

Zahid Asghar

PROFESSOR · EX-DIRECTOR, SOE, QAU · EX-REGISTRAR, QAU

School of Economics

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Experience

Faculty Member

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

1994 - to-date

Registrar

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2020 - 2021

- Administration, developing HRM and improving governance and functioning of the university and liaising with other institutions and government organizations

Director, School of Economics

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2019- 2022

- Academic Programs, Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, MPhil/PhD Research activities

Chairman, Department of Statistics

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2017- 2019

- Academic Programs, Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, MPhil/PhD Research activities

Provost

Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2017- 2018

- Supervision of Managing Boys Hostels (4000+ students) with 1000+ rooms, staff and other matters

Professor

School of Economics

2018 - Present

- Working as a researcher, quant analyst, economic modeling, data visualization and development economics

Chairman

Medical Center Unit, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad

2022- to-date

- Supervision of Medical Center having two ambulances, 4 medical doctors and paramedical staff, 24/7 taking care of students/employees/locals

Senior Faculty

NIBAF, State Bank of Pakistan

2011 - 2013

- Working as a researcher, quant analyst, economic modeling, data visualization and development economics

Visiting Consultant

Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

2009, 2010 (8 months)

Member

Senate

PIDE, Islamabad

2007-2013

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Leadership in Development and Environment (LEAD), Pakistan

2016-17

Member of various Technical Committees of PBS

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad

2012 - Present

Research Advisory Council

Research for Social Transformation and Advancement (RASTA)

2021 - Present

Board of faculty, Editorial Boards of Research Journals

IIIE, IIUI, Riphah International University

Projects

Consultant, Ministry of IT for Projections of Freelancers Earnings

QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENT, ANALYSIS AND PROJECTIONS

2020-2021

Data Analysis of Tax on Services Sector 2012-2022 of Punjab

SCENARIO ANALYSIS

2021-22

Data Analysis Consultant, Ministry of IT for Projections of Freelancers Earnings

QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENT, ANALYSIS AND PROJECTIONS

2019-2020

Data Requirements for the SDGs

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH

2017-2018

Biases in CPI

2007-2008

Skills

Languages R, STATA, Python, Excel, EVIEWS, Tableau

Languages Urdu, English

Programs Quarto, Word, Powerpoint

Education

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

PHD IN ECONOMICS

Islamabad, Pakistan

September 2002 - July 2007

Bahauddin Zakaraya University

MSC IN STATISTICS

Multan, Pakistan

October 1990 - January 1993

Selected Publications

Published in journals: Economics Bulletin, Journal of South Asian Development, Physica, PlosOne, Communications in Statistics, and in national journals like Pakistan Development Review, Lahore Journal of Economics among others. I have published in a variety of areas: forecasting, development economics, food security, women empowerment, big data, machine learning, macroeconometrics and related areas.

- Shah, S.S., Asghar, Z. Individual attitudes towards environmentally friendly choices: a comprehensive analysis of the role of legal rules, religion, and confidence in government. J Environ Stud Sci (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-024-00913-5>
- Ijaz, M. Gul, A. & Asghar, Z. (2024) A feature selection method for classification based on ensemble of penalized logistic models, Communications in Statistics - Simulation and Computation Volume 53, 2024, Pages 1285-1297 <https://doi.org/10.1080/03610918.2022.2044054>
- Shah, S. S., & Asghar, Z. (2023). Dynamics of social influence on consumption choices: A social network representation. Heliyon, 9(6), e17146. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2023.e17146>
- Hayat Shahid, A. U., & Asghar, Z. (2023). Impact of seasonal level shift (SLS) on time series forecasting. Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting.
- Noor, A., Asghar, Z., Sarwar, H., & Arfeen, I. (2021). ROLE OF THE ICT IN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND ACHIEVING SDGS: A CASE STUDY OF WOMEN LABOR FORCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. Etikonomi, 2(20), 339–348.
- Asif, M., Hussain, Z., Asghar, Z., Hussain, M. I., Raftab, M., Shah, S. F., & Khan, A. A. (2021). Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and Its Applications, 581, 126–198.
- Shabnam, N., Santeramo, F. G., Asghar, Z., & Secca, A. S. A. (2016). The impact of food price crises on the demand for nutrients in Pakistan. Journal of South Asian Development, 3(11), 305–327
- Asghar, Z., & Zahra, M. (2012). A Benefit Incidence Analysis of Public Spending on Education in Pakistan Using PSLM Data. The Lahore Journal of Economics, 17(2)
- Asghar, Z., & Khalid, M. (2008). Biases in Consumer Price Index Methodology in Pakistan: Suggestions for Improvements. The Pakistan Development Review, 47(4), 267–285.

Complete list: <https://scholar.google.com.pk/citations?user=ObUvhnsAAAAJ&hl=en>

Personal website: <https://zahedasghar.netlify.app/>

Print Media

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- <https://www.thenews.com.pk/writer/zahid-asghar>
- <https://dailytimes.com.pk/writer/zahid-asghar/>

Selected Trainings

I have been conducting regular trainings on cutting edge empirical tools in various organisations for last 2 decades.

- Using AI in economic policy making (Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission Economists) Sep-24, 2024
- Program/Impact Evaluation Tools in Practice, 8-weeks (3 iterations), Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad
- Data Analysis Using STATA and R under UNICEF, 11-13, November 2023, Lahore
- QnQ Analysis for HSF Fellows, 03 August, 2023, Islamabad
- Revenue Forecasting for KP Revenue Authority, 26-30 September, 2022 USAID/SDPI

Research Supervision

- 8 PhD produced, 2 under supervision
- Supervised more than 60 MPhil students in their research

References

- Prof. Dr. Asad Zaman (Ex-VC, PIDE, Islamabad)
- Dr. Rehana Siddiqi (Ex-Joint Director, PIDE, Islamabad)
- Dr. M. Ather Maqsood (Ex-Member CBR, Ex-Professor NUST, Islamabad)