

## ATIKUL HOQUE

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### RESEARCH INTEREST

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Vegetation Remote Sensing (Optical and Radar), GIS, Timeseries analysis, Land Cover/ Land Use Change, Agriculture and Drought monitoring, Phenology

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### Graduate Research Assistant, Spatial Application Research Center (SpARC)

August 2022 – Present

Department of Geography, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

- Reviewing literature to find the appropriate remote sensing methods and sensors to map and monitor woody plant encroachment in arid and semi-arid environments.
- Leading a research team in the field to collect field spectral information and UAS imageries to calibrate and validate remote sensing data.
- Preparing an NSF-DDRI proposal entitled 'Monitoring Mesquite Encroachment with Remote Sensing' as a co-PI.
- Conducted pilot studies based on the reviewed methods and presented the initial results at AAG, Denver 2023 and SWAAG, Arkansas 2022.

#### Research Intern, German Remote Sensing Data Center

January 2022 – March 2022

German Aerospace Center (DLR), Munich, Germany

- Developed Google Earth Engine workflow to derive temporal profiles of Sentinel-2 (EVI) and Indices value across different phenology phases of wheat.
- Determined the variability of winter wheat phenology and compared the phenology development with weather and soil data.
- Processed field parcel data with Python and QGIS for input in crop-type classification.

#### Research Assistant, Geography and Environmental Studies

February 2019 – July 2020

University of Chittagong, Bangladesh

- Geospatial and climatic data acquisition, analysis and visualization.
- Acted as an instructor of 'Introduction to Remote Sensing' course for freshman year.
- Writing research reports, conducting field surveys and reviewing literature.

### ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

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#### New Mexico State University (NMSU), Las Cruces, NM

August 2022 – Present

Master of Science in Applied Geography

Relevant Courses: Advanced Remote Sensing, Cartography and GIS, Geographic Theory and Application, Integrative Research Design, Fundamentals of GIS, Southwest Environment

Grade: 3.95/ 4.0 (Semester 2/4)

#### Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), University of Twente, The Netherlands

Master of Science in Natural Resource Management

August 2020 – July 2022

Relevant Courses: GI Science and Modelling, Earth Observation, Data Integration, Systems Approach for Management of Natural Resources, From Data to Geo-Information for NRM, Earth Observation for NRM, Global Challenge Local Action, Environmental Modelling: Causes and Impacts of Changing Resources, Weather Impact Analysis, Quantitative Remote Sensing for Vegetation Parameters

Grade: 7.95/ 10 (Semester 4/4)

Thesis title: [Variability of wheat phenology from Sentinel-1 and -2 time series: a case study for Brandenburg, Germany](#)

#### University of Chittagong, Chattogram, Bangladesh

January 2015 – June 2019

Bachelor of Science in Geography and Environmental Studies

Relevant Courses: Geographic Information System, Remote Sensing and Satellite Imagery, Digital Image Processing, Digital Cartography, Geo-Statistics, Research Methodology, Application of GIS

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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Rashid, K. J., **Hoque, M. A.**, Esha, T. A., Rahman, M. A., & Paul, A. (2021). Spatiotemporal changes of vegetation and land surface temperature in the refugee camps and its surrounding areas of Bangladesh after the Rohingya influx from Myanmar. *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, 23, 3562-3577. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-020-00733-x>

**Hoque, M.A.**, Schlund, M., Vrieling, A. Spatial and temporal variability of winter wheat phenology from Sentinel-1 and -2 time series. Forthcoming.

**Hoque, M.A.**, Buenemann, M. (2023). Monitoring changes of Rangeland vegetation with remote sensing (AAG conference, Denver 2023).

**Hoque, M.A.**, Ransom, A., Buenemann, M., Reichenborn, M. (2022). Use of Remote Sensing for monitoring Rangeland Vegetation Changes following herbicide treatment (Poster presentation, SWAAG conference, Arkansas 2022).

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP

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- SWAAG Student Summer Research Scholarship 2023 (April 2023)
- Spring/Summer 2023 College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Travel Grant award (March, 2023)
- NMSU Department of Geography and Environmental Studies Travel Grant award (March, 2023)
- NMSU Grad Success Scholarship (Fall 2022 & Spring 2023).
- Erasmus Mobility Exchange Fund to do internship in Germany (December 2021).
- Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP) Scholarship from Dutch Government (June 2020)
- ITC Excellence Scholarship from Faculty ITC, The Netherlands (June 2020)
- National Science and Technology (NST) Government of Bangladesh Award 2020 for research proposal (May 2020).

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Programming Languages: R, Python
- Remote Sensing: Google Earth Engine, ENVI, SNAP, eCognition, FRAGSTATS, TIMESAT
- GIS: QGIS, ArcGIS (Pro, Desktop and online)
- R packages: dplyr, tidyr, raster, sf, greenbrown, ggplot2

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

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| ▪ Kappa Xi Gamma Theta Upsilon (NMSU Chapter) – Secretary          | 2022 - Present |
| ▪ American Association of Geographers – Graduate Member            | 2022 – Present |
| ▪ Geography Graduate Student Organization (NMSU) – Graduate Member | 2022 – Present |
| ▪ Chittagong University Scientific Society – Founding Member       | 2018 - Present |
| ▪ Bangladesh Geographical Society – Member                         | 2018 - 2020    |

## COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

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- Taught students of grade 9 & 10 and prepared them for entrance exam of top-tiered high schools in Bangladesh
- Co-founder of an Environmental awareness organization called 'National Environmental Awareness and Restoration (NEAR). Organized several workshops and poster competitions.
- Organized 'GIS Day' program through the undergraduate study (2016 – 2019).