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Profile Summary

An accomplished academician and institutional leader with over **25 years** of distinguished experience in teaching, research, and administration across premier universities in Pakistan. Proven expertise in **curriculum design**, **academic program development**, **institutional accreditation**, and **research excellence**. Recognized for introducing pedagogical innovation, fostering international collaborations, and elevating institutional profiles. Honored with the **Best Teacher in Punjab Award** (2005) and known for leading multi-disciplinary academic initiatives.

Key achievements include:

- Spearheading the successful launch of academic programs at undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels.
- Leading institutional accreditation processes, notably with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
- Delivering research with impact, publishing extensively in **Tier-I international journals**.
- Building strong academic linkages with universities such as American University of Paris,
 Deakin University Australia, and top national institutions.

Academic Positions

- **Professor of Economics**, GC University Lahore (2019–present)
- Professor of Economics, NUR International University, Lahore (2016–2019)
- Professor of Economics, Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), Lahore (2013–2016)
- Associate Professor, Forman Christian College (2010–2013)
- Assistant Professor, GC University Faisalabad (2008–2010)
- Lecturer, Government Postgraduate College, Vehari (1999–2008)
- Research Associate, Quaid-i-Azam University & PIDE Islamabad (1995–1999)

Administrative Leadership

- **Dean**, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, GCU Lahore (2023–Present)
- Director, Institute of Economics, Policy and Entrepreneurship, GCU Lahore (2023–Present)
- Chairperson, Department of Economics, GCU Lahore (2019–Present)

- Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, NUR International University (2016–2019)
- Dean Academic Affairs, NUR International University (2016–2019)
- **Dean (Interim)**, Faculty of Management Sciences, FCCU (2015–2016)
- Chairperson, Department of Economics, FCCU (2013–2016)
- **Deputy Director Colleges**, Vehari (2001–2004)

Education

- **PhD Economics**, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan (2009)
- MPhil Economics, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad (1997)
- MA Economics, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan (1995) Gold Medalist

Honors & Distinctions

- **Best Teacher in Punjab Award**, Govt. of the Punjab (2005)
- **HEC Indigenous Scholarship**, Batch 1 (2004)
- Gold Medalist, MA Economics, BZU Multan (1994)

Teaching Interests

- Microeconomics (Basic to Advance)
- Macroeconomics (Basic to Intermediate)
- Mathematical Economics (Basic to Advance)
- Managerial Economics
- Public Sector Economics
- Quantitative & Research Methods
- International Economics

Research Interests

- Empirical Consumer Demand
- Consumption Inequality
- Environmental & Resource Economics
- Food Security and Welfare

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Research Output

- 49 peer-reviewed publications in international indexed journals (Total IF: 109.651)
- 8 papers presented at national/international conferences
- 3 manuscripts currently under review

Research Supervision

- Supervised 3 PhDs and 50 MS/MPhil theses
- Currently supervising 2 PhD and 4 MPhil scholars

Research Projects

Completed 13 funded research projects as Director/Member

Evaluations & Reviews

- 48 PhD Theses, 140 MPhil Theses, 89 NRPU Proposals, 116 Journal Articles
- Evaluated numerous BS and MSc dissertations

Workshops & Training

- Conducted 21 sessions as resource person
- Organized 29 seminars/workshops
- Participated in 23 professional trainings

Editorial & Academic Service

- Editorial and review roles for multiple international journals in economics, environmental policy, and development
- Referee and board member for journals, selection boards, and academic committees across institutions

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Steering Committee, National Network of Economic Think Tanks (NNETT), SDPI
- Member, Punjab Economic Research Institute's Board
- Member, **Technical Committee for MICS Punjab** (2022–2025)
- Collaborator, Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Project, IHME, USA
- Member, Australian Centre on Quality of Life (ACQoL)
- Member, American Economic Association (AEA)