

## PROFILE

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Dr. Azhar Mahmood is the Chairperson of the Department of Educational Leadership and Management at the Faculty of Education, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). With over two decades of experience in university-level teaching, research, and training, he is a distinguished academic and leader in the field of educational leadership and management. Dr. Mahmood has served as a visiting faculty member and scholar at the University of Illinois, USA. He has an extensive portfolio of research, having published numerous papers in national and international journals recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. Additionally, he has authored two books and is a certified master trainer.

An accomplished mentor, Dr. Mahmood has supervised numerous Ph.D. and M.Phil. scholars from diverse national and international backgrounds. His efforts have significantly contributed to advancing academic excellence in his field. He has also organized various national and international conferences and successfully secured grants for multiple research and development projects. Dr. Mahmood serves as the Editor of the *International Journal of Distance Education and E-Learning*, an HEC-recognized journal. He is an external evaluator for the National Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (NACTE) and a member of the board of studies at several universities, providing expertise as a subject specialist.

Actively engaged in community development programs, Dr. Mahmood collaborates with various societies to promote education and development initiatives. His academic contributions have been showcased globally, with presentations at numerous national and international conferences in countries such as the USA, Denmark, Spain, Turkey, Malaysia, Thailand, and Saudi Arabia.