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Employment History

- 1997 – 2010  **Lecturer.** Department of Computer Science, University of Peshawar
- 2010 – 2015  **Assistant Professor.** Department of Computer Science, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.
- 2015 to date  **Associate Professor.** Department of Computer Science, University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

Education

- 2006 – 2010  **Ph.D. Computer Science, Technical University of Graz, Austria**
Honors: *Ph.D with Honours*. Awarded certificate of "New Innovation"
Specialization: *Software Engineering*
- 2013  **Ph.D Follow-up Research Visit**
Ernst Mach Follow-up Grant (EZA) awarded by the Austrian Agency for International Co-operation in Education & Research (OeAD-GmbH).
- 1994 – 1996  **M.Sc. Computer Science, University of Peshawar, Pakistan**
- 1991 – 1993  **B.Sc. University of Peshawar, Pakistan.**

Teaching and Research

Teaching

Teaching undergraduate foundation and postgraduate specialization courses of Software Engineering. Undergraduate final year projects and post graduate research supervision.

Research Interests

Green and sustainable Software Engineering, Software quality, Software Architecture, Intelligent systems, Empirical Software Engineering research.


Research Activities - Software Engineering Research Group

PhD students Supervised and Graduated Currently enrolled students = 5 Graduated = 1

MS students Supervised and Graduated Currently enrolled students = 5 Graduated = 15

Research Publications

Journal Articles

-  Hayat, S., Kun, S., **Shahzad, S.**, Suwansrikham, P., Mateen, M. & Yu, Y. (n.d.). Entropy information-based heterogeneous deep selective fused features using deep convolutional neural network for sketch recognition [**Impact Factor = 1.516**]. *IET Computer Vision*, n/a(n/a), <https://ietresearch.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1049/cvi2.12019>.
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Conference Proceedings

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- 4 Nazir, S., **Shahzad, S.**, Ullah, A. & Hussaain, A. (2017). Identification and analysis of project attributes affecting the decision of requirement elicitation technique, In *1st national graduate conference*. Allama Iqbal Open University.
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