Ed. (Hons) and B.Ed. (1.5 years) with subject mastery at the secondary level of Federal Government schools in Karachi, Sindh Pakistan

Skills



- Good communication and teamwork skills
- Analytical skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons), 2018
- Intermediate, 2014
- Matriculation, 2012

Experience



- Secondary School Teacher, BPS-17, Federal Government school, 2021 to date
- Teacher, The Educators School

Awards and Honours



Gold Medal, BEd, Batch 2015

Fun fact



I believe I am a good motivator and listener, especially to my students and friends.





AZMAT ULLAH

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Career aspiration



I would like to use my knowledge, experience, and skills to mainstream career education in Pakistan through policymaking and implementation framework to make difference in the life of students, especially in the province of Sindh.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Career Education

Dissertation topic



Analyzing Middle Grades' Social Studies Textbook of Sindh Textbook Board with The Lens of Career Education

Skills



- Communicate well and enjoy working with people
- Always eager to learn in every situation
- Able to think clearly and solve problems in stressful situations

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons), 2018

Experience



- Junior Elementary School Teacher, 2022
- School Manager, 2021
- Visiting Lecturer, 2019
- Secondary School Teacher, 2019
- Prep Teacher, 2019

Awards and Honours



Gold Medallist in BEd (Hons), Sukkur IBA University.

Fun fact



My favourite part about my job is maintaining relationships with different groups or organizations to work in harmony for a common good.





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Career aspiration



Teaching and Learning

Area of interest/ specialization



- Policy and leadership

Dissertation topic



Covid 19 and dropout of vulnerable school-going children

Skills



- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Time management and organization skills
- ICT integration capability
- Knowledge of MS office.

Education



- Master of Arts in Education
- Associate Degree in Education
- Bachelor of Commerce

Experience



Teacher

Fun fact



I love poetry and enjoy hiking and sports.





HOOR SIDDIQUI

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Career aspiration



I would like to work in an environment which enriches my professional skills in the field of education; and for society to impart education to each child, especially those deprived of getting an education. My goal is to establish an institute where education could be given to all deprived children.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Technology in education.

Dissertation topic



An exploratory study on the literacy programme of TAF Foundation for out-of-school children

Skills



- Communication and negotiation skills
- Presentation skills
- Leadership skills
- Ability to collaborate and work in a team

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons), Sukkur IBA University, 2016-20
- Intermediate, Govt. Girls Degree College Sukkur, 2012-15.
- Matriculation, Hira Public School, Sukkur, 2010-12

Experience



- Parents Relation Officer, Beaconhouse Schooling System Sukkur, 2020-21
- Teaching at different private and government schools (2016-2020).

Awards and Honours



- Third position, Drama performance, 2018
- Second position, Inter-University Earth Day model competition, 2017
- Second position, Inter-department PowerPoint presentation, 2016
- First position, Inter-University Global Village Competition, 2016
- Second position, International essay competition, 2017

Fun fact



I am fitness conscious, and love travelling and nature.





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Career aspiration



My goal is to be a researcher and academician in Early Childhood Education and Development. I am passionate to support ECED teachers, parents, and communities to take steps in the development of children and change the nation's future.

Area of interest/ specialization



Early Childhood Education and Development

Dissertation topic



Active Learning in Early Childhood Education and Development- A Case Study from Community Centre in Karachi Pakistan

Skills



- Oral and written communication skills
- Strong decision-making, collaboration, and teamwork
- good listener and ability to seek opportunities in challenges

Education



- AKDN Science of ECD, Red River College, 2013
- Master of Arts in Political Science, Karakorum International University, 2012
- Bachelor of Education, Allama Iqbal Open University, 2008

Experience



- Teacher Educator, ITREB Pakistan, 2012 to date
- Teacher, Al-Amin Model School, Gulmit

Awards and Honours



- Award of Speech Competition
- Certificates for Girl Guides and other volunteer work

Fun fact



I am a reader and reflective practitioner. I enjoy extracting meaning from text and connecting it with people and life as it helps me to better serve the community around me.





KIRAN DURDANA KHAN

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Career aspiration



As an educational leader, I aim to inspire and empower teachers by providing them with rigorous professional development opportunities. To do this, I hope to take on a leadership position within an educational organization or create my platform on a small scale where teachers can access a diverse range of continuous professional development opportunities.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Educational Research
- Teacher's training and development
- Early childhood education development
- Curriculum design and development

Dissertation topic



Exploring the efficacy of role-play as a pedagogical strategy to enhance grade vi students' conceptual understanding of selected science concepts

Skills



- Ability to learn, adapt and change
- Problem-solving skills
- Creative, critical thinker
- Strong team player with excellent collaborative skills
- Ability to communicate effectively and build relationships

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons), University of Karachi, 2014-17
- Intermediate, Army Public College, 2011-13

Experience



- Teacher trainer and content developer for science, Learntech. Pk (current)
- Subject specialist for science, Direction Schools Head Office, Karachi, Jun 2019- Dec 2020
- Elementary Science Teacher, The Metropolitan Academy, Karachi, Oct 2017-Jun 2019

Awards and Honours



- Merit scholarship, USAID Education Foundation for distinctive academic performances at University of Karachi, 2014-2017.
- Best teacher award

Fun fact



I have a good sense of humour and I have found that that helps create a lively and engaging classroom environment. I also have a talent for photography and capturing beautiful images





MARVI KHATTAK

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Career aspiration



I would like to build a career as a qualitative researcher.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Education policy

Dissertation topic



Exploring the well-being of female teachers

Skills



- Diagnostic approaches in pedagogy
- Adoptability in teamwork.

Education



- Bachelors of Science
- Bachelor of Education
- Master of Arts
- Master of Education

Experience



Academic Coordinator and Lecturer

Awards and Honours



Best Teacher
Outstanding performance in project-based teaching

Fun fact



I am an interior designer and choreographer





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Career aspiration



As an educationist and an academician, I wish to be someone who can bring about a positive change in the education system of Pakistan and the world at large through innovation and creativity.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Educational Policy
- Teacher Education

Dissertation topic



Towards a better tomorrow: reflective practices of student teachers during practicums in two education colleges in Karachi, Pakistan

Skills



- Critical thinking and teamwork skills
- Inter and intrapersonal abilities
- Hardworking, creative, tech-savvy, observant and quick to adapt

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons.), University of Karachi, 2017-2019
- Bachelor of Commerce, University of Karachi, 2014-16
- O and A Levels, 2008-2012

Experience



- Academic Development Lead for Mathematics and English at IU School System, Apr 2022 to date
- Visiting Faculty, Institute of Business Management, Sep 2021 to date
- Visiting Faculty, Durbeen, Sep 2021-Feb 2022
- Assistant Manager Programmes and Operations, Aga Khan Education Board for Pakistan, Mar 2020-Sep 2021
- Academic Support, Notre Dame Institute of Education, Feb 2020-Jan 2021

Fun fact



I love conducting camps and serving my community in a voluntary capacity. I am currently co-leading one of the national camps from Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board's platform and developing its curricula to help the youth develop soft skills.





NADIA AHMED

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Career aspiration



I am passionate about sharing my experience with teachers. I look forward to writing research papers, learning global educational trends and putting my best foot forward to share and mentor future teachers.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Policy studies in Education
- Research and Higher education faculty member

Dissertation topic



Teachers need to employ Differentiated Instructions in a digital classroom

Skills



- English Language skills
- Pre-primary to A- levels Teacher Trainer
- Academic writing
- Good communication skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education, 2020
- Masters in public administration, 2001

Experience



- Training Head, Dawood Public School
- Head of Department English Language, Happy Palace Grammar School
- Visiting Faculty (Compulsory English), University of Karachi
- Visiting faculty (English language, grade XI), The Academy, Mama Baby Care
- English language teacher, Beaconhouse School
- Lecturer DPA, University of Karachi, 2002-03

Awards and Honours



Outstanding result for the year O-level (Grade XI) 2017, 2018

Fun fact



I am an avid reader and a music lover.





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Career aspiration



I hope to advance my profession as a school teacher.

Area of interest/ specialization



Teacher education

Dissertation topic



Exploring the Role of Teaching-Learning Practices in Promoting Gender Enactment within the Classroom of Public and Private Elementary Schools in Chitral

Skills



- Teaching skills
- Teamwork

Education



- Master in Education, 2016
- Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science, 2013

Experience



- Teaching English, Urdu, Social, Science, Mathematics to grades 5-6
- Chairperson, Education Board (Council for Chitral Town), 2016 to date
- Parwaz ECD trainer and facilitator, 2017 to date

Fun fact



I have a collaborative personality; therefore, I can work and easily adjust to any organizational culture.





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Career aspiration



Learning is a lifelong journey that does not end after graduation or any formal education! It is a process that continues throughout our lives. And my journey as a lifelong learner will go on in whatever capacity I work. This would be my utmost desire to learn something new with every passing day.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Technology in Education
- Practices of technology in teaching ESL

Dissertation topic



Exploring the affordances of technology integration in ESL teaching for grade 8 in private schools

Skills



- Excellent oral presentation skills
- Technology-friendly and quick to adapt
- Multi-tasking skills

Education



- Master of Arts in English Literature, 2015
- Master of Science in Sociology, 2017,
- Bachelor of Education, 2016.

Experience



- Secondary English Language Teacher, Apr 2018- Feb 2020
- General Teacher, Feb 2015-Nov 2015

Awards and Honours



- Certificate of Merit, Ghazi Foundation School, Gilgit
- Certificate of Excellence, Aga Khan Education Services, Pakistan
- Certificate of Merit, Pakistan Girl Guide Association

Fun fact



I am a disciplined, hardworking, honest, and empathetic individual who seeks to grow professionally.





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Career aspiration



I want to be in a leadership position where I can guide and shape the future and bring a positive change in my context. I would also like to pursue doctoral studies.

Area of interest/ specialization



- STEAM Education

Dissertation topic



Exploring Science pedagogies of Elementary Teachers: A case study from Sindh

Skills



- Teamwork and task management
- Creative problem solving
- Analytical and critical thinking skills

Education



- Master of Education, 2017
- Master of Arts in English, 2014

Experience



- Lecturer Education, Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi, Feb 2023 to date
- Monitoring and Evaluation Education Research, Pakistan Innovation Foundation Dec 2022 to date
- Teacher and Coordinator, IBA Public School Larkana, 2014-2019
- Teacher, The Educators, Larkana Campus, 2012-2014

Fun fact



I enjoy the learning environment at AKU-IED





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Career aspiration



I am optimistic to play a role in bringing pronounced changes in education, particularly in my context. The sustainability of education system in any country depends on the current and viable experiences of its people; therefore, I plan to keep track of research and scholarship to live, sustain and compete with the scholarly growing community.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Science Education
- Educational Research

Dissertation topic



Grade 10 students' perspectives on making the learning of chemistry effective: An exploratory study from district Ghizer, Gilgit Baltistan

Skills



- IT skills
- Management and organizational skills
- Photography
- Academic writing

Education



- Master of Arts in Political Science, 2017
- Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chemistry, 2016
- Bachelor of Education, 2012

Experience



Elementary School Teacher; (Education Department, Gilgit Baltistan), Feb 2017 to date

Fun fact



I enjoy participating and organizing activities that engage youth in productive and fun activities for learning and leading society.





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Career aspiration



I plan to introduce STEAM teaching, interdisciplinary approaches, and courses that essentially meet students' needs and address issues in educational systems related to students' lack of skills in the public sector.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Philosophy & Psychology
- Research
- Curriculum

Dissertation topic



The Learning Experiences of Karachi-based Public-School Students during COVID-19 Pandemic: A Phenomenological Study.

Skills



- Analytical, creative, and critical thinking abilities
- Effective communication, ability to inspire and motivate others
- Qualitative research skills

Education



- Master of Arts in English Linguistics, 2017
- Master of Arts in English Literature, 2014
- Master of Education in Science Education, 2012
- Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Zoology, and Biochemistry, 2003

Experience



- Higher secondary school teacher for Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English, 2008 to date
- Portfolio member of the parent-teacher committee, 2018-2019
- Master Trainer, Life Skill Based Education, 2018
- Master Trainer for the Induction of newly hired Primary school teachers, 2021 to date
- Since Dec 22, 2022, engage in training the census staff for the 7th Digitalized Census

Awards and Honours



- Beneficiary, Women Building Cohesive Societies, 2019
- Teaching Achievement and Excellence fellowship, 2017
- Distinction in B.Sc. Examination, 2003

Fun fact



I consider myself to be a motivational speaker and creative writer who uses humour to enhance my teaching and learning practices.





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Career aspiration



I would like to specifically work with the in-service and pre-service teachers who are teaching or planning to teach social studies and environmental studies. I also look forward to pursuing a PhD in Education in the near future.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Professional development
- Environmental Studies

Dissertation topic



Exploring teaching practices of social studies teachers while teaching climate change

Skills



- Presentation skills
- Adaptability
- Resilience

Education



- Master of Arts-Psychology,
- Bachelor of Education
- Bachelor of Commerce

Experience



- Curriculum Coordinator, Foundation Public School
- Academic Coordinator, Aga Khan School, Garden
- Teacher Head-Start School System, O Level Gulshan

Fun fact



I love to travel, and to go hiking and camping.





SAIMA SHER

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Career aspiration



I would like to pursue entrepreneurship in Education to bring excellence to the educational system. I am very interested in working with teachers for integration of technology in Education.

**Area of interest/
specialization**



Education and Technology

Dissertation topic



Digital Storytelling as a pedagogical approach-A Multiple Case Study

Skills



- Integrating technology in education
- Creativity skills

Education



- Master of Arts in English Linguistics, 2014-2016
- Bachelor of Education in General Science, 2013
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Sociology, 2009-2011
- FSC in Pre-medical, 2008-2009

Experience



- English and Science teacher, Diamond Jubilee High School, Zoodkhun, 2011-13
- English Teacher, Al Amyn Model School, Gulmit, 2016-19
- English teacher, Diamond Jubilee School, Moorkhun, 2019-20
- Teacher Reviewer Middle School Project (MSP), AKU Examination Board- (Jan 7, 8 and 11, 2022)
- Deputy Supervisor, AKU Examination Board (May 24 - Jun 16, 2022)

**Awards and
Honours**



- Certificate of Recognition as a Deputy Supervisor, AKU Examination Board, 2022
- Teacher recognition, Al-Amyn model school, Gulmit

Fun fact



I enjoy writing poetry, gardening and would love to visit different places across the world.





SAMAN KHAWAJA

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Career aspiration



I am particularly interested in improving learning experiences for students through project-based learning that nurtures scientific skills and attitudes among students. I would also like to provide valuable insights and support to teachers who are looking to improve their skills to help their students succeed.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment
- Teacher professional development

Dissertation topic



Self-Regulated Learning in Classrooms: An Exploratory Study on Teachers' Practices

Skills



- Ability to work well in a team
- Effective communication
- Ready to adapt and embrace change

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons), University of Karachi, 2019

Experience



- Academic Development Lead for Science, IU School System Jan 2022 to date
- Curriculum and Training Lead, The Academy, Jan 2022-May 2022
- Secondary Science Teacher, IU School System, Jan 2020-Dec 2021

Awards and Honours



- Gold Medal for 1st position in Bachelor of Education (Hons), University of Karachi, 2019

Fun fact



I love collecting books.





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Career aspiration



I look forward to serving as a faculty member upon the completion of my studies in PhD STEM Curriculum & Instruction at the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) at the University of Minnesota, USA, for which I have received a full scholarship.

Area of interest/ specialization



- STEM Education
- STEM Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation topic



Exploring interdisciplinary Stem Quest as an opportunity for online Teacher Professional Development Using TPACK framework.

Skills



- Exceptional IT skills
- Excellent Communication skills
- Critical thinking
- Teamwork and collaboration

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons.) in Science Teaching, 2019
- Master of Science in Biochemistry, 2009
- Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry, 2006

Experience



Elementary School Science Teacher, Smart Kids School, 2009-2018

Awards and Honours



The University of Minnesota Fully funded Scholarship for PhD, 2023-2030

Fun fact



The fun fact about me is that there is no fun fact, I am a very serious person who takes life very seriously. I only smile and smile very humbly; however, find it difficult to laugh.





SHEEMA CHANG

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Career aspiration



My ultimate objective is to leave a lasting impression on my students' lives and assist them in achieving their aspirations. I am dedicated to empowering them to be their best selves and pursue their goals with confidence and determination. I would also like to establish a welcoming and inclusive learning atmosphere where each student feels respected and encouraged.

Area of interest/ specialization



Educational Leadership and Management

Dissertation topic



Leadership during Disruptions: "Leading and Managing ECE Education during Covid-19 Pandemic"

Skills



I possess the following set of skills:

- Developing and delivering training programmes
- Skilled in instructing and engaging learners using various teaching techniques
- Proficient in conducting research, analyzing data, and presenting findings clearly and concisely
- Strong writing skills
- Program Management skills
- Proficient in using Microsoft Office (Word and PowerPoint) and Canva

Education



- Bachelor of Education (Hons), Sukkur IBA University, Sukkur, 2016-Oct 202
- Intermediate, Public School Sukkur, Sukkur, Aug 2013-May 2015
- Matriculation, Aga Khan School, Hyderabad, Aug 2011-May 2013

Experience



- Female Field Coordinator Sukkur, JICA Pakistan, current
- Teaching Assistant, English Works Programme by RELO Pakistan, current
- Primary and elementary school teacher

Awards and Honours



- Best Anchor, PUAN-Sukkur Alumni Reunion 2022
- Executive member, GLIM organization Sukkur
- Best digital storyteller, Story Center by Lincoln Corner Pakistan

Fun fact



I am fluent in four languages (Siraiki, Sindhi, Urdu, and English), a sports and an avid reader of books that inspire personal growth and help me deepen my spiritual connection.





SIDRA NAWAZ

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Career aspiration



I intend to pursue my PhD and become an academic researcher focusing on the intersection of language and gender in education.

**Area of interest/
specialization**



- Gender Identity
- language acquisition

Dissertation topic



Examining Classroom Talk in the Elementary ESL Classrooms in a Private and Private School in Upper Chitral

Skills



- English language teaching skills
- Good management skills

Education



- Bachelor of Education, 2015
- Master in English Language and Literature, 2014
- Bachelor of Arts, 2012

Experience



- 5 years of experience in teaching the English language to primary and middle school students

Fun fact



I used to teach in a remote locality where the only traffic jam I ever experienced was when a herd of cows blocked the road. But you know what? It was nice. I got to breathe fresh air, take long walks in nature, and even have conversations with fellow humans instead of just staring at a device screen all day.





ZAHOOR AHMED

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Career aspiration



My goal is to become an effective leader and mentor with strong management and teaching skills. I aim to create a positive learning environment in schools using effective curriculum development methods, teaching strategies and innovative teaching techniques.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Assessment

Dissertation topic



Exploring the perceptions of teachers regarding school leadership practices in the public schools of Sindh, Pakistan

Skills



- Good listener
- Passionate Maths, Physics and Chemistry teacher
- Ability to motivate and inspire teachers
- Ability to build relationships with students, faculty, and parents
- Ability to resolve conflicts
- Good decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Leadership, organization, and management skills

Education



- Master of Education, 2008
- Master in Economics, 2005
- Bachelor of Laws, 2004

Experience



- Teaching, 15 years (including Administration, 9 years and Coordination, 6 years)

Awards and Honours



- Due to my dedication, loyalty, and hard work, I have achieved good positions in my professional career in a very short time.
- Best teacher awards, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2013

Fun fact



I am a good cricket and badminton player, and an enthusiastic cook.





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Career aspiration



I would like to promote science learning for relevance in Pakistan through curriculum innovation, policy development, and research initiatives.

Area of interest/ specialization



- Philosophy of science

Dissertation topic



Mixed method study of pre-service teachers' basic scientific literacy: Level, experiences, and enactment.

Skills



- Planning
- Communication
- Research

Education



- MPhil in Education, 2016
- Master of Education in Teacher Education, 2007
- Master of Science, Inorganic Chemistry, 1998

Experience



- Area Manager, ITREB South, 2020 to date
- Vice Principal, AKHSS, 2009-2018
- Academic Coordinator, AKHSS, 2007-2009

Awards and Honours



- Distinction in MEd, 2007
- Distinction in MPhil in Education (Hons.), 2016

Fun fact



I enjoy writing poetry and public speaking.





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