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Area of Interest

Biosensors and biomimetic sensors technology; system miniaturization and applications (bio)chemical molecular recognition layers for separation and sensing applications, artificial receptor materials via molecular imprinting technique, development of sensitive and selective coatings for mass-sensitive, microelectrode, and electrochemical devices; Substantiating developed materials and surfaces by using various characterizing techniques. Establishing mechanistic studies for their potential applications in real environment.

Qualification

- PhD in Biotechnology, January 11, 2020
Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Pakistan
- M.Phil. in Forensic Sciences, August 28, 2013
University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan
- B.Sc. (Hons.) in Applied Microbiology, July 11, 2011
University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan

Experience

- Assistant Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Health Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan (November 25, 2021 to Present)
- Assistant Professor in the Department of Biotechnology, Qarshi University, Lahore, Pakistan (November 2, 2020 to November 24, 2021)

Publications

Journal Papers

1. Salah Ud Din, Shad, N.A., Khadim, H., Tahir, M.A., Khan, M.F., Nazir, S., Rakha, A. and **Munawar, A.**, 2025. Electrochemical Differentiation of Inks Using Au@ Pt Nanocomposite Based Sensing Platform. *Materials Chemistry and Physics*, p.130654.
2. Buzdar, Z.A., Ali, H., Munir, M., Shad, N.A., Rakha, A. and **Munawar, A.**, 2025. Advancing Forensic Investigations based on TiO₂/Bi₂O₃ Electrochemical Sensor for Precise Potassium Estimation in Vitreous Humor. *Heliyon*.
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9. Riaz, A., Rakha, A., Shad, N.A., **Munawar, A.** and Siddiqi, M.H., 2023. Harnessing MoS₂ nanomaterials for TNP sensing and anticancer efficacy. *Materials Chemistry and Physics*, p.128619.
10. Sajid, M.M., Zhai, H., Iqbal, M.A., Shad, N.A. and **Munawar, A.**, 2023. Tunable Fe³⁺ and W⁶⁺ Co-doped BiVO₄ nanohybrids with efficient photocatalytic and electrochemical chemical sensing characteristics. *Ceramics International*.
11. Ahmad, Gulzar, Naveed Akhtar Shad, **Anam Munawar**, Aamir Razzaq, Asim Jilani, Dilshad Hussain, Muhammad Munir Sajid et al. "Non-enzymatic rapid sensing platform based on iron doped lead sulfide nano-interfaces for chloramphenicol." *Inorganic Chemistry Communications* 150 (2023): 110487.
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13. Shad, N.A., **Munawar, A.**, Javed, Y., Rakha, A., Riaz, A., Din, S.U., Zareef, I., Sajid, M.M., Khan, M.F., Akhtar, S. and Salman, M., 2023. In-field deployable and facile nanosensor for the detection of pesticides residues. *Analytica Chimica Acta*, 1259, p.341204.
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15. Tayyaba Tarabi, Yasir Javed, Muhammad Munir Sajid, Allah Rakha, **Anam Munawar**, Naveed Akhtar Shad, Huma Munir, Ahsan Riaz, Asim Jilani. Ultrasensitive and rapid detection of artemisinin based on bismuth tungstate dressed rGO nanocomposite. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.matchemphys.2022.126547>
16. **Anam Munawar**, Ahmad Mukhtar Khalid, Nadia Batool Zahra, Naveed Akhtar Shad, Ammad Shafeeq, Aamir Razaq, Yasir Javed, Muhammad Munir Sajid, "Tetracycline biomimetic imprinted beads cast as a label-free sensing constituent in different transduction systems", *Applied Nanoscience*, 03/02/2022.
17. Naveed Akhtar Shad, Anum Jameel, Muhammad Munir Sajid, Amir Muhammad Afzal, Yasir Javed, Asmat Ullah, Ali Asghar, Zeeshan Mehmood, Ifrah Kiran, **Anam Munawar**, Muhammad Abdul Qayyum & Muhammad Sarwar "Fabrication of Spike-Like Spherical Iron Manganite Nanoparticles for the Augmented Photocatalytic Degradation of Methylene Blue Dye", *Journal of Electronic Materials*, 02/01/2022.
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19. Muhammad Ikram, Yasir Javed, Naveed Akhtar Shad, Muhammad Munir Sajid, Muhammad Irfan, **Anam Munawar**, Tousif Hussain, Muhammad Imran, Dilshad Hussain, "Facile Hydrothermal Synthesis of Nickel Tungstate (NiWO₄) Nanostructures with Pronounced Supercapacitor and Electrochemical Sensing Activities", *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, 15/10/2021.
20. Naveed Akhtar Shad, Muhammad Munir Sajid, Amir Muhammad Afzal, Nasir Amin, Yasir Javed, Safia Hassan, Zahid Imran, Aamir Razaq, Muhammad Imran Yousaf, **Anam Munawar**, Surrender Kumar Sharma. Facile synthesis of Bi₂WO₆/rGO nanocomposites for photocatalytic and solar cell applications, *Ceramics International*, 22, 01/06/2021.
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 26. Sadaf Hameed, **Anam Munawar**, Waheed S. Khan, Adnan Mujahid, Ayesha Ihsan, Asma Rehman, Ishaq Ahmed, Sadia Z. Bajwa. "Assessing Manganese Nanostructures based Carbon nanotubes composite for the Highly Sensitive Determination of Vitamin C in Pharmaceutical Formulation." *Biosensors and bioelectronics*. 04/10/2016.
 27. Arifa Jabeen, Qurat-ul-ain Hanif, Misbah Hussain, **Anam Munawar**, Nisma Farooq and Shehar Bano: "Screening, isolation and identification of pectinase producing bacterial strains from rotting" *Science Letters*, 3:2 (2015): 42-45.
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2. *Carbon Nanomaterials for Agri-Food and Environmental Applications: Carbon-based nanosensors: An efficient tool for use in the food industry and agricultural and environmental sectors*. 2020, Elsevier (Micro and Nano Technologies). Pages 217-236.
3. *Drug-detection performance of carbon nanotubes decorated with metal oxide nanoparticles*. 2022, Elsevier (Metal Oxide-Carbon Hybrid Materials). Pages 475-493.
4. *Intelligent Nanoparticles for Antibiotics Sensing, Diversity and Applications of New Age Nanoparticles*, 25-47.
5. Shafique, Rubia, Malika Rani, Anam Munawar, and Maryam Arshad. "Impacts of Nanotechnology." In *Modeling and Simulation of Functional Nanomaterials for Forensic Investigation*, pp. 10-27. IGI Global, 2023.
6. Riaz, Ahsan, Iqra Zareef, Anam Munawar, Allah Rakha, and Naveed A. Shad. "Nano Forensic Testing of Illicit Drugs." In *Modeling and Simulation of Functional Nanomaterials for Forensic Investigation*, pp. 204-222. IGI Global, 2023.
7. Akhtar, Naseem, Malika Rani, Sumara Ashraf, Sara Musaddiq, Anam Munawar, and Waseem Abbas. "Overview of Functional Nanomaterials." In *Modeling and Simulation of Functional Nanomaterials for Forensic Investigation*, pp. 1-9. IGI Global, 2023.
8. Bano, Khizra, and Anam Munawar. "Analytical Techniques for Characterization of Nanomaterials." In *Modeling and Simulation of Functional Nanomaterials for Forensic Investigation*, pp. 28-51. IGI Global, 2023.

9. Zargham, M., Khan, M.F. and Munawar, A., 2024. Hybrid Nanomaterial Employment in Clinical and Therapeutic Applications. In Technological Applications of Nano-Hybrid Composites (pp. 247-269). IGI Global.
10. Riaz, A., Zafeer, I., & Munawar, A. (2024). Graphene-Based Nanomaterials for Forensic Application. In The 2-Dimensional World of Graphene (pp. 20-42). Bentham Science Publishers.
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Books Published

- In Modeling and Simulation of Functional Nanomaterials for Forensic Investigation, DOI: 10.4018/978-1-6684-8325-1. ISBN13: 9781668483251.
- The two dimensional world of graphene, ISBN: 978-981-5238-94-5, eISBN: 978-981-5238-93-8 (Online)

Membership

- International Conference Member on Engineering of Optical Systems and Precision Instruments (ICEOP, (EISSN: 2731-667X))

Workshops and Training (Selected)

- Organizer-National consortium for drug free community-2022
- Invited Speaker-1st International Symposium on Circular Economy for Sustainability in Energy and Textile Sector Government College University Lahore-2022
- Invited speak at 6th International Conference of ARAB Society for Forensic Sciences and Forensic Medicine, 5th-7th December (2023)
- Invited Speaker at 8th International Conference (Healthcare & Health Education in the AI Era), 24-27 April, (2024)
- Oral Presentation-10th Invention to Innovation Summit 2025

Honors

- Lead Poisoning Mitigation Competition-BNU Organizer-1st Prize (2025)
- Cradio Guardian System-Zindigi Prize Winner, 0.1 Million Pkr-(2024)
- Crime Kit-Pakistan Higher Education Comission,0.1 Million Pkr-(2024)
- Cradio Guardian System-National Idea Bank Winner, Health Sector, Silicon Valley Sponsored Visit-(2024)
- Nanosensors for diagnosis-1 Million Pkr funding from Pakistan Engineering Council-(2023)
- Got a project based on the "Texonomy Challenge" organized by British Council. (2021-2022) Project no: (RLCC 714700770). 7000 pounds
- Got 3rd position in Hackathon 3.0 based on the topic of agriculture, organized by National Incubation Center Islamabad, Pakistan. (2021)
- Got 2nd position in Hepatitis C Hackathon, organized by National Incubation Center Islamabad, Pakistan. (2021)

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