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Biography

Dr. Azhar Imran is an Associate Professor at the Department of Computer Science, Beijing University of Technology (BJUT), China. With over 13 years of academic experience, he specializes in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Machine Learning. He has published over 85 research articles in high-impact journals and conferences. He has delivered keynote speeches at prestigious international conferences, including ICBDDM-24, ICCTEC, CCET25, CVIT-24, ICDSP24, and CVIT-23. As a Senior Member of IEEE, Dr. Imran actively participates in academic committees and serves on the editorial boards of several high-impact journals.

Throughout his career, Dr. Imran has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Graduate Award and Best Researcher Award from BJUT, as well as the Embassy Honored Award from the Pakistan Embassy in Beijing. He was also honored with the Excellent International Students Award by the Ministry of Education, China. His research bridges academic advancements with real-world applications, focusing on AI-driven solutions in healthcare and cybersecurity.

Employment History

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| 2025/07/08 – | 📌 Associate Professor Department of Computer Science, Beijing University of Technology, Beijing, China. |
| 2021/08/16 – 2025/07/07 | <div><div>📌 Assistant Professor. Department of Creative Technologies, Air University, Islamabad, Pakistan.</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught undergraduate courses: Software Requirement Engineering, Machine Learning; AI, Software Quality Assurance/Engineering, NLP, Object-Oriented Programming, Software Engineering, Software Risk Management, Computer Vision, Web Systems & Technologies, JAVA Programming, Software Project Management.• Taught graduate courses: Research Methodology (Fall 2021, Spring 2022), Advanced Machine Learning (Spring 2022), Tools and Techniques in Data Science (Fall 2021), Advanced Software Engineering (Fall 2022), Machine Learning (Fall 2022), Advanced Requirement Engineering (Spring 2023), Bioinformatics (Spring 2023).• Extra duties: Incharge Examination, President Event Organizer, Member of Software Lab, Vice President of Research & Co-curricular Activities, Member of Course Curriculum Committee, Member of Admission Committee, Incharge Events.</div></div> |
| 2017/09/03 – 2021/07/31 | <div><div>📌 Research Associate. School of International Education, Beijing University of Technology, China.</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted research in machine learning, deep learning, and medical image analysis.</div></div> |

Employment History (continued)

- 2015/07/15 – 2017/08/31  **Lecturer.** Department of Computer Science & IT, University of Sargodha, Main Campus, Sargodha, Pakistan.
- Delivered lectures and managed academic activities in computer science and IT courses.
- 2013/11/04 – 2015/07/14  **Lecturer.** Department of Computer Science & IT, University of Sargodha, MBD Campus, Pakistan.
- Taught computer science and IT courses and supported curriculum development.
- 2012/10/08 – 2013/11/01  **Lecturer.** Newports Institute of Communication & Economics, Malir Campus, Karachi, Pakistan.
- Delivered lectures and contributed to academic program development.

Managerial Experience

- 2021 – 2024  **Program Lead (AI)**
Air University, Islamabad
- 2022 – 2025  **Graduate Advisor (MS/PhD Program)**
Faculty of Computing & AI, Air University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Education

- 2017 – 2021  **Ph.D., Software Engineering** from Beijing University of Technology.
Thesis title: *Analysis of Machine Learning Algorithms for Detection and Grading of Cataract Based on Retinal Fundus Images.*
- 2014 – 2017  **M.S. Computer Science** from University of Sargodha.
Thesis title: *Quantitative Offensiveness Prediction using Text Mining of Twitter Data.*
CGPA: 3.89/4.0, **Gold Medalist.**
- 2008 – 2012  **B.S. Software Engineering** from University of Sargodha.
CGPA: 3.4/4.0, **Bronze Medalist.**

Research Publications

Journal Articles

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- 14 S. T. Haider, W. Ge, J. Li, *et al.*, "An ensemble machine learning framework for cotton crop yield prediction using weather parameters: A case study of pakistan," *IEEE Access*, 2024.
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Students Supervised

PhD Students

- **Muhammad Imran Khan** (Reg. ID: 222638) - Proposal Defense Completed
Title: *Multimodal Data Fusion for Enhanced Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis*
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- **Muhammad Shakeel** (Reg. ID: 230419) - Proposal Defense Completed
Title: *AI-Powered Smart Energy Grids: Enhancing Efficiency and Sustainability in Energy Distribution*
- **Sadaf Abbasi** (Reg. ID: 232901) - Comprehensive Exam Completed
Title: *Multimodal IoT Sensor Integration for Non-Invasive Brain Tumor Diagnosis*
- **Muhammad Sufiyan Khan** (Reg. ID: 232902) - Proposal Defense Completed
Title: *Automated Radiology Report Generation: A Deep Learning Approach to Streamline Medical Imaging Interpretation*

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- **Ahsan Abbas** (Reg. ID: 210161) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *Cataract Disease Classification using Transfer Learning and Few Shot Learning Based Fundus Image Segmentation*
- **Safa Fahim** (Reg. ID: 211795) - Final Defense Completed
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- **Samia Khalood Muzaffar** (Reg. ID: 211804) - Final Defense Completed
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- **Syed Haleemullah Shah** (Reg. ID: 211848) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *Anomaly detection in SQL injection and Cross-Site Scripting using NLP techniques*
- **M. Mubashar Siddique** (Reg. ID: 210083) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *Analysis of Deep Learning Algorithms for Detection and Classification of Tomato Leaf Diseases*
- **Muhammad Alfateh Murkaz** (Reg. ID: 211784) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *AI-Based Framework For Detecting Melanoma and Classification of Skin Lesion Using Deep Learning Techniques*
- **Muhammad Waleed Karam** (Reg. ID: 211800) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *A Machine Learning Approach for Understanding and Classifying the Societal Emotions Surrounding the Russia-Ukraine War*
- **Muhammad Saad Shahid** (Reg. ID: 222384) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *Deep Learning Based Segmentation and Classification of Breast Cancer Disease using Magnetic Resonance Imaging*
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Title: *Elevating Software Requirements Elicitation with Intelligent Information Management and Machine Learning*
- **Hammad Satti** (Reg. ID: 222409) - Final Defense Completed
Title: *Hybrid Deep Learning for Multimodal Breast Cancer Segmentation and Classification*

Students Supervised (continued)

- **Muhammad Abdullah** (Reg. ID: 222393) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Multimodal Transfer Learning Fusion for Diabetic Retinopathy Prediction Using OCT and Fundus Images
- **Muhammad Umair Arshad** (Reg. ID: 222406) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Transparent Sentiment Analysis on Urdu Tweets: Emoticon-driven Multimodal Fusion with Explanations using XAI
- **Anum Munir** (Reg. ID: 222401) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Detecting AI Generated Content: A Human vs Machine Analysis with Attention Mechanisms
- **Muhammad Shafqat Malik** (Reg. ID: 222399) - Final Defense Completed
Title: A Study of Cardiovascular Disease Diagnoses Using Deep Learning From ECG Signals
- **Musa Raza Abidi** (Reg. ID: 230312) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Deep Learning Based Automated Prostate Cancer Diagnosis using Histopathological Images and Gleason Score
- **Ali Hassan** (Reg. ID: 210106) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Alzheimer's Disease Detection and Classification through Multi-Modality Imaging Fusion
- **Sabahat Fatima** (Reg. ID: 210103) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Integrating Meteorological and Remote Sensing Data for Fog Prediction
- **Sawera Pervaiz** (Reg. ID: 230305) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Automated Breast Cancer Classification of Histopathology Images using Deep Learning
- **Qurat Ul Ain** (Reg. ID: 232842) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Enhancing Software Defect Predictions Using Machine Learning
- **Sitara Rafaqat** (Reg. ID: 232839) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Software Defect Prediction in Deep Learning
- **Taimoor Hassan** (Reg. ID: 232806) - Final Defense Completed
Title: Anomaly Detection through Reinforcement Learning in Closed-Loop Networks

Research Grants

- **Personality Prediction from Social Media Text Using NLP**
Funding Body: Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)
Grant Amount: PKR 2,000,000
Duration: March 2015 - March 2016
Project Objectives: Use machine learning classifiers and NLP to predict personality traits from Facebook posts.
- **Team Muhafiz: Promoting Social Harmony through Comics**
Funding Body: National Innovation Award Fund
Grant Amount: PKR 1,500,000
Duration: Aug 2021 - Aug 2022
Project Objectives: Create comic books addressing social issues like deforestation, child marriages, and drug abuse, promoting harmony.

Research Grants (continued)

■ AI-Based Medical Imaging for Early Diagnosis of Cancer

Funding Body: Pakistan Medical Research Council (PMRC)

Grant Amount: PKR 6,000,000

Duration: Mar 2022 - Mar 2023

Project Objectives: Develop an AI-powered system for analyzing medical imaging to detect early-stage cancer in X-rays and MRIs.

■ Predictive Analytics for Cardiac Disease Using Medical Imaging Data

Funding Body: National ICT R&D Fund, Pakistan

Grant Amount: PKR 4,200,000

Duration: Jan 2023 - Jan 2024

Project Objectives: Apply machine learning models to medical imaging data to predict heart diseases like coronary artery disease using CT scans and echocardiograms.

■ Smart Health Monitoring System for Elderly Using Wearable Technology

Funding Body: Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)-National Science Foundation China (NSFC)

Grant Amount: \$16,000

Duration: Jan 2024 - Aug 2025

Project Objectives: Design a smart health monitoring system that uses wearable sensors to track vitals and alert caregivers for elderly patients.

Skills

Programming Languages	■ Python, R, Java, MATLAB, C, SQL, XML/XSL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, L ^A T _E X.
Machine Learning & AI	■ Deep Learning (TensorFlow, Keras), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest, Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM), Natural Language Processing (NLP).
Data Science & Analytics	■ Statistical Analysis, Data Cleaning, Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), Feature Engineering, Data Visualization (Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly), Time Series Analysis, Regression Models.
Tools & Technologies	■ PyCharm, Jupyter Notebook, RStudio, Visual Studio Code, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, OpenCV.
Databases	■ MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite, MongoDB, SQL Server.
Big Data & Cloud Computing	■ Apache Spark, Hadoop, AWS (S3, EC2, Lambda), Google Cloud (Big-Query), Docker, Kubernetes.
Web Development	■ HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Flask, Django, Apache Web Server.
Miscellaneous	■ Academic Research, Machine Learning Model Deployment, Data Pre-processing, Data Pipelines, Web Scraping, L ^A T _E X typesetting and publishing, Git/GitHub.

Memberships

IEEE Senior Member	■ IEEE Senior Member- 94523492
IEEE Technical Committee	■ IEEE Member of Technical Committee on Computer Architecture (TCCA)

Memberships (continued)

IEEE Biometrics Council	IEEE Member of Biometrics Council
Elsevier Membership	Elsevier student membership
IEEE Councils	Member of IEEE Council on Superconductivity
IEEE Sensors Council	Member of IEEE Sensors Council

Certificates and Awards

Awards and Achievements

2021	Outstanding Graduate Award , Beijing University of Technology.
2020	Excellent International Students Award , Ministry of Education, China.
	Best Researcher Award , Beijing University of Technology, China.
2019	Best Researcher Award , Beijing University of Technology, China.
	Embassy Honored Award for Outstanding Students , Pakistan Embassy at Beijing, China.
2018	Best Researcher Award , Beijing University of Technology, China.
2017	Ph.D. Fully Funded Scholarship Award , Chinese Scholarship Council.

Certifications

2025	Certificate of Participation , Two-day Program organized by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), Higher Education Commission (HEC), in collaboration with Air University Islamabad.
2020	Certificate of Achievement for Introduction to Physical Computing Course , Lancaster University and Institute of Coding.
	Certificate of Achievement for Introduction to Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality Course , Lancaster University and Institute of Coding.
	Certificate of Achievement for Introduction to Creative AI Course , UAL Creative Computing Institute and Institute of Coding.
	Certificate of Achievement for Essential Skills for Your Career Development Course , University of Leeds and Institute of Coding.
	Certificate of Achievement for Learn to Code for the Web Course , University of Leeds and Institute of Coding.
	Certificate of Achievement for Data Analytics for Decision Making: An Introduction to Using Excel Course , Bond University.
	Web Design & Development Certification .
	Chinese Language T3 Certification .
2019	Master's Degree Gold Medalist .
	Bachelor's Degree Bronze Medalist .
	Certificate of Country Representative of Cultural Day , Beijing University of Technology.
2018	Certificate of Best Booth on 14th Cultural Event , Beijing University of Technology.
2017	Management Certificate of Cultural Event , Beijing University of Technology.
2016	Proctor of Microsoft Certifications , University of Sargodha, Pakistan.
	Microsoft Office Specialization .
	Microsoft Specialization Course (MS Word) .
	Microsoft Specialization Course (MS Excel) .
	Microsoft Specialization Course (MS PowerPoint) .

Certificates and Awards (continued)

- 2013  **Microsoft Specialization Course (MS OneNote).**
- 2013  **Time Topologies Certification.**
- 2013  **Educational Philosophies Certification.**
- 2012  **Learning Strategies Certification.**
- 2005  **WSPA Certification.**

Editorial Members and Reviewers

Editorial Services

-  **Associate Editor**, IEEE Transactions on Technology and Society
URL: <https://technologyandsociety.org/transactions/contact-transactions-on-ts/>
-  **Associate Editor**, IEEE Data Descriptions
URL: <https://www.ieee-data.org/editorial-board/>
-  **Academic Editor**, PloSOne Journal
URL: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/static/editorial-board>
-  **Section Editor**, CMC Journal
URL: https://www.techscience.com/cmc/special_detail/ophthalmic-diseases-diagnosis
-  **Session Editor**, International Journal of Ophthalmology & Visual Science
URL: <https://www.sciencepublishinggroup.com/journal/special-issue/230004>
-  **Section Editor**, Journal of Computing & Biomedical Informatics
URL: <https://jcbi.org/index.php/Main/about/editorialTeam>

Reviewers Recognition

-  IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics
-  IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence
-  Computers in Biology & Medicine
-  IEEE-Access
-  IGI-Global International Journal of Big Data and Analytics in Healthcare (IJBDH)
-  Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)
-  MDPI Sensors, Applied Sciences, Diagnostics, Healthcare, Cancers
-  International Journal of Computer Theory and Engineering
-  Journal of Imaging
-  Pattern Analysis and Applications
-  Cognet Engineering
-  Journal of Personalized Medicine
-  Journal of Pharmaceutical Research International
-  Multimedia Tools & Applications
-  The Imaging Science Journal
-  Computers, Materials & Continua (CMC) Journal

Editorial Members and Reviewers (continued)

- IGI Global
- IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging

Conference Participation

- 2025
- Invited Speaker**, IEEE 3rd International Conference on Big Data and Data Mining
Hengyang, China, December 12th-14th, 2025.
Talk Title: Harnessing Big Data and AI for Healthcare Innovation.
 - Invited Speaker and Session Chair**, IEEE 8th International Conference on Computer and Communication Engineering Technology
Beijing, China, August 15th-17th, 2025.
Talk Title: Multimodal Image Analysis for Breast Cancer Classification.
- 2024
- Keynote Speaker**, IEEE 3rd International Conference on Big Data and Data Mining
Talk Title: AI in Healthcare.
 - Seminar Speaker**, Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi
January 16th, 2024.
Seminar Title: Generative AI 2024: Shaping the Future of Innovation.
- 2023
- Seminar Speaker**, International Islamic University Islamabad
November 24th, 2023.
Seminar Title: Current and Modern Research Trends.
 - Guest Speaker**, 5th International Conference of Computer Science and Allied Technology (ICCSAT-2023)
Lahore Garrison University, November 22nd-23rd, 2023.
Talk Title: Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare.
 - Keynote Speaker**, 25th International Multi-Topic Conference (INMIC)
University of Central Punjab (UCP), Lahore, November 17th, 2023.
Talk Title: Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: The Hope, The Hype, and the Real-World Impact.
 - Session Chair**, 5th International Communication Engineering and Cloud Computing Conference (CECCC 2023)
Nanjing, China, October 29th, 2023.
Session Title: Communication Engineering and Cloud Computing.
 - Session Chair**, 6th International Conference on Sensors, Signal and Image Processing (SSIP2023)
Nanjing, China, October 28th, 2023.
Session Title: AI-Based Digital Signal/Image Processing Technology and Method.

Conference Participation (continued)

- **Session Chair**, 6th International Conference on Computer and Communication Engineering Technology (CCET 2023)
Beijing, China, August 6th, 2023.
Session Title: Signal Models and Intelligent Algorithms in Electronics and Information Technology.

- **Session Chair**, 4th International Conference on Computer Vision and Information Technology (CVIT 2023)
Beijing, China, August 4th, 2023.
Session Title: Computer Vision and Information Technology.

- **Seminar Speaker**, National University of Modern Languages (NUML)
May 4th, 2023.
Seminar Title: How to Publish in High Impact Factor Journals.

- **Keynote Speaker**, 1st International Conference IT Infrastructure and Computational Security (ITICS 2023)
Lahore Garrison University (LGU), Lahore, Pakistan.
Talk Title: Role of AI in Healthcare.

- **Invited Speaker**, International Conference on Computer and Communication Engineering Technology (CCET25)
Talk Title: AI-Driven Innovations in Communication Systems and Technologies.

- **Invited Speaker**, International Conference on Big Data and Digital Media (ICBDDM-24)
Talk Title: Emerging Trends in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

- **Invited Speaker**, International Conference on Computer Vision and Information Technology (CVIT-24)
Talk Title: Advancements in Computer Vision: Applications in Healthcare and Security.

- **Invited Speaker**, International Conference on Digital Signal Processing (ICDSP24)
Talk Title: AI and Machine Learning Techniques in Signal Processing.

- 2022 ■ **Guest Speaker**, International Multidisciplinary Research Conference (IMDRC-2022)
Superior Campus Mandi Bahauddin, Pakistan.
Talk Title: Computational Intelligence for Healthcare Informatics.

- **Keynote Speaker**, Global Multi-Disciplinary Research Conference (GMDRC-2022)
Superior University Campus Mandi Bahauddin, Pakistan.
Talk Title: Keynote Address on Healthcare Revolution.

- **Invited Speaker**, International Conference on Computer Vision and Information Technology (CVIT-23)
Talk Title: Revolutionizing Image Processing with Deep Learning.

- **Invited Speaker**, International Conference on Computer and Communication Technology (IC-CTEC)
Talk Title: Generative AI and its Impact on Modern Computing.

Conference Participation (continued)

2021  **Presented Poster**, International Conference on Aerospace Science & Engineering (ICASE-2021)
Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan.
Poster Title: Rise of Educational Software and Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak in Pakistan.

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