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Pakistani-Canadian national | UAE Golden Visa holder

EDUCATION

American University of Sharjah (AUS)

Sharjah, UAE

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Expected 2026

• **CGPA:** 3.67 / 4.0

- **Honors:** 4x Dean's List Scholarship, 2x Chancellor's List Scholarship, Academic Distinction Scholarship
- Chancellor's List Bronze and Silver Medal

WORK EXPERIENCE

Writing Center Tutor

Sharjah, UAE

AUS Writing Center (WC)

2024-Present

- Provide one-on-one assistance with various aspects of writing
- Class presenter and library workshop host
- Interviewed WC directors and staff at country-wide institutions as part of WC-centered research

Teaching Assistant Sharjah, UAE

College of Engineering

2024–Present

- Assisted students in understanding and troubleshooting data structures and algorithms in a 300-level Computer Science lab
- Developed and evaluated assignments for a 200-level Assembly-based Computer Engineering course

Peer Leader Sharjah, UAE

Student Leadership Program

Aug 2024

• Guided a group of first-year university students through their orientation week and first year

Freelance Generative Artist

Dubai, UAE

Computer-generated generative artwork with JavaScript programming

2022-2023

- Sold 700+ editions of 25 designs in first year
- Used Processing-based library to visualize mathematical models

Audit Preparation Team Member

Dubai, UAE

Al Dar Eastern Trading L.L.C.

December 2023

• Prepared business for a comprehensive audit by gathering and organizing all requisite documentation for compliance and readiness

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Board MemberOpen-Source Club
Sharjah, UAE
2023-Present

• Planned and hosted events including workshops on technical concepts, like backend development and creative coding, and a university-wide programming competition

• Collaborated with external organizations for events

Community Service Volunteer

Sharjah, UAE

Office of Student Affairs

March 2024

• Created packages for distribution to workers during Ramadan

International Exchange Student Guide

Sharjah, UAE

The Steven's Initiative

Sep - Dec 2023

- Worked synchronously and asynchronously with international students in virtual exchange program
- Interviewed sustainable city project managers in Dubai
- Guided international visitors during stay and COP28 visit

Green Living Learning Community (GLLC) Climate Ambassador

Sharjah, UAE Sep - Dec 2023

AUS Student Residential Life Department (SRLD)

- Participated in activities by field experts in sustainability
- Presented research to sustainability experts and university administration

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PROJECTS

Dataset Classification Sep - Dec 2023

Python

- Created numerical and graphical summaries of provided datasets using Matplotlib and Seaborn
- Conducted data normalization, splitting and classification using scikit-learn, NumPy and pandas

Virtual Reality (VR) Gaming Application

Dec 2019 - Jan 2020

C#

- Designed, developed and deployed a gaming application for Oculus 2 using Oculus SDK for the Unity game engine
- Translated gyroscopic movements into responsive code that captures and reflects user movements in the VR application
- Implemented error-handling mechanisms to maintain performance stability during complex motion tracking processes

PC Gaming Application

November 2019

C#

- Designed, developed and deployed a gaming application for PCs using the Unity game engine
- Leveraged both 2D and 3D mechanisms for UI and gameplay, respectively

ACHIEVEMENTS

AUS First-Year Reader

Sharjah, UAE

December 2023

Academic critique published as student sample

AUS School Computing Competition

Dubai, UAE

First place in Track 3: Mobile App Development

February 2022

- Designed, developed and built a mobile gaming application in C# using Unity game engine
- Incorporated principles of sustainable development to educate primary school students
- Studied impact of the application on primary school childrens' understanding

TECHNICAL SKILLS

JavaScriptSQLLogisimPythonJavaCisco Packet TracerC++MATLABAdobe SuiteC#OracleG SuiteREclipseMicrosoft Suite

x86 Assembly Apache Netbeans

LANGUAGES

English - Fluent

Urdu - Fluent

French - Elementary proficiency