

Student Representative: Shaheena Salim Jumani- Salman Alwani

Short Professional Biography

Shaheena is a senior nurse leader, educator, and MPhil scholar at Aga Khan University-Institute for Educational Development with over twenty-five years of progressive experience in clinical practice, academic leadership, and health professions education. She is a graduate of the University of the West of Scotland 2015 and the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery Karachi Pakistan in 2005, and currently pursuing an MPhil in Education from the Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development. She is currently pursuing MPhil level research, with a sustained scholarly interest in leadership, professional identity, and equity in education systems.

Her professional career spans clinical nursing, academic teaching, curriculum development, faculty leadership, and health systems management across diverse international contexts. She has held senior leadership roles for more than two decades, contributing to institutional governance, quality assurance, accreditation processes, and strategic educational reform. Her work is grounded in a strong commitment to evidence informed practice, ethical leadership, and the development of socially responsive professionals.

As an educator and researcher, Shaheena's academic interests intersect education, leadership, and health systems strengthening, with a particular focus on critical pedagogy, workforce development, and the lived experiences of practitioners within complex institutional structures. She brings a reflexive and critical lens to her scholarship, examining how power, policy, and culture shape learning environments and professional trajectories, especially in contexts marked by inequity and resource constraint.

Shaheena has presented and engaged in scholarly dialogue across national and international platforms and remains deeply committed to mentoring emerging professionals and scholars. Her work reflects a belief that education is both a technical and moral endeavor, requiring rigorous inquiry, contextual sensitivity, and sustained advocacy.

Her nomination for the Student Representative position reflects her ongoing engagement with global academic communities and her commitment to collaborative governance, inclusive representation, and thoughtful stewardship within professional and scholarly organizations. She served as Media & Outreach Lead at AKU-IED Activity Club in 2025 and currently appointed as Convener AKU-IED Activity Club.