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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the AY 2020-2021 issue of The Graduate Times - the Official Newsletter of the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) at UAEU. The main goal of this newsletter is to showcase our diverse and talented graduate students and their achievements. In addition, it provides information about our graduate programs (academic and professional master's and doctoral degrees), which enroll over 1400 graduate students.

Graduate students within our 9 colleges contribute to the academic and research mission of UAEU. Therefore, we believe it is essential to create an environment in which every graduate student will grow and thrive. We are also proud of the rich diversity of our graduate students, including 53 different nationalities, representing many races, ethnicities and beliefs.

CGS, in collaboration with other units in the university, supports the academic success, professional development, and personal wellbeing of our graduate students from the time they join UAEU until they graduate. Through various extracurricular social and professional development activities, CGS provides graduate students with the opportunity to interact with their peers from across campus. The PhD Teaching Academy, which is offered in collaboration with CETL (Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning), prepares students to become future faculty members.

UAEU offers a broad range of graduate programs consisting of 36 Master's and 25 Doctorate programs. Our academic programs include numerous partnerships with regional and international institutions of higher education, e.g. Master of Educational Innovation supported by Hamdan Foundation, MSc in Human Nutrition program in affiliation with University College London in UK, and Dual PhD collaboration in Chemical Engineering with KU-Leuven in Belgium. In addition, the Master of Education with the Education University of Hong Kong is in final stages of approval.

I invite you to explore this newsletter to learn more about our graduate programs and the experience of our graduate students and their achievements. We appreciate your interest in College of Graduate Studies at UAEU!

Professor Ali Al-Marzouqi
Dean, College of Graduate Studies

STUDENTS AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Akhil Chameettachal

PhD Student, Biomedical Sciences,
College of Medicine and Health Sciences (CMHS)

Publication in Top 1% Journal as the First Author

Journal: *Nucleic Acids Research*. *Nucleic Acids Research* is the leading journal in the areas of Biochemistry, Genetics, and Molecular Biology and has an impact factor of 11.501, SJR of 8.91, and cite score of 12.502 with an overall ranking of top 1% journal.

Paper Title: *A purine loop and the primer binding site (PBS) are critical for the selective encapsidation of mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV) genomic RNA by Pr77Gag*

Supervisor: Prof. Tahir Rizvi, Microbiology and Immunology, CMHS



Poster Presentation Winner

Winners of Poster Presentation, entitled "Is intermittent fasting per se exerting any metabolic effects?" College of Medicine and Health Sciences Virtual Research Day, CMHS, UAEU, 18th April, 2021.



Monia Kittana

PhD Student, Department of
Nutrition and Health, CMHS



Hira Shakoor

PhD Student, Department of
Nutrition and Health, CMHS



Sumbal Malik

PhD Student, College of Information Technology (CIT)

Co-author of a paper titled "Level-5 Autonomous Driving - Are we there yet? A Review of Research Literature" published in prestigious journal "ACM Computing Surveys", one of the top most journals in Computer Science with an Impact Factor of 7.990

Nour Shehadeh Hussein Abdel Rahman

*MSc in Chemical Engineering
College of Engineering (COE)*

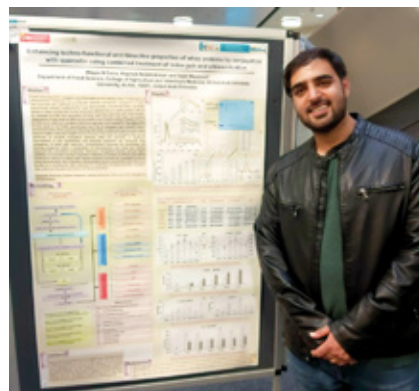
Winner of the 2020 UAE Students Awards for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Education, UAE



Waqas Baba

*PhD Student
College of Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine (CAVM)*

American Oil Chemists' Society's Health and Nutrition (H&N) Division Student Excellence Award (2022), USA





Ashok Daniel Prabakaran

PhD Student, CMHS

Publication in a Top 5% Journal as the First Author

Journal: Disease Models & Mechanisms, an international biomedical research journal connecting and promoting among disease researchers, a broad scientific community that had traditionally been diffused across many different disease- and organism-specific journals has an impact factor of 4.651, SJR of 2.327, and cite score of 4.88 with an overall ranking of top 5% journal.

Paper title: *Identification of early indicators of altered metabolism in normal development using a rodent model system*

Supervisor: Dr. Starling David, Department of Anatomy, CMHS

Yasin Yasin

PhD Student, CMHS

3 Publications in a Top 3% Journal as the First Author

Journal: *World Journal of Emergency Surgery* (Impact Factor 5.469, top 3%, ranked 2/84 on Emergency Medicine)

Paper title:

- 1) Reduction of pedestrian death rates: a missed global target (Published on May 19, 2020)
- 2) Global impact of COVID-19 pandemic on road traffic collisions (Published on September 28, 2021)
- 3) Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on road traffic collision injury patterns and severity in Al-Ain City, United Arab Emirates (Published on November 19, 2021)

Supervisor: Prof. Michal Grivna, Public Health Institute and Prof. Fikri Abu-Zidan, Surgery Department, CMHS



Dr. Waqar Ahmed

PhD Alumnus, CMHS

Graduation: 2019

Post-doctoral Fellowship in 2021 at
**Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg
School of Public Health, USA**

Dr. Asma Hassani

PhD Alumna, CMHS
(Graduation: Fall 2021)

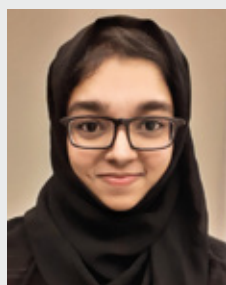
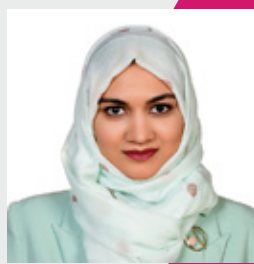
Post-Doctoral Fellowship in
2021 at the **Harvard Medical
School, USA**



Dr. Shakila Afroz

PhD Alumna, CMHS
(Graduation: 2020)

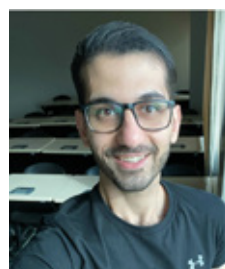
Post-Doctoral Fellowship in
2021 at the **Yale University, USA**



Ayisha Manzoor

MSc in Software Engineering
COE

**3rd Place at the Huawei ICT
Middle East (UAE) 2020
Competition** Preliminary
Round, Dubai



Mohammed Alzard

PhD Student,
Civil & Environmental Engineering
COE

**Best Paper Award Winner -
ICCSTE'20, Canada**

Jawad Mustafa

PhD student, COE

3rd Place for the Desalination Editors Award Best Poster Presentation for
“Optimization and statistical modeling of electrodialysis for combined removal of sodium
chloride from saline water and carbon dioxide capture using response surface
methodology” in the 5th International Conference on Desalination using Membrane
Technologies, November 14- 17, Virtual Event, **Elsevier**



Huned Materwala

PhD Student, CIT

Best Presentation Award for the article “Forecasting COVID-19 Infections in Gulf
Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries using Machine Learning” in 10th International
Conference on Intelligent Computing and Applications (**ICICA 2021**), Scopus indexed, Virtual
(Online), 26 June 2021, **Melbourne, Australia**



Muhammad Uba Abdulazeez

PhD Student, Mechanical Engineering, COE

Won The 2020 IEA Kingfar Award for Student Research in Human Factors and Ergonomics Issues in Industrially Developing Countries, at the 21st Triennial Congress of the International Ergonomics Association, June 14 – 18, 2021, **Vancouver, Canada**

Lutfieh Rabbani

PhD Student, College of Education (CEDU)

People's Choice Award voted by participants of the conference from a total of 40 presentation sessions, Research Postgraduate Conference, 11-12 Dec 2020, The University of Hong Kong HKU, **Hong Kong**



Nancy Kachouh

PhD Student, Civil Engineering, COE

Best Paper Presentation Award for the paper titled "Mechanical Properties of Recycled Coarse Aggregate Concrete Reinforced with Steel Fibers" at the 11th International Structural Engineering and Construction Conference (ISEC-11), July 26-31, 2021, **Cairo, Egypt**



Nancy Kachouh



Omniah AlQahtani

PhD Student, Special Education, CEDU

Book published in October-2021 about Autism

Book title: (Thirsty)

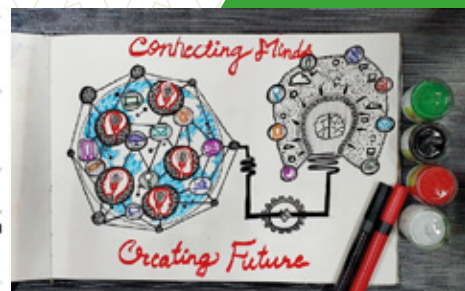
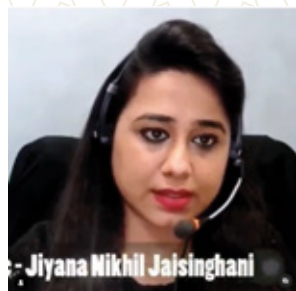
Austin Macaulay Publishers-Sharjah

Winner (2nd Place) in the **short story competition** held by the Youth Cultural Empowerment Program in 2021, UAE

Jiyana Jaisinghani

MSc in Software Engineering, CIT

Winner of the Find Your Path
Competition for UAEU Expo 2020



Feras Al-Salem

PhD Student, College of Science (COS)

1) **1st Place Award** for participation and completion of the Ministry of Oil Digital Transformation Hackathon-2021

2) Speaker in the UAE Council of Ministers Media Office, 21-9-21

Feras Farid Abu Obaida

MSc in Civil Engineering, COE

Best Paper Award at the proceedings of the 4th World Congress on Civil, Structural, and Environmental Engineering (CSEE'19) / 4th International conference on Structural Engineering and Concrete Technology (ICSECT'19) in **Rome, Italy**.



Amir Idrisi

PhD Student, COE

Selected for the second round of Mohammed bin Rashid Academy of Scientists (MBRAS) membership as Youth under the Affiliate Category, UAE

Tetiana Habuza

PhD Student, CIT

Research Prize in the 2nd Forum for Women in Research (QUWA), Empowering Women in Research & Innovation. Diagnostics of Dementia from Structural and Functional Markers of Brain Atrophy with Deep Learning, 26/8/2021. University of Sharjah, UAE.



John Christy

PhD Student, COE

Selected for the second round of Mohammed bin Rashid Academy of Scientists (MBRAS) membership as Youth under the Affiliate Category, UAE



Arjun Sham

PhD Alumnus, COS

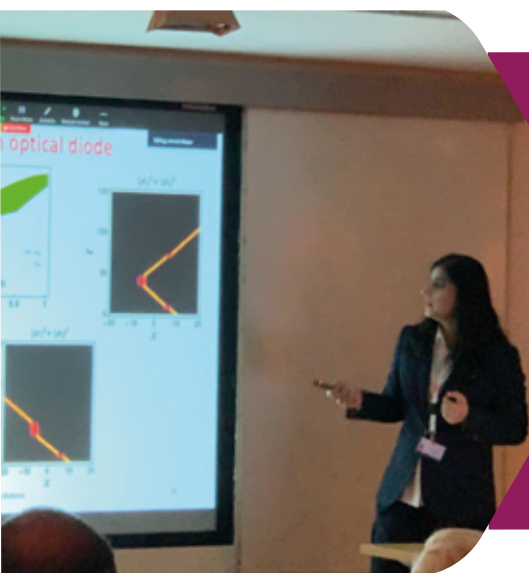
Selected by the Emirates Scientific Council as one of the ten members in the Youth Committee under Mohammed Bin Rashid Academy of Scientists (MBRAS) in 2021



Amaria Javed

PhD Student, Physics, COS

Awarded Abu Dhabi Golden Visa (10-year residency) under special talented person category, Abu Dhabi, UAE



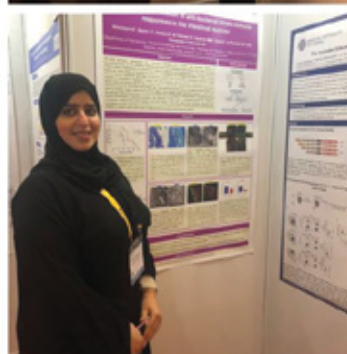
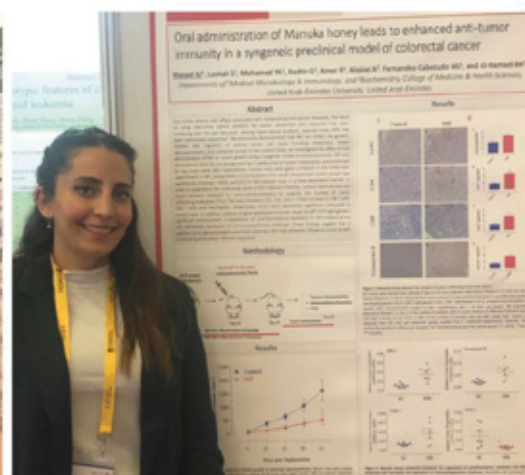
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Razan Masad

PhD Student, Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

It has been a great experience to participate in the 17th international congress of immunology that was held in October 19-23, 2019 in **Beijing, China**. In this congress, me and my lab mates; AlReem Abdulaziz and Ruba Amer (Biomedical Sciences master students) had the chance to present our work in the poster session.

I presented my PhD work, which focuses on the role of manuka honey as a potential immunomodulatory agent in colon cancer. The session was very useful to me, as I had the chance to interact with many people in the field, and learn from their experience. I also attended different symposiums which were very informative to me. Overall, the congress was a good opportunity to learn about the latest advances in the field of immunology as well as networking with researches of similar interest.



Anjana Krishnan

PhD Student, Biomedical Science, CMHS

I am a Ph.D. candidate and Research Assistant under the guidance of Prof. Tahir A. Rizvi, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, College of Medicine and Health Sciences. My research primarily focuses on delineating the mechanism of packaging the genomic RNA (gRNA) of Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), a candidate vector for human gene therapy. I am in the third year of my PhD program. Recently, I got chance to visit France for my research work. I had a wonderful experience of spending 6 months (April-September, 2021) as a visiting PhD student in Roland Marquet and Jean-Christophe Paillart's lab, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Institut de Biologie Moléculaire et Cellulaire (IBMC), **University of Strasbourg, France**. Roland Marquet and Jean-Christophe Paillart lab's research focuses particularly on viral ribonucleoproteins, genomic RNA incorporation and virus assembly. The warm hospitality extended by the members of the laboratory made me feel at home within a short span of time. The major objective of my visit was to acquire necessary training in various advanced in vitro biochemical experiments while applying the same in my research project with an extraordinary guidance from Dr Roland Marquet and extremely talented research staff. Interaction with international scientists, PhD students and other scientific community gave me immense confidence and extensive fervour for pursuing research further. Infact it boosted my enthusiasm towards science and research. In the short period of six months, I spent there; I had a lot of fun and gained plethora of experience and knowledge. It was indeed a professionally rewarding experience.

Though there were a lot of hurdles to travel around because of unprecedented COVID-19 situation, But I managed to spare time out of the lab to enjoy beautiful French countryside, wineries and pine forests.



Mariam AlHemeiri

MSc in Clinical Psychology, CMHS

Experiential **Taiwan Dream Appreciation Group**, conducted by Dr. Bill Stimson, 29 Aug 2021

I am totally new to the idea of Ullman Experiential Dream Group. It was such an honor to participate in this group and I was told that I am the first Arab to join Dr. Bill Stimson's dream group. It is a weekly session, and it was a wonderful experience, a volunteer can say his dream and the group members can share ideas, thoughts and metaphors in a way to help the dreamer to understand his dream. I liked the atmosphere of the group as it is so healing for the dreamer and the group members as well. How dreams can be related to our waking life is so magical and have a deep meaning that the dreamer can have more clear answers as the sessions goes. The session was amazingly facilitated by Dr. William Stimson, and neatly collaborated by the group members.



Sumbal Malik

PhD Student, CIT



1. Published 3 conference papers at International Workshop on Smart Communication and Autonomous Driving (SCAD 2021), **Leuven, Belgium** November 1-4, 2021.

2. Published and presented the conference paper titled "Comparative Analysis of Machine Learning Algorithms for Early Prediction of Diabetes Mellitus in Women" at International Symposium on Modelling and Implementation of Complex Systems **Batna, Algeria**, October 24-26, 2020

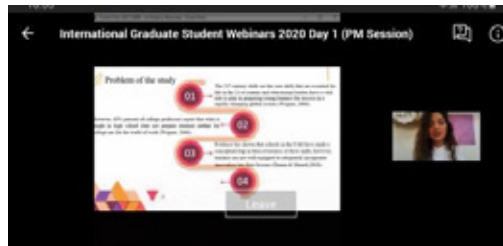
3. Presented poster and was awarded a certificate at the 4th International Conference on Communications, Signal Processing, and their Applications (ICCSPA), American University of Sharjah (AUS), Sharjah, UAE, March 16-18, 2020

4. Published and presented 2 conference papers at IEEE 14th International Conference on Innovations in Information Technology (IIT'20), Al Ain, UAE, 17-18 Nov. 2020

Meghry Nazarian

PhD Student, Leadership & Policy Studies in Education, CEDU

Participated in the Oral Presentation at the NIE International Graduate Student Webinar (IGSW 2020), **Singapore**



Marwan El-Deyarbi

PhD Student, CMHS

Attending the Foundations of Clinical Research (FCR) program, June 2021-January 2022, **Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA**



Huned Materwala

PhD Student, CIT

1. Paper presentation at the "2021 International Conference on Advances in Digital Science (ICADS2021)", Scopus indexed, Virtual (Online), 19-20 February 2021, **Salvador, Brazil**
2. Paper presentation at "The 10th International Conference on Intelligent Computing and Applications (ICICA 2021)", Scopus indexed, Virtual (Online), 25-27 June 2021, **Melbourne, Australia**
3. Paper presentation at the "The Sixth Information Systems International Conference (ISICO 2021)", Scopus indexed, Virtual (Online), 7-8 August 2021, **Indonesia**
4. Paper presentations at the "The 8th International Conference on Future Internet of Things and Cloud (FiCloud 2021)" and "The 7th Workshop on Energy Management for Sustainable Internet-of-Things and Cloud Computing (EMSICC 2021)", Scopus indexed, Virtual (Online), 23-25 August 2021, **Rome, Italy**



Fanan Jameel

PhD Student, Architectural Engineering, COE

Paper presentation entitled 'Using Repertory Grid Technique to Investigate the Impact of Changing University Hostel Function During COVID-19 Pandemic on Students' Well-Being: A pilot study' at the **8th Zero Energy Mass Custom Home International Conference** in Dubai, UAE

Faisal Baig

PhD Student, Water Resources, COE

Attended a professional training at Istanbul Technical University regarding Recent Developments and New Approaches in Hydrological Modeling, 3 - 12 July, 2021, **Istanbul, Turkey**



Lutfieh Rabbani

PhD Student, CEDU



Working as Research Assistant in a grant research project between UAEU and **Oxford University (UK) OU** project title: "SciKids – Understanding how science works in early years' education in the UAE.

Halima Omar

PhD Student, Leadership & Policy Studies, CEDU

1. Served as Speaker and Moderator for The International Graduate Studies Seminar [IGSS 2021] "Innovative Approaches in Teaching, Learning, and Research", 26-28 January, 2021, **Hong Kong**
2. Served as Speaker at Programme for the Research Postgraduate Conference (RPC) 2020-2021, 29 May 2021, **Hong Kong**





Shaijal Ppoyil

PhD Student, Ecology and Environmental Sciences, COS

Presented a poster about my PhD research in the American Society of Plant Biologists annual meeting, Plant Biology 2020, held at Washington Marriott Wardman Park in **Washington, D.C., USA**, 2020.

Moomal Tariq Farhad

PhD Student, Computer Science, CIT

Paper Publication and Oral Presentation at International Conference on Advanced Data Mining and Applications (ADMA), 1-3 Dec 2021, **Sydney, Australia**

My research work on “Deep Learning based Cardiac Phase Detection using Echocardiography Imaging” is accepted for publication in a very prestigious conference ADMA. The acceptance rate for this conference is only 24%. Out of 116 submissions, only 28 oral papers (24%) are accepted. The research work was carried under the supervision of Dr Mohammad Mehedy Masud and Dr Azam Beg



Fajr M. Bin Rashed AlKouz

PhD Student, Curriculum & Instruction, CEDU

1. Reviewer for the Springer Nature's Social Sciences (SN Social Sciences), May 2021 – Present, **Switzerland AG**
2. Completed a certified online course on Literacy Teaching and Learning: Aims, Approaches and Pedagogies in June-July 2021 and on Multimodal Literacies: Communication and Learning in the Era of Digital Media in July-August 2021, **Illinois University, USA**
3. Participated as a presenter and a moderator in The International Graduate Studies Seminar (IGSS), January 2021, Organized by Organized by UAEU, Education **University of Hong Kong**, and **University of Helsinki**

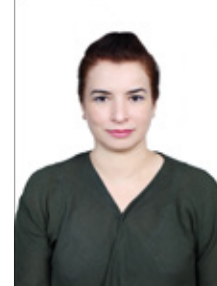


Najoua El Mesmoudi

PhD Student, Nutrition Sciences, CMHS

1. Training at the Human Nutrition Research on development of web-based dietary assessment tools, July - August 2016, **Newcastle University, UK**

2. 15th International Postgraduate course on the production and use of food composition data in Nutrition. Presentation of the Food composition data in the UAE. 1-6 Dec 2019, **Netherlands**



Zubaida Hassan

PhD Student, Biomedical Sciences, CMHS

1. International Conference EMBO/EMBL Symposium, Multiomics to Mechanisms: Challenges in Data Integration. Poster Presentation, September 15-17, 2021, **University of California, San Francisco, USA, ETH Zürich, Switzerland & EMBL Heidelberg, Germany**

2. International Conference Noncoding RNA World: From Mechanism to Therapy. Poster Presentation, July 21-23, 2021, **Switzerland**

3. International Conference Keystone Symposia, eSymposia meeting Non-coding RNAs: Biology and Applications. Poster Presentation, **California, USA**



Muhammad Sami Ur Rehman

PhD Student, Architectural Engineering, COE

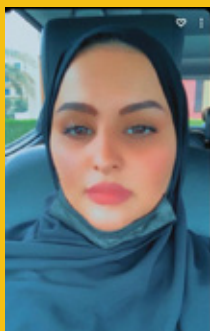
1. Attended the 1st Workshop and Challenge on Computer Vision in the Built Environment for the Design, Construction, and Operation of Buildings (CV4AEC), 20 June 2021.

Organizers:

- a) **Oregon State University, Stanford University, and Georgia Tech, USA**
- b) **ETH Zurich, Switzerland**

2. Paper presentation titled "Identifying the Process for Automated Vision-based Construction Progress Monitoring." at the 8th Zero Energy Mass Custom Home (ZEMCH-2021) International Conference, October 26th-28th, 2021, Dubai, UAE.





Omniah AlQahtani

PhD Student, Special Education, CEDU

1. Speakers in the event “ALL IN!? INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND THEIR WAY TO INCLUSION”, Virtual (Online), Oct. 26, 2021, **University of Greifswald, Germany**

2. The International Graduate Studies Seminar [IGSS 2021] Innovative Approaches in Teaching, Learning, and Research. Presentation Title: Exploring Parents' perspectives on Distance Learning for Children with ASD in UAE, 26-28 Jan 2021, Online Seminar, organized by joint effort of UAEU, Education **University of Hong Kong and University of Helsinki, Finland**

Book chapter titled “The Role of Assistive Technology in Teaching Children with ASD in UAE” and will be included in a book Edited by Dr. Xiongyi Liu & Dr. Wachira, Patrick, (Associate professors, from **Cleveland State University, USA**. Co-authors in this chapter are: Dr. Maria Efstratopoulou, Associate professor at the Department of Special Education, College of Education, UAEU and Prof. Hala Elhoweris- Head of the Special Education Department UAEU.



Nancy Kachouh

PhD Student, Civil Engineering, COE

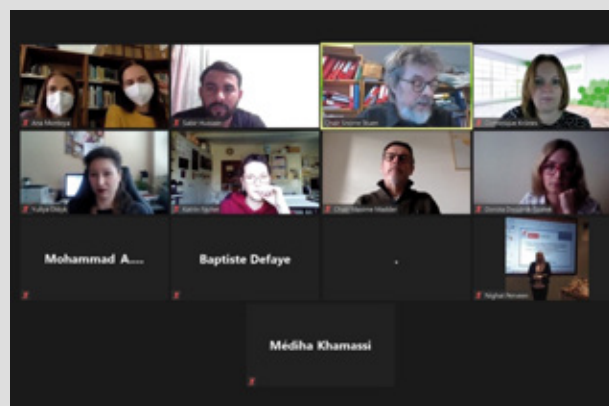
Paper Presentation at the conference paper entitled “The Use of Steel Fibers to Enhance the Performance of Concrete Made with Recycled Aggregate” during the 5th International Conference on Sustainable Construction Materials and Technology (SCMT 5)” in 2019, at **Kingston, UK**.

Nighat Perveen

PhD Student

Ecology and Environmental Sciences, COS

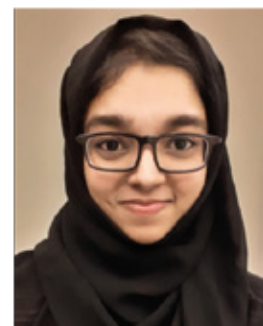
Poster presentation on “Population dynamics of *Hyalomma dromedarii* on camels in the United Arab Emirates” at the 14th International Symposium on Ticks and Tick-borne Diseases and Training-ATF (Akademie für tierärztliche Fortbildung), Academy for Veterinary Training, March 24-26, 2021, **Germany**



Ayisha Manzoor

MSc in Software Engineering, CIT

Presented (virtually) a Conference paper titled “Artificial Intelligence as a Gear to Preserve the Effectiveness of Learning and Educational Systems in Pandemic Time” at the 12th IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference (EDUCON 2021), 23 April 2021, **Vienna, Austria**



Amaria Javed

PhD Student, Physics, COS

1. OSA Frontiers in Optics + Laser Science Conference, 2021, **USA**
2. CMD 2020 GEFES by European Physical Society, **Spain**



Maha Alhabbash

PhD Student, CEDU

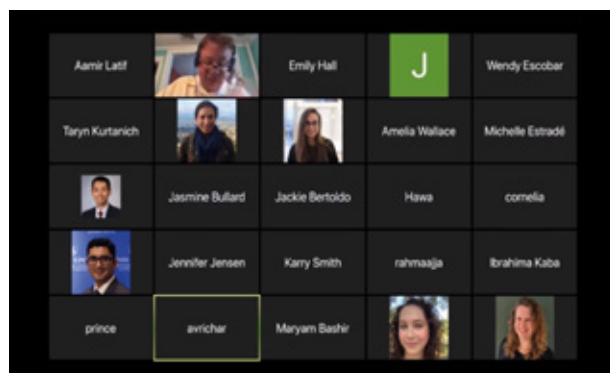
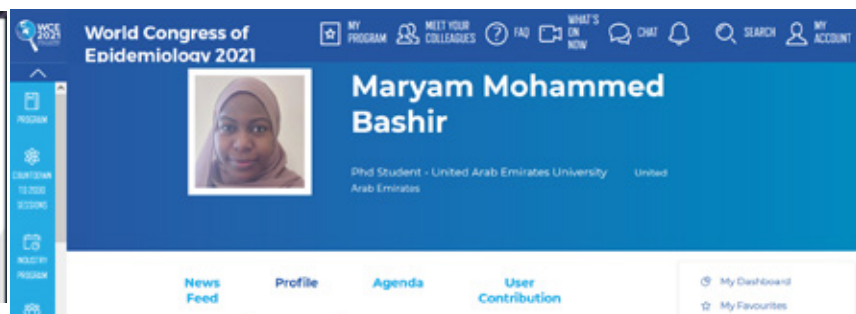
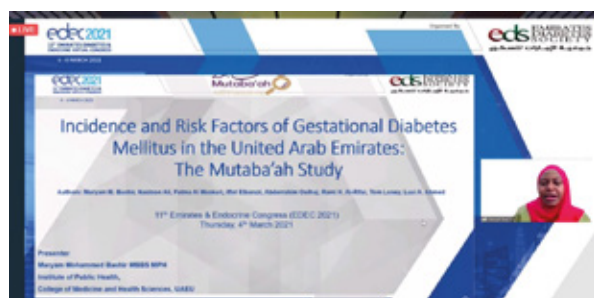
1. Research paper presentation at the Asian Conference on Business and Public Policy, November 1-3, 2021 (online), **Tokyo, Japan**
2. Paper presentation at the International Conference on Social Science and Humanities Research, May 12-13, 2020 (online), **Berlin, Germany**
3. Paper presentation at the 3rd Applied Linguistics and Language Teaching International Conference, March 18-20, 2021 (online), Dubai, UAE



Maryam Bashir

PhD Student, CMHS

1. Presented an Early Career Workshop paper at the World Conference of Epidemiology (WCE 2021) and attended course Causal Mediation Analysis Short Course as part of the WCE 2021, organized by the International Epidemiology Association and Australasian Epidemiology Association (Online), Sept 3-6 2021, **Australia**
2. Attended Johns Hopkins Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology And Biostatistics (Online), June 8-26, 2020, **USA**
3. Attended Covid-19 Vaccine Update Course by American Public Health Association (Online), November 18, 2020, **USA**
4. Attended the 16th World Congress on Public Health organized by the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) in collaboration with the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) and the Italian Society of Hygiene, Preventive Medicine and Public Health (SItI), October 12-16, 2020, **Italy**
5. Attended Abu Dhabi International Mental Health Conference 2019, UAE
6. Volunteered at Special Olympics World Games Abu Dhabi as part of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program, March 2019, UAE
7. Invited speaker at the 11th Emirates Diabetes & Endocrine Virtual Congress (EDEEC 2021) organized by the Emirates Diabetes Society, UAE



Azhar Talal Rahma

PhD Student, CMHS

1. Did a summer course at Graduate of Summer Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Department of Epidemiology, Bloomberg School of Public Health, (May 15– July 30, 2021), **John Hopkins University**, Baltimore, Maryland, **USA**
2. Presented a lecture at the International Precision Medicine Conference 2021, April 2021, **USA**
3. Presentation at conference nursingmeet, October 2021, **Spain**



Preetha Menon

PhD Student, CMHS

Participated in workshop on “Modeling Approaches to Health Technology Assessment (HTA)” at the Tyrole Private University, UMIT Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision Making and HTA., September 8-10, 2021, **Austria**



Ghuwaya Al Nuaimi

PhD Student, CMHS

Participated in workshop on “Modeling Approaches to Health Technology Assessment (HTA)” at the Tyrole Private University, UMIT Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision Making and HTA., September 8-10, 2021, **Austria**

Noorah Al-Aleeli

PhD Student, CMHS

Participated in the first Global Health Literacy Summit, 2021, one of the first biggest and most diverse worldwide assemblies on health literacy, Virtual Conference, October 3-5, 2021, held at **Taipei City, Taiwan**

Alreem Al-Mansori

Master of Medical Sciences, CMHS

Poster presentation in 17th International Congress of Immunology (IUIS 2019) in **Beijing, China**

UAEU launches Dual PhD Degree in Chemical Engineering between UAEU and KU Leuven, Belgium

Ameera Mohammad

PhD Student, Chemical Engineering, COE

First PhD graduate in the Dual degree PhD program UAEU and **KU Leuven**

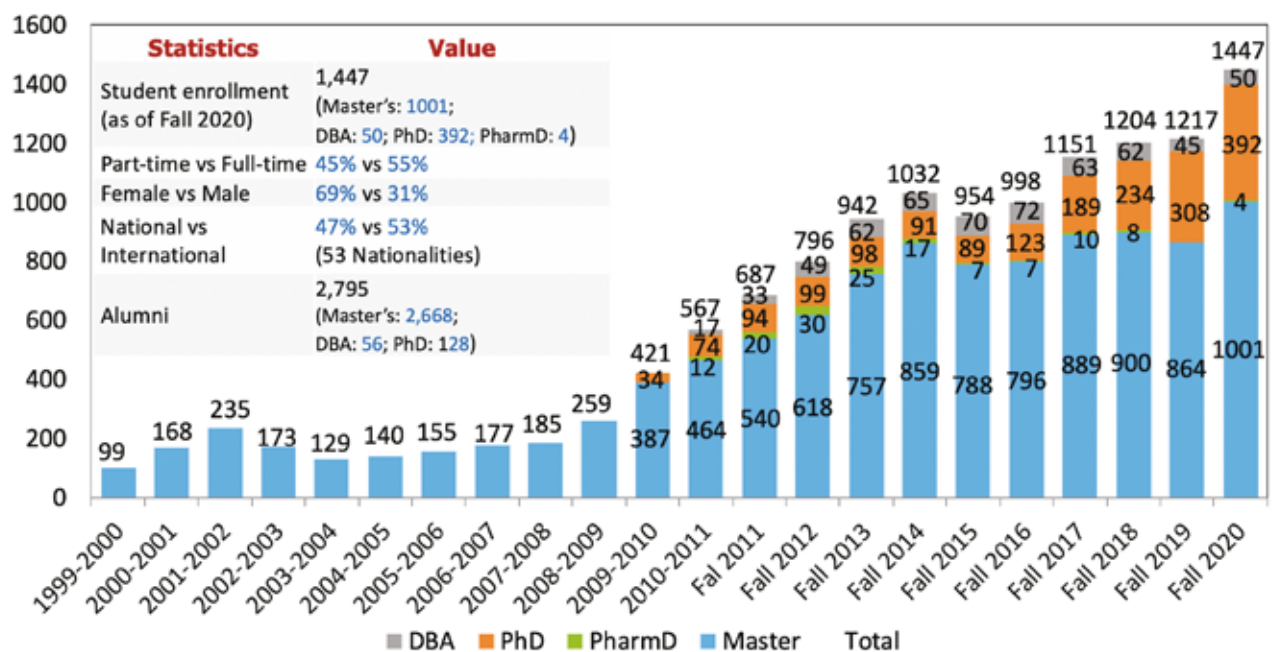
My second research visit to KU Leuven August 2021

I am a PhD graduate from the Chemical Engineering Department at UAEU and KU Leuven. I was recently defended my thesis "MULTI STAGE MODIFIED SOLVAY PROCESS FOR CO₂ CAPTURE AND REJECT BRINE DESALINATION" and considered as the first dual PhD graduate from this program. In August 2021, I had a wonderful second research visit to KU Leuven, where I conducted several experimental analyses and CFD simulation runs with the help and guidance of my colleagues and my second advisor Prof. Bart Van der Bruggen. The Dual PhD Degree between KUL and UAEU was an incredible opportunity for me, where I got a wonderful international experience that helped me in broaden my knowledge and enhancing my research skills. It is my wish to see more and more students enrolled in the Dual PhD program between UAEU and KUL since the benefits are extraordinary and amazing.

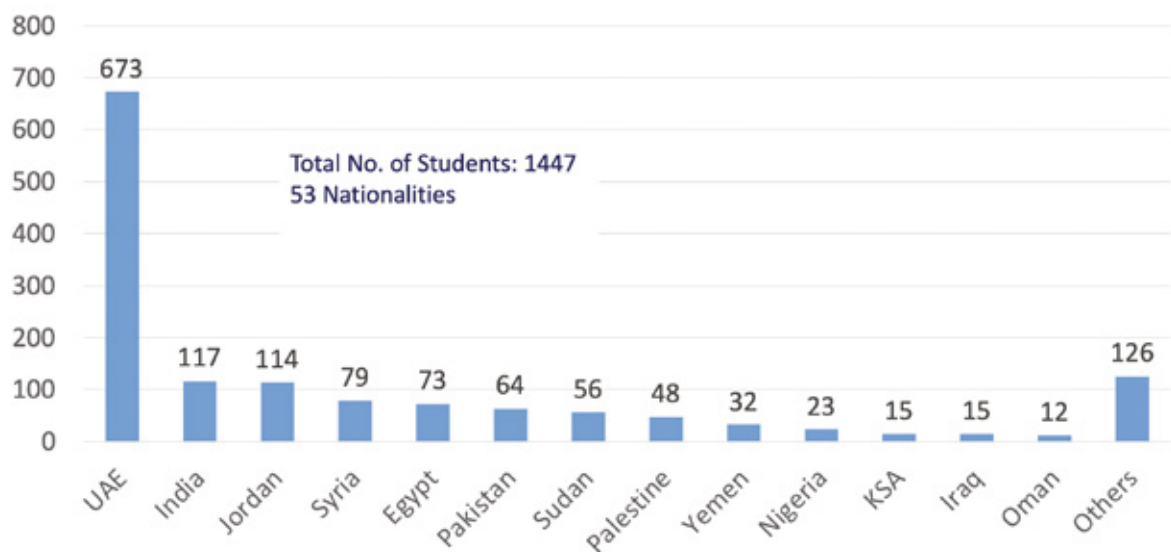


FACTS AND FIGURES

ENROLLMENT HISTORY IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS

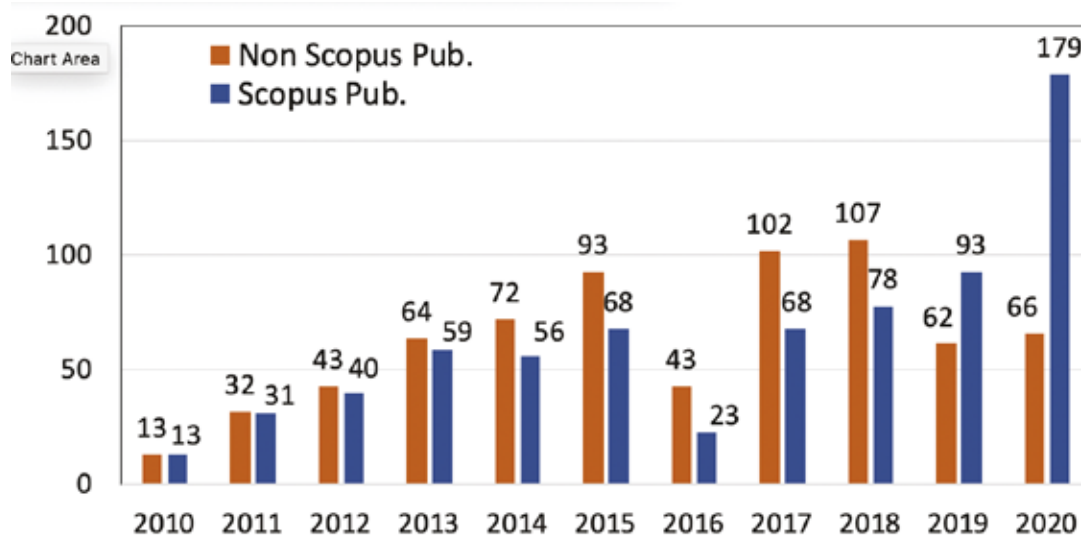


GRADUATE STUDENT DIVERSITY – FALL 2020



FACTS AND FIGURES

ALUMNI AND RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS



As of Fall 2020, we have:

128

PhD Alumni

56

DBA Alumni

2,795

Master Alumni

Total

1405

publications
as of Fall 2020

Average of **195** publications/year during last 3 years

PhD Students have:

1,363

Published refereed
research papers

262

Presented conference
papers

708

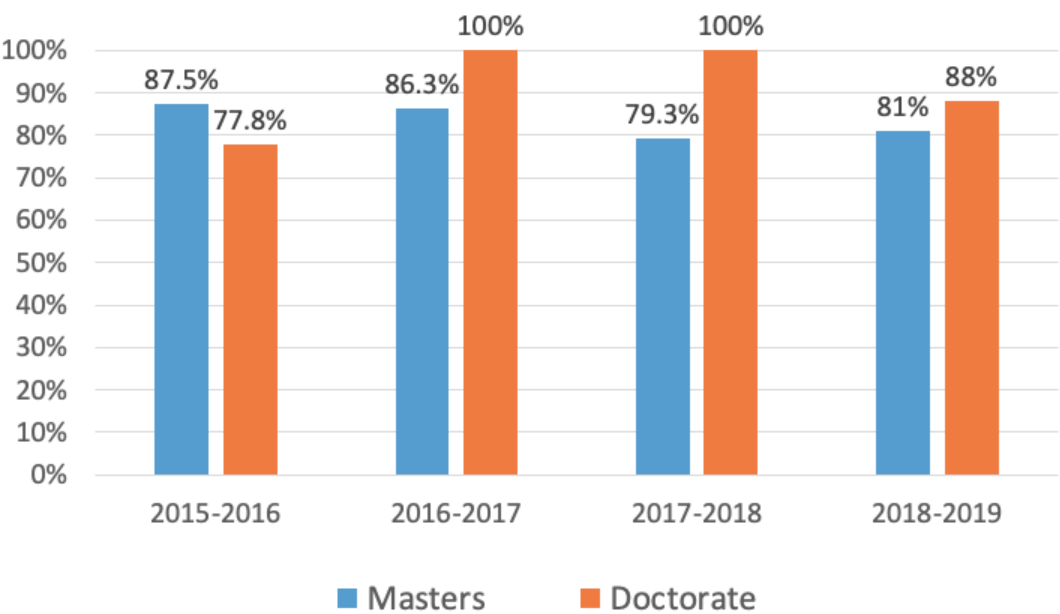
Scopus

695

Non-Scopus

FACTS AND FIGURES

Graduate Programs Employment Rate (%)



STUDENTS STORY



Mariam AlHemeiri

MSc in Clinical Psychology

CMHS

Volunteering at Mental Support Line (MSL):

This line was initiated in May 2020, to help the frontline workers. At first it was a mental support for Covid-19 callers, but then it widened to help everyone that have mental health issues, just by answering calls and assets their needs, the average of a call can lasts to 20-50 minutes. This experience taught me a lot in so many ways and I had a chance to practice my studying and my purpose of majoring as a Clinical Psychologist which is to help as many callers as possible. The best day is when a caller hang-up by saying that “they are glad that they called and they are now feeling much better and relieved than the beginning of the call.”



Bushra Gull

Ph.D. Student, CMHS

A tale that would be remembered by the generations to come, how the whole humanity experienced an entirely new world, where Sky was blue, rivers could flow, birds would fly, and wind can blow without any hindrance. This world brought new challenges and opportunities for each one to explore a new skill, discover something untouched or reinvent the wheel to achieve the next milestone. Similarly, my journey to know more about viruses was a tale to remember. I am Bushra Gull, a Ph.D. student from Dr. Farah Mustafa's lab in College of Medicine and Health Sciences. Being a Retrovirologist, it was a moment of immense pride to be able to get accepted for

Poster Presentation and Flash Talk entitled “Decoding the cross talk between the MMTV and the RNA interference machinery” at the prestigious 46th Annual Meeting on Retroviruses hosted by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in May 2021

Poster Presentation entitled “Significant Downregulation of Gene Expression Upon the Expression of Mouse Mammary Tumor Virus (MMTV) in Normal Mammary Epithelial Cells” at the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society for Clinical Virology in September 2021

Exceptional times demands exceptional solutions; therefore, the COVID-19 forced the world towards online platform. Hence, these conferences were conducted online with a very interactive specialized platforms with dedicated channels for each poster. Additionally, these conferences offered an opportunity to attend the seminars and interact with the some of the pioneers in the field of Virology. In our study, we are interested in understanding the age-old arm race between the viruses and the hosts. The host cells are equipped with several mechanisms, such as RNA silencing, to contain viral attacks via various mechanisms. However, viruses being viruses, are clever enough to develop several tactics to evade all those defense mechanisms and continue their life cycle. In this study, we have explored one such relationship between the mouse mammary tumor virus (MMTV) and the host RNAi machinery, which is known to regulate many critical cellular pathways. Previous studies with hepatitis C and human immunodeficiency viruses have demonstrated dual function of RNAi machinery that can play both pro-viral and anti-viral roles at different stages of viral infection and replication. Therefore, we are trying to explore how MMTV interacts with the host RNAi machinery.



Shakila Afroz

PhD Student, CMHS

I am Shakila Afroz, from College of Medicine and Health Sciences, UAEU. My thesis title was “Establishment of Organoids from Gastric Stem Cells and their Use to Study the Role of Aryl-Hydrocarbon Receptors”. I am currently doing Post Doc at Yale University. Doing post-graduation is not that easy, it is kind of stressful for everyone more or less. Though graduate students are so busy in their research, I feel everyone should also do something that makes them happy, side by side with work to keep the flow of life going smooth and satisfying in their stressful journey. For me, drawing or any sort of art makes me happy apart from my work and also it is like a medicine for my stress. It is one of the passions that goes with me anywhere I go and I make sure I don't leave it behind. I used to manage sometimes in between my work to draw on the lab board some motivational cartoons with messages so that anyone who comes to our lab and see them feels happy and smile and also to spread some positivity around. Each time I used to draw something, it was refreshing my mind out of stress and think positive and good about the next coming days. I feel everyone somehow should manage sometime for their other passions or hobbies along with their work.



Shama Parween

PhD Student, Biochemistry Department, CMHS

I'm a PhD student & research assistant in the biochemistry department, CMHS at the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU). My research interest is in the area Stem Cell and molecular biology. My doctoral thesis work is based on the “Role of nutrient sensitive elevated O-GlcNAcylation in developmental cortical neurogenesis” which defines how perturbed level leads to premature cortical neurogenesis in developing brain which cause gene de-repression and transcriptional defects of key signaling genes or transcription factors responsible for neurogenesis. I have 2 research articles & 2 conference papers published in peer reviewed journals from my doctoral thesis in “Frontiers in cellular neuroscience 11 (2017): 415”. I

presented my doctoral thesis work in many national and international conferences. I presented orally and poster in the international conference entitled “The role of increased protein O GlcNAcylation on developmental cortical neurogenesis through stem cell fate” during 7th Annual GSCN (German Stem Cell Network) conference, Max Delbrück center of Molecular Medicine, Berlin, Germany. 23rd 25th September 2019. Abstract was published in Molecular mechanisms of neural stem cell fate determination through protein O-GlcNAcylation. Location: 44th FEBS Congress, From Molecules to Living Systems, Krakow, Poland, July 6-11, 2019. FEBS Open Bio 9 (Suppl.S1) (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1002/2211-5463.12672>.

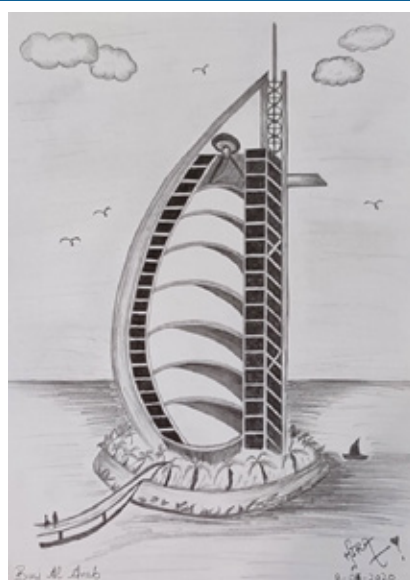


Artwork by PhD Student Hira Shakoor

Hira Shakoor

PhD Student, Department of Nutrition and Health, CMHS

The COVID-19 hit us by surprise and consumed us within months at the end of the second decade of the 21st Century. Unfortunately, it hit us so hard in no time and now it's everywhere. During this chaos, we realize the uncertainty of one's life, the implications of our actions, and how we all are connected. Nobody predicted that it would shake the world so badly, force countries to do lockdown, shut the schools, universities, and public places, and put our life on hold. It was the 5th of March 2020, when the University announced to be closed for ON-Campus classes and activities. Lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us but for some, it was an opportunity to revive their passion. Hence, I took Lockdown as an opportunity to revive my childhood passion for Drawing and Sketching. In unprecedented time, when I was stuck inside my room, away from my family. I decided to do the sketching of famous places in the World to feel like we are still connected even in the isolation. Therefore, I have given my art name: "Travelling Around the World during Pandemic". Undeniably, drawing always gives me immense pleasure. I come to realize that art is like a friend to an artist that gives company, comfort, and inspiration even during the lockdown. In that unpleasant situation, the art was keeping my heart up and soul alive. That is how lockdown became the best experience of my life.



"An art does not only means having measuring tools in the hands and the eyes, but it has a deep connection with the soul and the emotions of the Artist"

~Hira Shakoor

Doua kamyar

MSc in Medical Sciences (Microbiology and Immunology)

CMHS

Joining UAEU was like a dream. being among UAEU's graduate students is an honour for me. Since joining the college of medicine and health sciences, I have gained an understanding of myself and my skills in scientific research and various activities under the guidance of my supervisor and mentors. While I was lonely and unconfident after joining graduate school, interacting with friends from different colleges and domains helped me figure out many strategies to adapt to the new environment so I can achieve my dreams easily and efficiently.

It is not easy being a graduate student, but focusing on myself and learning from students and their past experiences made the process easier and more enjoyable. I could not have done my graduate studies without my merit scholarship. I consider UAEU to be a provider of a rewarding choice for an improved future even with the numerous obstacles we face.



Omar Salem Alblooshi

MSc in Engineering Management

COE

Proud of being graduated from UAEU with Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering and currently taking my path to complete my Master of Engineering Management. Success comes with hard work. To succeed you must have the desire and the determination. Not all people will be successful in life, but success can be achieved. You just need to believe in yourself and your ability to succeed and as I mentioned at the beginning you have to work hard for it and be disciplined.



Omniah Al-Qahtani

Ph.D. Student, CEDU

Mrs. Omniah Al-Qahtani is a Ph.D. candidate and Research Assistant at the Department of Special Education, College of Education, UAE University. Her research interest is on early assessment and education of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. She is also a mother of a child with ASD, and hence it is her ambition to make difference in the education of ASD learners and their future life. She believes this can be achieved by persevering research and quality publications at the first point.

Omniah is currently writing a book chapter titled “The Role of Assistive Technology in Teaching Children with ASD in UAE” and will be included in a book Edited by Dr. Xiongyi Liu and Dr. Wachira, Patrick, (Associate professors, from Cleveland State University, USA). Co-authors in this chapter are: Dr. Maria Efstratopoulou, Associate professor at the Department of Special Education, College of Education, UAEU and Prof. Hala Elhoweris- Head of the Special Education Department UAEU. The book focuses on effective assistive technologies for students with special needs, helping them overcome specific challenges and promote their educational learning attainment, social engagement, self-sufficiency, and quality of life. The chapter presents an overview of modern assistive tools and approaches integrated with digital technologies for students with special needs; shares findings of cutting-edge research on using digital technologies; provide evidence-based digital technology-facilitated tools and strategies for effective diagnosis, treatment, educational intervention, and care of students with special needs; and identifies promising areas and directions for future innovations, applications, and research. It is ideal for classroom teachers, special educators, educational technologists, intervention specialists, medical professionals, caregivers, administrators, policymakers, teacher educators, researchers, academicians, and students interested in using assistive technologies for students with special needs in the digital era.



Mrs. Omniah is also the author of the ASD children's story “Thirsty”. Thirsty is a children's book about a boy with ASD. It considers one of the very first children's books in the Middle-East region with an autistic main character. She believes that children's stories like Thirsty can be valuable learning material to teach children about different disabilities. This should grow their empathy for those who are different from them and increase the social acceptance between both parties, which supports the inclusion goals that the UAE government is adopting. In addition, the story can be beneficial for children, as it familiarizes them with what Autism is. It is also encouraging mothers to teach their children to be kind and sensitive toward others with differences. Similarly, it can be convenient for teachers to teach their students about the darkness of racism and bullying. This is go along with the UAE lows in anti-discrimination like, Federal Decree Law No. 2 of 2015 on Combating Discrimination and Hatred, which aims to protect everyone in the UAE and thus bring the concept of social security to a new level and fight discrimination against individuals or groups based on religion, caste, doctrine, race, color or ethnic origin. Additionally, the Resolution No. 43 of 2018 in support of the ‘people of determination’ low which aims to support the rights of ‘people of determination’ in the field of employment by enabling access to opportunities in the labor market and; the the UAE's People of Determination Protection from Abuse Policy condemns all forms of abuse and neglect of people of determination. Abuse and neglect involves depriving people of determination of their basic right to care, rehabilitation, medical care, recreation or community integration. It also condemns using such people to get material profits and not spend on them.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Graduate Students Participation in the UAEU different sports competitions.

In addition to their hard work at UAEU, our graduate students always keep some time for their extra circular activities, below are some photos from different sports event where students from different Colleges took part and achieved awards.





Here are some photos of the graduate students in action

Abdelrahman Aly (MSc in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, College of Science), Jeyaganesh Devaraj (MSc in Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering), Faisal Baig (PhD, College of Engineering), Dinu Thekkuden (PhD, College of Engineering)



INTERNATIONAL DAY



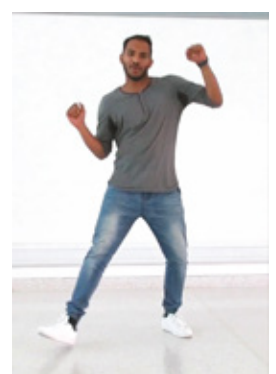
Every year we have this exciting day called Graduate Students International Day, giving the opportunity to show and to celebrate the rich diversity of graduate students coming from different nationalities. Due to Covid pandemic, it was quite challenging to organize the event. But with the constant determination and the teamwork spirit of our graduate students, it became really a success which ended up having a marvellous virtual event on 12th of Nov 2020. This event was a platform to see the culture, rituals and so many diverse attributes of different countries all over the world. It was vibrant with a number of videos showing different cultures in different countries as well as enchanting performances of our graduate students. About 10 countries participated in this event including India, Pakistan, UAE, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Gambia, Egypt, Sudan, Kazakhstan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This time there was a special category for undergraduate alumni students as well.

Moreover, there were a number of competitions to entertain the audience, and to encourage the spirit of competition among themselves. Awards were also distributed for best traditional costume for male and female, best video presentation, and best performance. Various judges among faculty and staff were also showed their support by contributing as the judging committee from different departments in the university. Not only the winners but also the other participants have done a great job to make this event a success. The participation of the graduate students in this event, under this hard situation was remarkable.



Best Performance

India (Group dance)
Tasneem Jaafar (Sudan solo song)
Jeyganesh (India solo dance) &
Pakistan (group song)



Best Video Presentation

Pakistan
India
Sri Lanka and Somalia



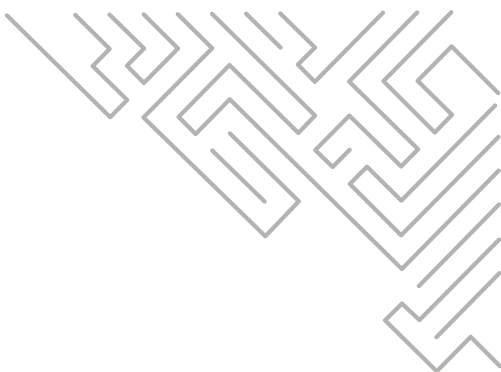
Special Category for undergraduate student/alumni

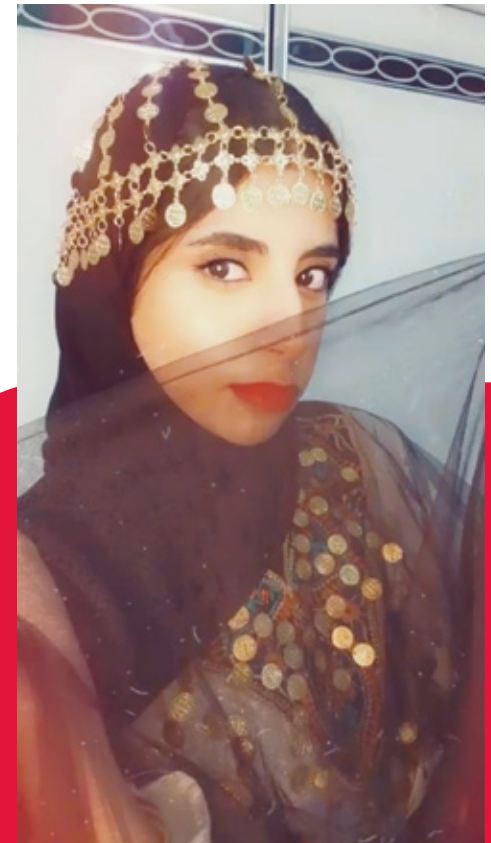
Abdel Rahman El Rais -UAE
(Solo song by undergraduate alumni)
Nayeyera - Egypt
(Solo song by undergraduate student)



Best Male Outfit

Abdul Mannan – Pakistan
Mustapha Mbye - Gambia
Narendran – India





Best Female Outfit

Salem El Mikhmari – Saudi Arabia
Fauzia – Pakistan
Nisha - India

GRADUATE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AT UAEU

Alanood Alnaqbi

*Master of Medical Sciences
CMHS*

“Being a graduate student with a very crowded schedule in such a great university is an honor and exhausting at the same time, but it was my dream in the first place besides competing with the greatest shooters one day”



Subha Chandran

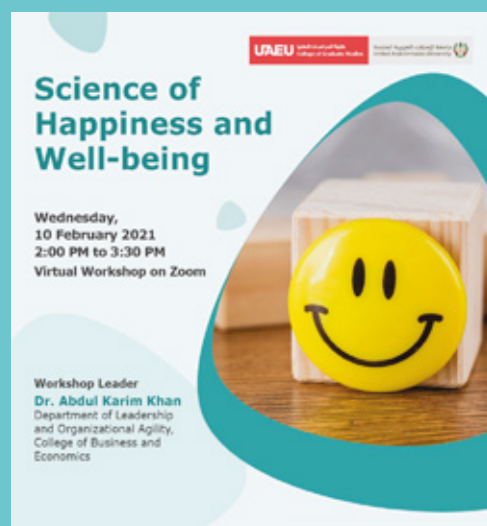
*Ph.D. Student, Cellular and Molecular Biology
COS*

It is such a privilege to join as a Ph.D. candidate at United Arab University, one of the highly ranked universities in the world. I am pursuing my Ph.D. in the field of Cellular and Molecular Biology. It has always been interesting working as an assistant at CGS as a graduate student. For one year, I am taking care of all kinds of design requirements that need to be published across all platforms including internal communication emailers to magazine designs. Here at CGS, I had a greater experience in learning and executing things within time. College of Graduate Studies is always there for us giving guidance in whatever is needed. Here at UAEU, we get lots of opportunities to learn new things and develop our skills on our interests. CGS ensures that by providing workshops, activities & much more. I am proud to be part of such an organization that encourages its students to achieve their goals and build a better place to learn and evolve.

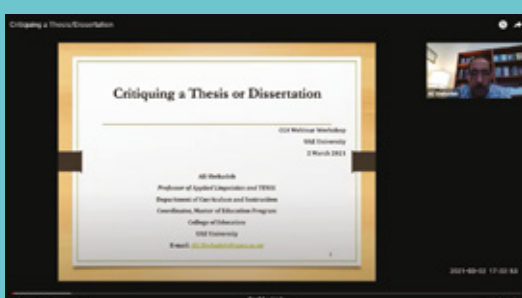
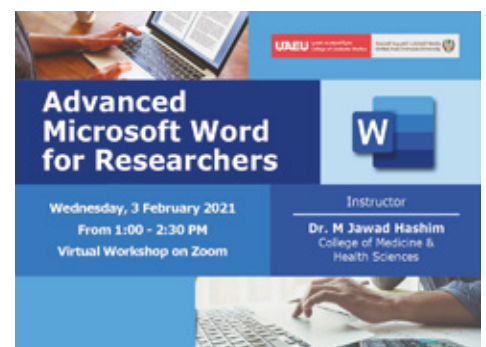
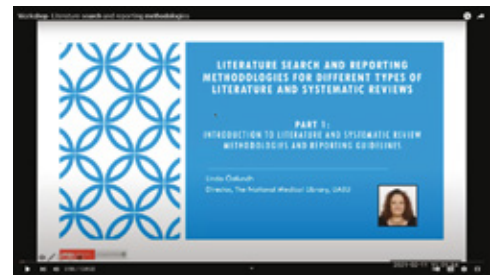


CGS WORKSHOPS

- ▶ **Influence and Persuasion Skills**
Dr. Abdul Karim Khan, Leadership & Organizational Agility, CBE
- ▶ **Conflict Management**
Dr. Abdul Karim Khan, Leadership & Organizational Agility, CBE
- ▶ **External Grant Proposal Writing**
Dr. Mohammednoor Al Tarawneh, Chemical Engineering, COE
- ▶ **Data Analysis in Excel**
Dr. M. Jawad Hashim, Family Medicine, CMHS
- ▶ **Statistical Analyses using R – Hands-on workshop for beginners**
Dr. Sunil Mundra, Biology, COS
- ▶ **How to Prepare for your Thesis Defense**
Reem Alzard, PhD Student, COS
- ▶ **Writing a Critical Review or Summary**
John Slocombe, Writing Center
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **First Steps in Publishing for Novice Researchers**
Prof. Ali Shehadeh, CHSS
- ▶ **Critiquing a Thesis/Dissertation**
Prof. Ali Shehadeh, CHSS
- ▶ **Quantitative Data Analysis**
Dr. Abdul Karim Khan, Leadership & Organizational Agility, CBE
- ▶ **NVivo Essentials - A Qualitative Data Analysis Software**
Sherin Shamon, PhD Student, CEDU
- ▶ **Science of Happiness and Well-being**
Dr. Abdul Karim Khan, Leadership & Organizational Agility, CBE
- ▶ **How to publish research papers in High Impact Journals?**
Prof. Sulaiman Al-Zuhair, Chemical Engineering, COE
- ▶ **How to Write an Effective Literature Review**
John Slocombe, Writing Center
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **Statistical Analysis with Jamovi**
Dr. M. Jawad Hashim, Family Medicine, CMHS
- ▶ **Modeling, Simulation and Performance Evaluation**
Dr. Farag Sallabi, Computer & Network Engineering, CIT
- ▶ **Stress Management & Wellbeing at Work Place**
Dr. Abdullah Saif Abdullah, Cognitive Sciences, CHSS
- ▶ **Advanced Microsoft Word for Researchers**
Dr. M. Jawad Hashim, Family Medicine, CMHS
- ▶ **Laboratory Safety Awareness**
Eng. Tuseef Ahamad, Facility Managements Department



- ▶ **How to Write Effective Cover Letters**
Chase A. Brame, Writing Center
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **Job Interview Practice for Graduate Students – Practical Training Sessions/Hands-on Workshop (2 Sessions)**
Dr. Shehab Majud, University College
- ▶ **How early career researchers can build research impact & contribute to university's ranking position**
Philip Purnell, Ranking Projects Manager - UAEU, Provost's Office
- ▶ **Data Analysis with SPSS in Research**
Sherin Shamon, PhD Student, CEDU
- ▶ **How to write a thesis proposal:**
Topic selection, preparations, writing proposal
Dr. Mutamed Ayyash, Food Science, CFA
- ▶ **Writing an Abstract:**
How to Promote Your Academic Paper or Conference Presentation
John Slocombe, Writing Center,
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **Literature search and reporting methodologies for different type of literature and systematic reviews (2 Sessions)**
Ms. Linda Ostlundh, National Medical Library
- ▶ **How to write a scientific paper/improve writing research articles for publication?**
Dr. Mutamed Ayyash, Food Science, CFA
- ▶ **Reading Research Articles Effectively & Efficiently**
John Slocombe, Writing Center
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **Improve your Academic Writing Style**
John Slocombe, Writing Center
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **Enhance your Research with EndNote:**
A Reference Management Software Program
Mr. Khalid Bilal Pasha, National Medical Library
- ▶ **Citing/Referencing using Zotero**
Mr. Khalid Bilal Pasha, National Medical Library
- ▶ **How to Write an Effective CV**
Chase A. Brame, Writing Center
Student Success Unit (SSU), University College
- ▶ **Thesis/Dissertation Formatting and UAEU Guidelines**
Abdelrahman Aly, MSc in Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, COS



PHD STUDENTS TEACHING ACADEMY PROGRAM FALL 2020 - COHORTS 1 AND 2

Congratulations to the Ph.D. students graduating from UAEU's Ph.D. Students Teaching Academy Program! On the 3rd March 2021, the University held a graduation Teaching Academy Cohort, organized virtually online.

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I believe for an academican, both research and teaching are like two sides of a coin. Until two years back, we were trained to be good researchers. With the introduction of PhD Teaching Academy, it has helped us to expand our horizon to professional teaching as well. Great thanks to Prof. Hassan Salim, Prof. Ali Al-Marzouqi, and the entire team in CETL and CGS for introducing such a course. I would recommend PhD Teaching Academy as one of the quintessential courses for all PhD students. I am looking forward to this to be one of the core courses in PhD curriculum.

Sabeera Haris
College of Engineering

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During our PhD tenure, we tend to mostly immerse ourselves in research. While some students are provided with teaching opportunities, many others do not get similar chances to explore or build our teaching skills. But with the introduction of the PhD teaching academy course, we are provided with exactly that. The course has been designed to provide us with a very detailed understanding of the different teaching and learning approaches and concepts, many of which were new to us. Another aspect worth mentioning from my point of view is that, the course has been designed in way that it was not very time consuming or cumbersome, which was important for us PhD students considering the fact that many of us go through hectic schedules. At the end of this course, we have emerged as more confident individuals with regard to our teaching abilities and possess a handful of teaching skills that would definitely come in handy when we embark on our future academic career.

Samantha Stephen
College of Engineering

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The teaching academy program prepare educators for excellence in teaching, and equip them with lifelong learning skills. I was impressed with the knowledge of the faculty and staff at The Teaching Academy. Everyone was very supportive and I am confident this program will continue to shine in the future. I'm very proud of being one of those who had the chance to complete and graduate from the program.

Mohammed Madi Yousif
College of Education

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I was just an amateur when I comes to teaching initially and not different from anyone struggling to improve their career growth pattern. The platform of PhD teaching academy programme enhanced my confidence to another level. It boosted my ability to speak in public & overcome stage fear. I realized that if you are passionate about something, you should push yourselves towards working for it by grabbing any opportunities that come your way. This was one such opportunity for me.

Betty Mathew
College of Science

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The PhD teaching academy has provided me with great knowledge and insight into how to be an excellent instructor. It was a truly lovely and immensely beneficial experience, and I encourage all my PhD colleagues to enrol in the academy.

Sanabil Hassan
College of Medicine and Health Sciences

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Students Teaching Academy List















No.	Name	College
1	Saif Al Neyadi	College of Education
2	Bayan Alqassm	College of Science
3	Sabeera Haris	College of Engineering
4	Omnia El Hamd	College of Engineering
5	Rana Habib	College of Science
6	Bisni Fahad Mon	College of Engineering
7	Bushra Gull	College College of Medicine and Health Sciences
8	Emmanuel Galiwango	College of Engineering
9	Shaijal Thruppoyil	College of Science
10	Saifudeen Kabeer	College of Engineering
11	Chuwaya Al Nuaimi	College of Medicine and Health Sciences
12	Mohammed Madi Yousif	College of Education
13	Moomal Farhad	College of Information Technology
14	Sanabil Hassan	College of Medicine and Health Sciences
15	Amira Abouelhamd	College of Humanities and Social Sciences
16	Samantha Stephen	College of Engineering
17	Betty Mathew	College of Science

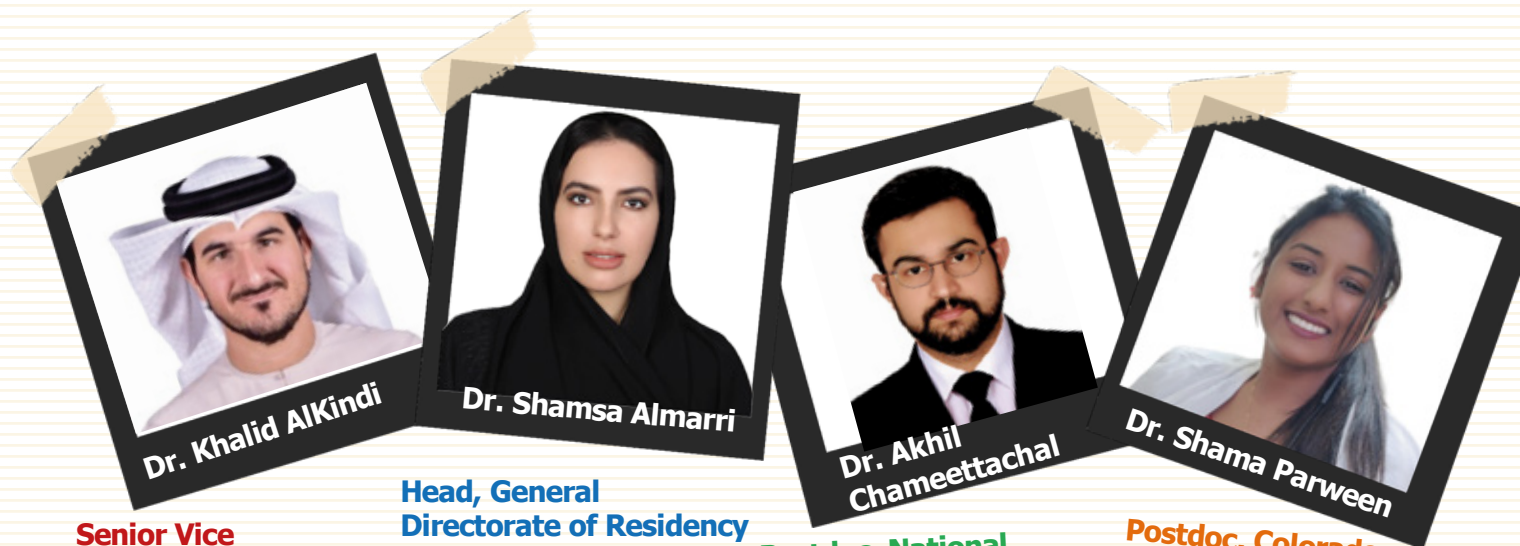
What is PhD Students Teaching Academy Program?

- ▶ Ph.D. Students Teaching Academy Program is a blended program developed to prepare selected and qualified Ph.D. students to start a teaching career in academia. The program allows UAEU Ph.D. students to learn how to manage large and small classes and gain hands-on experience with a range of teaching and learning pedagogies, Instructional technologies, and best practices in teaching.
- ▶ The program consists of four modules over two semesters. Each module consists of five -2hour sessions with the exception of the last module, which is a full semester apprenticeship.
- ▶ Ph.D. students who successfully finish this program will be qualified to become future faculty.

PHD STUDENTS TEACHING ACADEMY PROGRAM COHORTS 4

On 28th of Feb. 2021, CETL and CGS welcomed the 4th Cohort of the PhD Students Teaching Academy Program. Both CETL and CGS teams are very proud to double the intake from 30 to 60 to absorb the high demand and popularity of the Academy. The first session titled: UAEU's Instructional Technology infrastructure, Support, Services was attended by more than 60 participants, which was delivered by CETL Director Prof. Hassan Selim and Ms. Amna AlDarmaki from DoIT.

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Thanumol Abdul K...	Akshaya	OKEKE UDODINMA		muneeba	Asma	Santhoshani Wara...



Senior Vice President, ADNOC

DBA, CBE
Defense: 6 April 2021

Head, General Directorate of Residency & Foreign Affairs, UAE

DBA, Defense: 6 April 2021

Postdoc, National Institute of Health, USA

PhD, CMHS
Defense: 15 June 2021

Postdoc, Colorado State University, USA

PhD, CMHS
Defense: 7 June 2021

DOCTORATE *Alumni*



Dr. May Al Saffar

Lecturer, Ahlia University, Bahrain

PhD, COE
Defense: 24 Sept 2020



Dr. Fatima Al Hamedi

Lead Analyst Standards Services, Abu Dhabi Quality & Conformity Council

PhD, CFA
Defense: 11 April 2021



Dr. Azhar Rahma

Pharmacist, Tawam Hospital

PhD, CMHS
Defense: 18 April 2021



Dr. Sameera Alhosani

High School Principal, Ministry of Education

PhD, CEDU
Defense: 1 June 2021



Dr. Sherin Abu Shamon

Head of Planning & Monitoring Unit, Dar Zayed for Family Care (DZFC), UAE

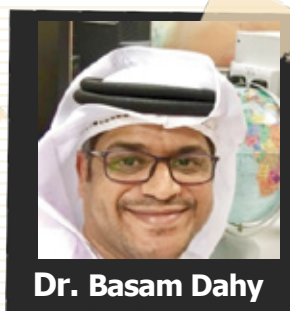
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Defense: 17 Nov 2020



Dr. Fawzia Al Jneibi

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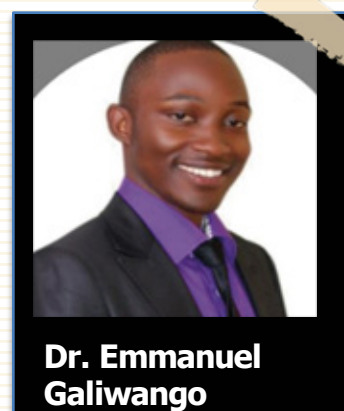
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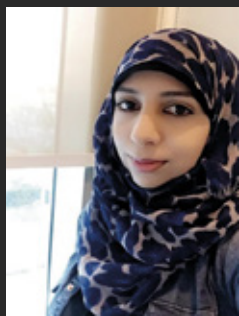
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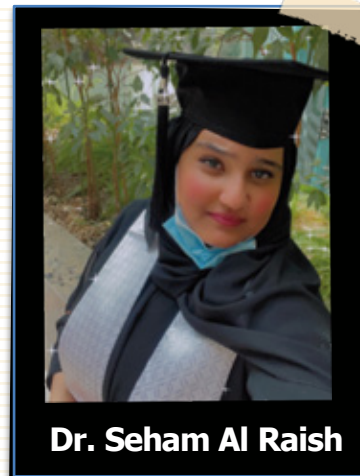


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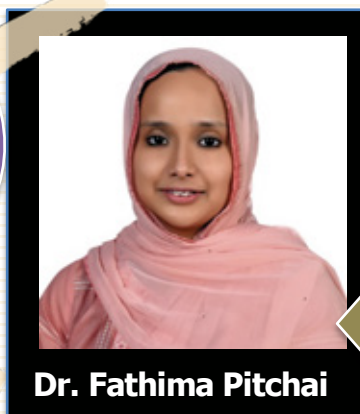
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- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Professional Accounting (MPA)
- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

Education

- Master of Education
- Master of Educational Innovation
- Doctor of Philosophy in Language and Literacy Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership and Policy Studies in Education
- Doctor of Philosophy in Special Education

Engineering

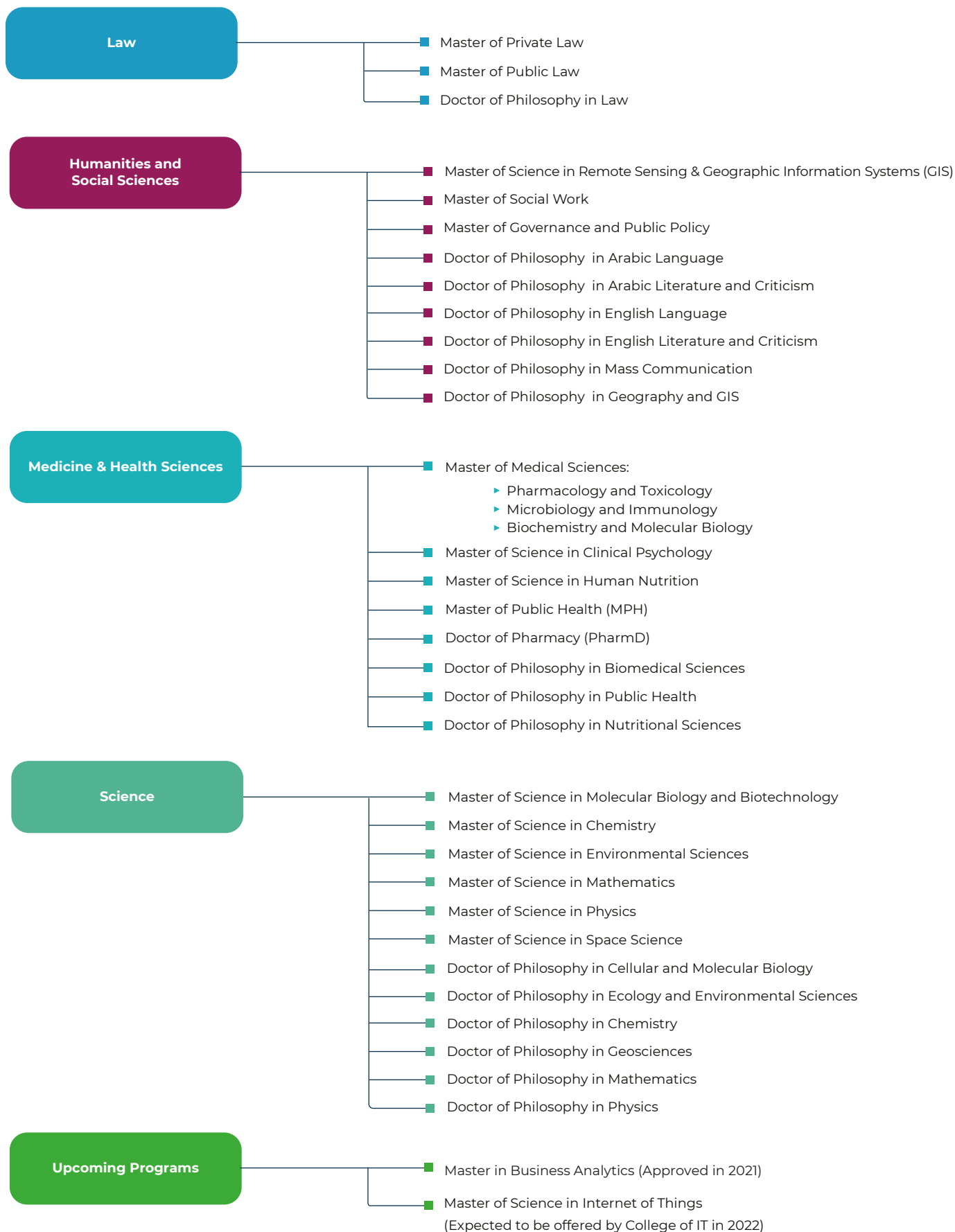
- Master of Science in Architectural Engineering
- Master of Science in Civil Engineering
- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering
- Master of Engineering Management
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
- Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering
- Master of Science in Water Resources
- Doctor of Philosophy in Architectural Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
- Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering
- Dual PhD Degree in Chemical Engineering between UAEU and KU Leuven, Belgium

Agriculture & Veterinary Medicine

- Master of Science in Horticulture
- Master of Science in Food Science
- Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture Science
- Doctor of Philosophy in Food Science and Technology

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



1. Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Students at UAEU
2. Graduate Research Assistantship (All nationalities)
3. Graduate Teaching Assistantship (All nationalities)
4. Graduate Administrative Assistantship (All nationalities)
5. Full – Ride Scholarship from Master to PhD for UAE nationals (UAEU Alumni only)
6. PhD Scholarship (All Nationalities)
7. PhD Fellowship (All Nationalities)
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9. The ICT Scholarship Program at UAEU
10. Ph.D. Studentship by the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
11. Ph.D. Scholarship by the Department of Food Science and Nutrition
12. MSc Studentships at the National Space Science and Technology Center
13. Ph.D. Scholarships by the National Space Science and Technology Center for UAE nationals
14. The Hamdan bin Rashid Scholarship Program at UAEU (Master of Educational Innovation)
15. Scholarship for MSc Space Science under Arab Space Pioneers Program
16. Ph.D. Studentship in Fog and Blockchain-based Solutions for IoT Security
17. Ph.D Position in Health Data Science & Bioinformatics
18. Ph.D. Studentship at the Department of Chemical & Petroleum Engineering
19. Ph.D. Studentship at the Department of Biology
20. Ph.D. Studentship at the Department of Mechanical Engineering
21. Ministry Of Education PhD Scholarship (UAE Nationals)



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GRADUATE STUDENT HUB



Graduate Student Hub was first launched by the College of Graduate Studies on December 6, 2018, to promote a social, interactive, and informal learning environment for graduate students. The Hub is equipped with necessary services for students such as printing, PCs, meeting equipment, books, and individual study spaces. Students can use this flexible learning space to either study or for entertainment. The Hub allows the students to have meet-ups and helps them to get their work done. Here, you can get the assistance of your fellow graduate students. Hub provides a number of services including scanning, printing, binding, etc. This is a marvelous place to meet new friends and share your ideas, knowledge, and experiences. If you are stressed, visit the HUB and enjoy the games (PlayStation, board games & cards). You can also be a part of the events & competitions throughout the semester organized by the HUB.



***Come to F3- Room 112,
We Provide Support &
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GRADUATE STUDENT HUB

This space is for Graduate Students:

- ▶ A quiet /workspace area that includes desks with computing facilities and to study.
- ▶ A comfortable area to relax between classes and have a coffee with friends or to have chit chats.
- ▶ Printing, Scanning, Binding
- ▶ Gaming (PlayStation, Board Games & Cards)
- ▶ Meeting Table to hold meetings

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GRADUATE ASSISTANT?

"We are truly honored to be a part of the CGS family to help our peers with the guidance from a number of respected and supportive mentors at CGS. Graduate assistantship at UAEU is such a blessing to enhance our skills and confidence in both academic & social life.."

Graduate Assistants



Our main responsibilities include:

- ▶ Support the functions of the Graduate Student Hub and provide assistance to other graduate students with any help they need.
- ▶ Training graduate students to use the university thesis/dissertation format, template, and guidelines. Helping students in reviewing and fixing their theses/dissertations. Give workshops for training as needed.
- ▶ Organizing social activities for students, developing a newsletter, designing flyers/brochures, editing videos, and updating CGS social media accounts.
- ▶ Support with administrative tasks such as recruitment activities, filing, statistics, supporting workshop instructors, and generating student research publication data.

Graduate education is more than what you learn in the classroom. Along with your academic work, you have to be trained for a future career. 'Graduate Assistantship' is an excellent way to gain work experience along with your studies. It is a unique opportunity one can gain at UAEU, allowing to sense the workforce & gives a financial support as well.

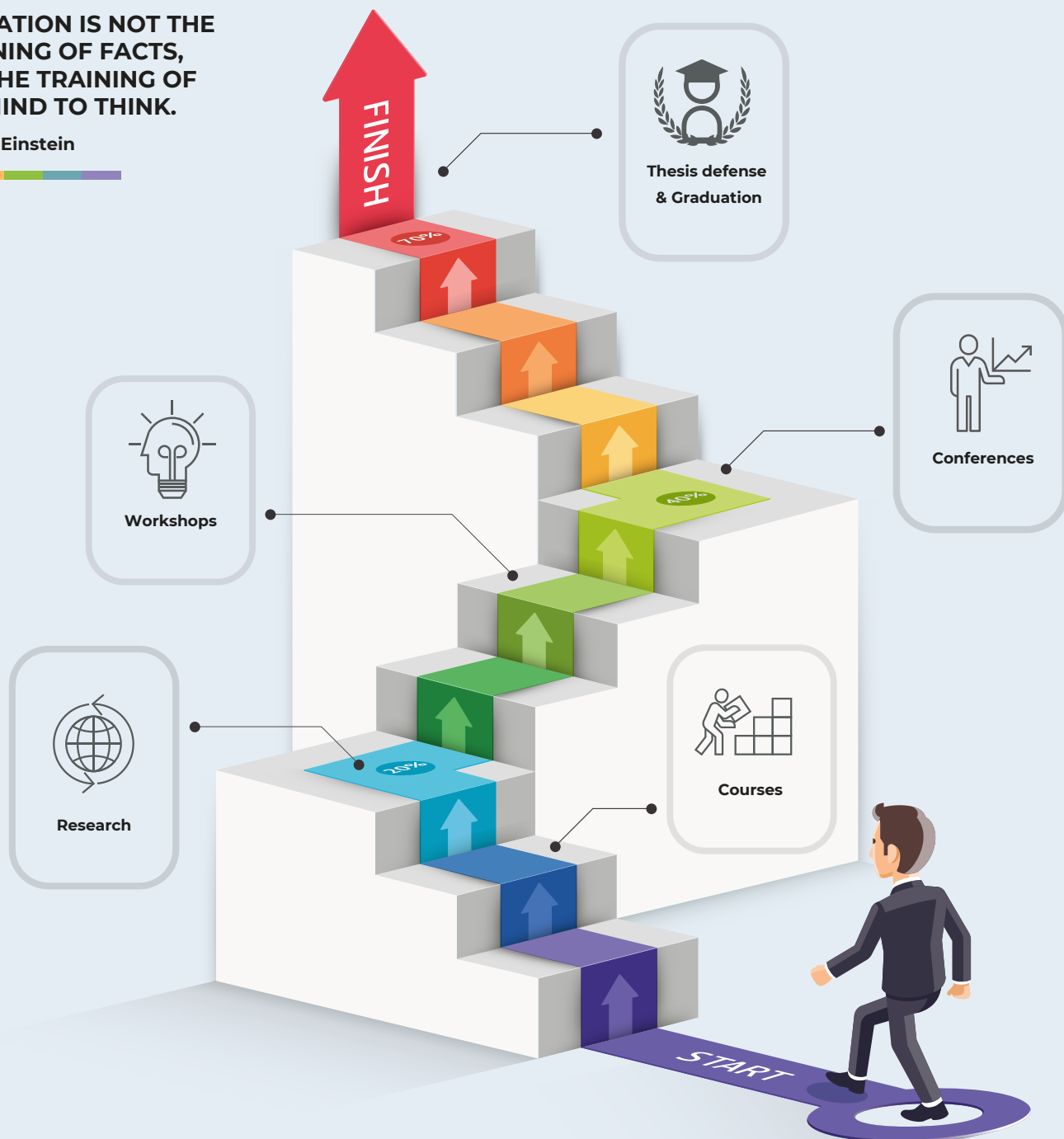
Why be a Graduate Assistant?

- ▶ Good opportunity to get work experience while pursuing graduate studies.
- ▶ Enhance the key employability skills while allowing you to experience working in a professional and fast-paced work environment.
- ▶ You are provided with a valuable network of contacts to look for references and advice.
- ▶ You get the chance to assist and learn from your fellow students in different fields.



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