

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- I hold a Ph.D. in Economics with a strong academic foundation in macroeconomic policy, public economics, development economics, environmental economics, international trade, and econometric modeling. My research focuses on panel and time-series data analysis, with particular emphasis on inflation dynamics, monetary and fiscal policy frameworks, poverty assessment, macroeconomic modeling and development economics. I am proficient in advanced econometric techniques, including, panel cointegration, ARDL, VAR (Vector Autoregression) and VECM (Vector Error Correction Model), and have practical experience with statistical software such as Stata, EViews. I am committed to conducting rigorous and impactful research, utilizing strong theoretical foundations and advanced analytical skills to contribute to evidence-based policy design and deeper economic understanding.

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. | Economics** 5 Sept 2016 – 29 Jan 2025
International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan Islamabad, Pakistan
Website: <https://www.iiu.edu.pk> | **Field of study:** Applied Economics | **Final grade:** CGPA 3.16/4.00
Thesis: The Impact of Macroeconomic Policies on Price Level Dynamics: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan
- **M.Phil | Economics** 7 Oct 2013 – 17 Dec 2015
Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, Pakistan Rawalpindi, Pakistan
Website: <https://uaar.edu.pk/> | **Field of study:** Applied Economics | **Final grade:** CGPA 3.53/4.00
Thesis: Determinants of Secondary Education in The Rural Area of KPK
- **M.Ed | Education** 7 Jan 2007 – 10 Jan 2009
Gomal University Dera Ismail Khan, KPK, Pakistan Dera Ismail Khan, KPK, Pakistan
Website: <https://gu.edu.pk/> | **Field of study:** Education | **Final grade:** 65.20% / 1st Div
Research Report: Physical Facilities in Government High Schools: A Study of District Mardan.
- **M.Sc | Economics** 3 Aug 1998 – 30 Aug 2000
Gomal University Dera Ismail Khan, KPK, Pakistan Dera Ismail Khan, KPK, Pakistan
Website: <https://gu.edu.pk/> | **Field of study:** Economics | **Final grade:** 65.76% / 1st Div
Research Report: The Socio-Economic Impact of the Sugar Industry on District Mardan.

SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS

- **Merit Certificate Award (3rd Position)**
 - Achieved 3rd position in M.Sc. Economics, Gomal University Dera Ismail Khan, KPK, Pakistan
 - Secured 3rd position in M.Phil. Economics from Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan** Islamabad, Pakistan
Research Assistant (Department of Economics) 16 Feb 2025 – 15 Aug 2025
 - Sixth-Month Internship as Research Assistant under the Ba-Ikhtiyar Nau jawan Program: <https://bnip.gov.pk/>

- Providing guidance to bachelor's students on thesis development, encompassing topic selection, research methodology, and econometric estimations.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- PIDE-WB Graduate seminar series on Development Economics 2023 – 2024
World Bank and Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

PUBLICATIONS

- **Akbar, S.,** Haq, M., & Qayyum, W. (2023). The Relative Effectiveness of Monetary and Fiscal Policies on the Headline and Core Inflation: Empirical Evidence from Pakistan. *Kashmir Economic Review*, 32(2), 62-78.
- Akhtar, Z. M., Sohail, M., Akbar, S., & Shahbaz, A. (2026). Financial intermediation and poverty in Pakistan: An empirical analysis of the mediating role of gross fixed capital formation. *Advance Journal of Econometrics and Finance*, 4(1), 1856–1867.
- The Dynamics of Fiscal Policy and Its Impact on Economic Growth (Conference Paper, 2016)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW (Final draft available on Request)

- The Impact of Macroeconomic Policies and Input Prices on Output Prices: Evidence from Pakistan.
- Macroeconomic Policy Effects on Capital and Consumer Goods Prices: Evidence from Pakistan.
- The Sensitivity of Price Level Components to Monetary and Fiscal Policy Shocks: Evidence from Pakistan.

SKILLS

- **Econometric Analysis:** Stata, EViews,
- **Survey Design:** Questionnaire Development and Data Collection.
- **Data Management & Presentation:** Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint
- **Qualitative Research Analysis**
- **Academic Writing and Research Communication**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)—PASHTO | ENGLISH | URDU

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Dr. Miraj ul Haq** | Supervisor
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- **Dr. Irfan Ahmad Baig** | Supervisor
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