Hello, I'm Mahrukh, a scholar with a dual master's background in Political Science and Communication Studies. I graduated with the highest graduate Honor at UNC Charlotte serving as the Bell Ringer for my graduation ceremony. My academic journey has been a dynamic exploration of the interplay between politics and communication, touching on themes such as political communication, global politics, women's representation in legislation, Political Satire as a mode of resistance, and comparative politics.

Hailing from the vibrant and multicultural city of Lahore, Pakistan, I carry a special affinity for cross-cultural exchanges and nurturing cultural diversity. My commitment to fostering cultural ties has led me to represent Pakistan as a

cultural ambassador through the DAAD program in Germany. I was also fortunate to represent UNC Charlotte at platforms like TEDx, Reverse Diversity Panel, National Communication Association Conference, and more.

Within my academic community, I proudly served as the President of two graduate student associations: the Communication Studies Graduate Students Association (CSGSA) and Expanding Your Horizons. I was also awarded a fellowship at the Center for Graduate Life and Learning. I believe these roles reflect my dedication to supporting fellow students in their academic pursuits.

Beyond academia, I am an active advocate for food equity and religious freedom in Charlotte, which I now call home. I successfully pioneered the movement to bring Halal food on campus and initiated a project with the Diversity Office to have ablution stations built on campus for Muslim students. I believe in the power of knowledge, communication, and activism to drive positive change in our world.