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Personal Details

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Education

• <u>Doctor of Philosophy - Scientia PhD</u>, Transport and Road Safety (TARS) Research, School of Aviation, University of New South Wales, Australia

Degree tenure: 2018-2022 (Under review)

• M.Sc. in Advanced Research, School of Agricultural, Computational and Environmental Sciences, University of Southern Queensland, Australia

Degree tenure: 2016-2017, Result: CGPA 7.00/7.00

M.Sc. in Applied Statistics, Institute of Statistical Research & Training, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
 Degree tenure: 2014-2015, Result: CGPA 3.62/4.00

• B.Sc. in Applied Statistics, Institute of Statistical Research & Training, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh Degree tenure: 2010-2014, Result: CGPA 3.60/4.00

Skills

- Data Management & Analysis Completed four years of Bachelor, one year of course-based Masters totaling 170 credits, and two years research Masters, which included the materials on managing and analyzing data, both theoretical and practical.
- <u>Technical</u> Adept in using R, Python, STATA & SPSS. Efficient in using LaTeX, Adobe Creative Cloud & MS applications.
- <u>Verbal</u> Debated in numerous tournaments across Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, and India. Various research projects were presented and defended in conferences. Completed certified courses at AGSM UNSW Business school and National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) on presentation.
- English Language Proficiency IELTS Score: 8.5 (Listening 9.0, Reading 9.0, Writing 7.5, Speaking 7.5).

Experience

Office

• Senior Data Analyst at Epidemiology and Surveillance, Public Health Response Branch at NSW Health, NSW Health, Sydney, Australia

Duration: 03/2022 to present

 Research Biostatistician at The Clinical Research Centre, Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health, Sydney, Australia

Duration: 03/2021 to present

• Research Officer - Biostatistician at The Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Duration: 10/2019 to 10/2020

• Research Assistant (Statistician) and Sessional Lecturer at The Department of Health Science and Biostatistics, Swinburne University, Melbourne, Australia

Duration: 05/2018 to present

- <u>Chair</u> of Young Statistical Network, Statistical Society of Australia (SSA), Belconnen ACT 2616, Australia Duration: 12/2016 to 03/2020
- Academic Tutor & Routine Marker at University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, QLD Duration: Semester 1, 2016 to Semester 3, 2017
- Research Associate (part-time) at BAPSA (Bangladesh Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion)

Duration: 12/2014 to 10/2015

• Statistical Officer (part-time) at icddr,b (International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh)

Duration: 12/2014 to 12/2015

Academic Papers

- Polašek, O., Wazny, K., Adeloye, D., Song, P., Chan, K.Y., Bojude, D.A., Ali, S., Bastien, S., Becerra-Posada, F., Borrescio-Higa, F., Biswas, R.K. et al, 2022. Research priorities to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in low-and middle-income countries. *Journal of Global Health*, 12.
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- Afiaz, A. and Biswas, R.K., 2021. Awareness on menstrual hygiene management in Bangladesh and the possibilities of media interventions: using a nationwide cross-sectional survey. *BMJ open*, 11(4), p.e042134.
- Biswas, R.K., Friswell, R., Olivier, J., Williamson, A. and Senserrick, T., 2021. A systematic review of definitions of motor vehicle headways in driver behaviour and performance studies. *Transportation research part F: traffic psychology and behaviour*, 77, pp.38-54.
- Bhowmik, J., Biswas, R.K. and Hossain, S., 2021. Child marriage and adolescent motherhood: a nationwide vulnerability for women in Bangladesh. *International journal of environmental research and public health*, 18(8), p.4030.
- Irteja, I.M., Biswas, R.K. and Rasheda, K., 2020. Effect of internet use and electronic game-play on academic performance of Australian children. *Scientific Reports*, 10(1).
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- Bhowmik, LBD Double Burden of Malnutrition Collaborators, 2020. Mapping local patterns of childhood overweight and wasting in low-and middle-income countries between 2000 and 2017. *Nature medicine*, 26(5), p.750.
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- Biswas, R.K., Kabir, E. and Khan, H.T., 2019. Causes of Urban Migration in Bangladesh: Evidence from the Urban Health Survey. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 1-22.
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Conferences

• Second International Conference on Theory and Application of Statistics, 2015 organized by Dhaka University Statistics Department Alumni Association (DUSDAA)

Date: 27-29 December, 2015 Venue: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Australian Statistical Conference 2016 organized by Statistical Society of Australia (SSA)

Date: 5-9 December, 2016 Venue: Canberra, Australia

• <u>Science Meets Parliament</u> organized by Science & Technology Australia (STA) - attended as a delegate of Statistical Society of Australia (SSA)

Date: 21-22 March, 2017 Venue: Canberra, Australia

 Young Statisticians Conference 2017 organized by Young Statistician Network under Statistical Society of Australia (SSA) - YSC2017 Video Competition Convener and YSC2017 Organizing Committee member

Date: 26-27 September, 2017 Venue: Gold Coast, QLD, Australia

• Australasian Road Safety Conference 2018 organized by The Australasian College of Road Safety (ACRS) - attended as a delegate of Transport and Road Safety (TARS) Research Centre

Date: 3-5 October, 2018 Venue: Sydney, NSW, Australia

• 8th International Symposium on Naturalistic Driving Research (NDRS 2019) organized by The Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) - attended as a delegate of Transport and Road Safety (TARS) Research Centre

Date: 13-14 August, 2019 Venue: Melbourne, VIC, Australia

• Applied Statistics and Policy Analysis Conference, 2019 organized by The Data Science Research Unit (DSRU) at Charles Sturt University - won Best Paper on Policy award including travel grant.

Date: 05-06 September, 2019 Venue: Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia

Opinions and Perspectives

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Referees

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I donate blood regularly and play violin occasionally.

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