

DR. RUKAIZA KHAN

Assistant Professor of Applied Linguistics | PhD

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

An accomplished Applied Linguistics faculty member and researcher with over 15 years of institutional teaching, program administration, and curriculum development experience. Proven track record leading US Embassy (RELO) funded workforce training initiatives, managing curriculum frameworks for STEM/ESP disciplines, and executing international interdisciplinary research projects.

TEACHING & INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Assistant Professor (Applied Linguistics)** | National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad (2017 – Present)
Deliver advanced communication and linguistics coursework. Serve as College Magazine Editor (2019–Present), Principal Investigator for institutional Summer Camps (2023–2024), and coordinator for IELTS professional development modules.
- **Lecturer** | National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad (Feb 2013 – 2017)
- **Visiting Faculty Member** | International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) & FAST-NU, Islamabad (2008 – 2012)
Instructed multi-disciplinary language courses across the Faculty of Computer Science, Management Sciences, Basic & Applied Sciences, and Social Sciences. Designed comprehensive English Language syllabi for basic, intermediate, and advanced levels.

EDUCATION & ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- **PhD in Applied Linguistics** | Foundation University, Islamabad (2016 – 2023)
- **M.Phil. in Linguistics** | Air University, Islamabad (2011 – 2014)
- **M.A. & B.A. (Hons) in English Literature & Language** | International Islamic University, Islamabad

FUNDED PROJECTS & INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **US Embassy (RELO) Initiatives:** Appointed as American Live Series Ambassador (2023–Present). Secured and executed major funded projects including the *English for Workforce Development* project (2025), *OPEN Cubed Pakistan Program Facilitator* (2024), and the *Local Community Outreach (LCO)* program. Served on the Blind Review Committee for the 5th OPEN English Language Expo (2025).
- **Memberships & Panels:** Active member of SPELT (Society of Pakistani English Language Teachers) and the National Youth Association. Serves as an expert peer reviewer for international indexed journals.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

- **Peer-Reviewed Publications:** Prolifically published across high-tier global indexing journals, including *Sustainability* (MDPI), *Lex Localis*, *Testing Psychometrics Methodology in Applied Psychology (TPM)*, *Pegem Journal of Education and Instruction*, *Migration Letters*, and *Kurdish Studies*. Research centers on AI-driven STEAM learning, cognitive discourse analysis, and metaphorical language in engineering texts.
- **International Presentations:** Featured research delegate at premier global forums, including the West-East International Academic Conference (Boston, USA), the International Conference on Information Management (London, UK), and multiple SPELT international symposium tracks.

CORE COMPETENCIES & CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications: English Works Administrator Certification (RELO, US Embassy) | Critical Thinking in Language Learning (90-Hour Course, University of Oregon, USA) | Project Development and Presentation Skills.

Expertise: ESP/STEM Curriculum Modeling, Cognitive Discourse Analysis, Quantitative Educational Evaluation, IELTS Workshop Instruction, Freelance International Content Development.

HONORS & AWARDS

Awarded the prestigious **Medal of Excellence** from the Commandant, College of CEME, NUST • Recipient of the **Meritorious Performance & Appreciation Certificate** from the President of the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI).

REFERENCES

Verified publication datasets, project clearance indexes from RELO US Embassy, and academic references are available upon request.