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2004



Scientific & Professional Career									
2025	International Experts to Forestry College, Northwest A&F University								
2023	AvH Follow up, program, Rhine-Waal University Kleve Germany								
2023	Professor (Tenured) in Agronomy, University of Agriculture-Peshawar, Pakistan								
2019	Postdoc, AvH, Kiel University Germany								
2018	Associate Professor in Agronomy, University of Agriculture-Peshawar, Pakistan								
2014	Post doc fellow of Alexander von Humboldt, University of Gottingen Germany								
2011	Postdoc as Endeavour Fellow, UWA- Australia								
2010	Assistant Professor in Agronomy, University of Agriculture-Peshawar, Pakistan								
2009	PhD, Agronomy, Pakistan								
2008	Lecturer in Agronomy, University of Agriculture-Peshawar, Pakistan								
2007	Research Certificate, Bangor-UK								
2004	MSc (Hons), Agronomy, Pakistan								
2002	BSc (Hons), Agronomy, Pakistan								

Expertise

Sustainable crop production, Ecosystem sustainability, Soil degradation/stabilization, C and N cycles, C sequestration, Biogeochemistry, Nutrient mobilization, Plant-soil-microbe interactions, Waste management, devising cropping management/systems for diverse areas, Predicting the effects of environmental changes on the crop productivity, Applied statistics and Crop growth modelling.

Research Projects

Leading Scientist: One (Rs. 7.6 million, HEC)

Co-leading: two (Rs. 4.65 million, ILRI-CGIAR & PARC-Pakistan)

Editorial Boards Membership

<u>Sarhad Journal of Agriculture</u> (Associate Editor) <u>Annals of Biological Sciences</u> (Editor)

20252.018	Bonn International Award for collaboration with Prof. Thomas Döring, Germany Best Reviewer of the year from Int. J. of Agric. & Env. Sci. of AWKUM, Pakistan
2014	Alexander von Humboldt Award by AvH foundation for postdoc studies
2011	Australia Endeavour Award by Ministry of Science, Australia for postdoc studies
2010	Network Sponsorship award by British Council for Research Network workshop
2010	Erasmus Mound, Irland (2010) award for funding for Research Presentation in Nepal
2007	Research Sponsorship by HEC, Pakistan as IRSIP program for UK
2005	Indigenous PhD. Fellowship award by HEC

Research Publication & Citation

Patent (filed): Hydrochar for soil ferity & maize productivity

Silver Medal in M.Sc. (Hons) for the session

<u>Impact factor:</u> 66 (Impact points =247.2) <u>Non-impact factor</u>: 37 & Conference: 9

Total citation: 3447, H-index = 31

Reviewer's Services > 500

Graduate Advisory (Main supervisor only)

5 Ph D finished (2 ongoing)

31 MSc finished (11 ongoing)

28 B. Sc finished (15 ongoing)

Leading of Advanced Teaching Courses

2 Training for Production Technology of crops

7 Statistical analysis and design

4 Tools for references and citation

5 Member organizing committee of conferences

Participated in training/workshops

15 National

3 International

National and international Awards















Full Length Curriculum Vitae

Prof. Dr. Ahmad Khan (Tenured)

PhD - 2009 (Pakistan + 6 months IRSIP, University of Bangor UK)

Postdoc – 2011 (University of Western Australia, Endeavour Fellow)

Postdoc – 2015(Georg August University Gottingen, Germany-Humboldt Fellow)

Postdoc – 2019 (University of Kiel, Germany-Humboldt Fellow-follow up)

Postdoc – 2023 (Rhine-wall University, Kleve Germany-Humboldt Fellow-follow up)

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Academic awards & Sponsorships

International Experts to Forestry College, Northwest A&F University

Invited by Prof. Dr. Pan Wan to the Forestry College as an International expert for 22 days between 7 to 28 September 2025

Bonn International Fellowship Award-2025

Awarded with the prestigious Bonn International Award-2025 for a 12-day research collaboration with Prof. Thomas Döring at Bonn University, Germany

Best Reviewer of the year (2018)

Presented by International J. of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences (IJAER) published by the Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, Pakistan

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship Award -2014

Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) Fellow at Georg August University, Göttingen, Büsgenweg 2, 37077 Göttingen, Germany for Postdoc under the supervision of Prof. Yakov Kuzyakov.

Australia Endeavour Award -2011

Endeavour Fellow at School of Earth and Environment, The University of Western Australia, Perth for Postdoc studies under the supervision Prof. Mark Tibbett.

Funding for Research Network workshop-2010

Received Rs. 166,400/- from HEC & British Council under INSPIRE Program,

for development of sustainable and collaborative Research Network workshop.

Erasmus Mound Program for Research Presentation Funding -2010

Presentation of research papers in Int. conferences: Nepal-2010 funded by Erasmus Mound Program, University Dublin College, Ireland.

Int. Research Support Initiative Program of HEC-2007

Six months research fellowship from University of Bangor, UK under the supervision of Dr. Philip Hollington to pursue a part of Ph. D research funded by HEC

Indigenous PhD. Fellowship by HEC-2005

Full funding for PhD studies by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

Silver medal in M.Sc. (Hons)-2004

Received silver medal on obtaining 2nd position among all the MSc (Hons) students for the session 2003-2004

Area of specialty

Sustainable crop production through soil–plant–microbial interactions and C & N cycling for climate-resilient agriculture













Research focus/Interest

My research focuses on sustainable crop production by unraveling soil organic matter dynamics, nutrient cycling, and plant—soil—microbe interactions. I integrate manure/residue and waste management, isotopic tracing, and crop modeling to improve soil quality, enhance carbon and nitrogen sequestration, and develop climate-resilient agronomic practices for diverse cropping systems.

SPECIFIC SKILLS

- Quantitative and modeling expertise: Advanced experience with statistical software (R, SPSS, Statistica, Statistix, Minitab, SigmaPlot) for data analysis and visualization. Skilled in crop and climate modeling (DSSAT) and meta-analytical approaches for evaluating soil and crop responses.
- **Field and laboratory research:** Strong background in designing and managing long-term field experiments on sustainable crop production, residue management, and tillage. Laboratory expertise in soil fertility assessment, nutrient transformation processes, isotopic tracing (¹³C/¹⁵N), and carbon–nitrogen cycling.
- Teaching and Supervision: Sixteen years of teaching agronomy-related courses at undergraduate, MSc, and PhD levels. Supervised over 30 Master's and 5 PhD students, with focus on soil—plant—microbe interactions, carbon sequestration, and sustainable agronomic practices.
- Research leadership and Outreach: Experience as PI and Co-PI on national and international projects. Organized workshops, conferences, and field days to connect researchers, students, and farmers, emphasizing participatory approaches to sustainable crop production and climate resilience.

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Total teaching Experience up to 20/08/2024 = 16 years, 4 months & 12 days
- Working as full Professor (Tenured) in the Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar since May 19, 2023.
- Worked as Associate Professor (Tenured) in the Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar since November 22, 2018 till May 18, 2023.
- Worked as Assistant Professor (TTS) in the Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar since December 29, 2009 till November 21, 2018.
- Worked as lecturer (BS-18) in the Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar since March 8, 2008 to December 28, 2009.
- Worked as Research fellow for 16-months (Feb., 2003-June, 2005) in "Pak-China collaborative research Project on enhancing wheat productivity under rainfed conditions (16-410)"

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

 Worked as Assistant Warden Since October 7, 2010 to May 1, 2011 in hostel No. 7, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University Peshawar

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Certificate/	Date	Marks	%	Grade Subjects		Institute	
Degree	obtained		marks		•		
Post-doc	12/09/2023	-	-	-	Soil Sci. &	Rhinewall University of	
(3 months)	12/09/2023				Plant Nutr.	Applied Sci. Kleve Germany	
Post-doc	07/09/2019	-	-	-	Plant Nutr.	University of Kiel, Germany	
(3 months)	07/09/2019				& Soil Sci.		
Post-doc	09/10/2015	-	-	-	Agric. Soil	Georg August Uni.,	
(16 months)	09/10/2013				Sci.	Goettingen Germany	













Post-doc (6-months)	1/11/2011	-	-	-	Earth & Environmen t	The Uni. of Western Australia, Perth
PhD	25/6/2009	CGPA 3.89/4.00	88.83	Α	Agronomy	The Uni. of Agriculture Peshawar
M. Sc (Hons)	11/12/2004	CGPA 4.00/4.00	95.55	A+	Agronomy	The Uni. of Agriculture Peshawar
B. Sc (Hons)	13/1/2003	CGPA 3.80/4.00	86.16	Α	Agronomy	The Uni. of Agriculture Peshawar
F. Sc	1998	751/1100	68.27	В	Pre-medical	PG Jehanzeb College Swat
SSC	1996	624/850	73.73	Α	Science	GHS Asbanr Dir

PROJECTS

S. No.	Title	Role	Funds Rs. (million)	Duration	Donor	Status
1	Building soil organic matter using integrated nutrients management approach for improving cereal productivity, nitrogen dynamics and Carbon budget	PI	7.67	Nov, 16 to Nov, 19	HEC, Pakistan	Completed
2	Exploiting the genetic diversity of traditional and novel cultivars/germplasm of wheat to optimize the nutritional value of wheat forage for ruminant livestock in Pakistan	Co-PI	1.1523	March, 2017 to January, 2018	AIP-ILRI	Completed
3	Optimizing the nutritive values of maize silages in relation to diary cow performance and milk quality	Co-PI	3.499	July 19 to July 21	ALP, PARC	Completed

STUDENT SUPERVISED

	Ph D		M. Se	c (Hons)	B. Sc (Hons)	
	Degree	Under	Degree	Under	Degree	Under
	awarded	supervision	awarded	supervision	awarded	supervision
Major supervisor	5	2	31	11	28	15
Member supervisory committee	4	5	33	18	-	-

Publications

H Index (5 years): 25, H Index (total): 31, Total Citation: 3447

Total Impact factors publications: 66
Total non-IF publications: 37
Conference/proceedings: 09













INVITED AS INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TALKS

- May 2025, Department of Agroecology and Organic Farming, The University of Bonn, Germany talk "From data to decisions: advanced statistical visualization of agronomic insights for sustainable soil health in integrated organic and inorganic farming" on 14-05-2025.
- September 2025, Xiaolongshan Forestry Protection Center, talk "Bridging agriculture and forestry: collaborative research for sustainable land management and biodiversity conservation" on 12-09-2025
- September 2025, Forestry College, Northwest A & F University, Yangling Xi'an, China "Statistical visualization of data for understanding soil ecosystem functionality and plant production in Agroforestry system" on 22-09-2025

RESOURCE PERSON IN A TRAINING/WORKSHOP

- Invited International Keynote Speaker for "International symposium on genetic breeding and cultivation technology for integration of industry, education, research and application" held on 1-4 December 2023 at Guangxi University China.
- Resources person talks on Weed management in Chickpea" in a training organized by Department of Weed Sciences, the University of Agriculture Peshawar on 26/01/2023.
- Participated and help in organizing a training "practical demonstration of Kubota Rice Transplanter" jointly organized by Department of Agronomy and Meskay & Femtee trading Company on July 27, 2022
- Worked as a keynote speaker at 1st International Conference on "Innovations in Agriculture to Ensure Global Food Security Theme: Threats to Agriculture Being Faced by Climate Change (November 10, 2021) hosted by The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB), Punjab, PAKISTAN
- Worked as a Resource Person and delivered training to Researchers and students on Research Tools & Technique: Citation Management, using EndNote" Organized by Dr. Kawsur Ali, funded by UNDP at the Department of Agriculture, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan Pakistan. April 4-5, 2019
- Worked as a Resource Person and delivered training to Researchers and students on Data validation, analysis and statistical techniques, in a workshop "Integration of ICT in Agriculture and Applied Research" organized by Colleagues, the University of Agriculture, Peshawar Pakistan on February 21, 2019.
- Worked as a Resource Person and delivered training to Researchers and students on Research Tools & Technique: Citation Management, using EndNote" Organized by Dr. Noreen Asim, December 6, 2017 at IBJE, the University of Agriculture Peshawar Pakistan
- Worked as Resource person in a training "How to write a worth publishing research paper" organized by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Arif, October 18-19, 2017 at the University of Agriculutre Peshawar and PASTIC
- Invited Speaker in a two-days international conference "Innovations in Agriculture" organized by IBGE and Agronomy, The University of Agriculture Peshawar, 28-29 March 2017
- Worked as a Resource Person and delivered training to Teachers, and researchers on "advanced statistical technique" in a training organized by AUTA, UoA, Peshawar on February 6, 2014.
- Worked as a Resource Person and delivered training to teachers, researchers and students on "literature citation using Endnote software, making graphs and table" in a training organized by AUTA, UoA, and Peshawar on March 3-4, 2014.

Workshop organized as a member

• Contributed significantly in organizing a two days national conference on "Beneficial microbes and sustainable crop production" held on February 19 -20, 2020 at the Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar, as organizing committee member













- Contributed significantly in organizing a two days national conference on "Strategies for Ensuring Food Security in the Changing Climate" held on October 23 -24, 2019 at the Department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar, as organizing committee member
- Significantly contributed in organizing a one-day workshop "How to write a wining Research Proposal" on 26 December, 2018 at The University of Agriculture Peshawar
- Significantly contributed in organizing a three days international conference "Biofortificatio of staple foods crops" on 24-26 September, 2018 at the department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture Peshawar
- Significantly contributed in organizing a two days national conference "Climactic Smart Agriculture and Crop Modeling" on 18-19 April, 2018 at the department of Agronomy, The University of Agriculture Peshawar













WORKSHOP ATTENDED AND TRAINING RECEIVED

- 1. **Participation:** A course on "the use of Isotope Methods in Soil Research" from 23.2.-27.2.2015 with 3 Credits" at Georg August University, Germany
- 2. **Training Course:** Successfully completed a training course on "Terrestrial Carbon Accounting for REDD+" organized by PFI, Peshawar from 22 to 25 November 2016.
- 3. Participation: Training on crop modeling and climatic change for 3 days (4 to 6 June, 2013), organized by Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture Faisalabad.
- 4. **Participation:** Applied Quantitative Techniques and data analysis for Researchers using SPSS 20 and Amoze V. 20. The Uni. of Agric. Peshawar (24-25 February, 2012)
- 5. **Participation:** International Symposium on Institutional Linkages for Agricultural Development in Pakistan. Organized by HEC and The Uni. of Agric. Peshawar, (Dec. 20-21, 2010).
- 6. **Participation:** In "Talented Research Exchange cascading workshop" organized by British Council at Higher Education Commission Pakistan 17-18 June 2010
- 7. **Participation:** Two days workshop on "Project Management" organized by Director, P & D, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar, 2-3 April, 2010.
- 8. **Training:** Obtained a formal training on "CN analyzer elementar' at the department of Agronomy, The Uni. of Agric. Peshawar, February 27 to March 4, 2010.
- 9. **Participation:** Research reports writing and presentation in plant sciences" The Uni. of Agric. Peshawar (10th to 15 March 2008)
- 10. **Participation:** Six days conference "Response to Challenges of Globalization in Agriculture" arranged by AUTA between 2nd and 7th July, 2008 at Peshawar Summer Camp, Bara Gali.
- 11. **Training:** Nuclear and other Advanced Techniques in Food and Agricultural Research" NIFA Peshawar (4th to 15th December, 2006)
- 12. **Participation:** 2nd international workshop on Agriculture Research and Methodology" British Council, HEC (May, 2005)
- 13. **Participation:** Sustainable Agriculture, Development in NWFP" Organized by Director Outreach, 25-26 June, 2003 at Directorate of Outreach, Agricultural Research System, Agricultural University Peshawar.
- 14. **Participation:** Seed Production Technology, Organized by Director Outreach, 28th June, 2003 at Directorate of Outreach, Agricultural Research System, Agricultural University Peshawar.

Membership of the societies

- Weed Science society, Soil Science Society & Agronomy society of Pakistan
- Australian Society of Agronomy (2017-2019)
- International member of Centre for Environment and Economic Development, South Asian Region

Journal Editorial and manuscript reviewing services

Reviewed manuscript for Science of total Environment, Soil Science Society (USA), Agronomy Journal (USA), Soil and Tillage Research, Clean soil air-water, Archive of Agronomy and Soil Sciences, International Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Research, Sarhad Journal of Agriculture, Australian Journal of Crop Science, Journal of Mountain Agriculture, Pakistan J. of Weed Science, J. of Soil and Environment, Journal of Plant and Environment, MDPI Journals etc. (Verified reviewer on Publons. Com)

REFERENCES

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