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Employment

2025→	University of Otago (Religion)	Lecturer
2022→2024	University of Canterbury (Psychology)	Postdoctoral Research Fellow
2020→2024	University of Canterbury (Psychology)	Lecturer

Areas of Research

Psychology of Religion
Human Flourishing and Wellbeing
Sociopolitical Psychology
Cognitive Neuroscience (forensic and contemplative applications)
Cognitive Psychology (memory and cognitive control)

Methods

Experimental, Cognitive Neuroscience (EEG/ERP), Longitudinal, Cross-sectional, Quantitative, Qualitative.

Papers Taught

2025→	Psychology of Religion (RELS237/337), University of Otago
2025→	Religion and Human Behaviour (RELS238/338), University of Otago
2025→	Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion (RELS110), University of Otago
2026→	Medical Humanities Selective (EPE3), University of Otago
2026→	The Evolution of Religion (RELS501), University of Otago
2023→2024	Computational Contemplative Neuroscience (PSYC480), University of Canterbury
2020→2024	Intermediate Research Methods and Statistics (PSYC344), University of Canterbury

Education

2022	University of Canterbury, PhD in Psychology
2018	University of Canterbury, BSc with First Class Honours in Psychology
2017	University of Canterbury, BSc in Psychology
2009	Shaikh Zayed University, MD in Curative Medicine

Research Grant

Principal Investigator

- 2023 U. Afzali (PI): **TRT-2022-30579 “A national longitudinal study of Muslim diversity and flourishing, aka Muslim Diversity Study”** Templeton Religion Trust, NZD 406,021 (University of Canterbury).

General Grants & Awards

- 2025 Division of Humanities (University of Otago) Grant for Conference and Symposia (4,500 NZD)
2022 **UC Foundation** Doctoral Publication Prize (1,000 NZD)
2022 **SPR** Free Membership
2022 Georgina Carvell Memorial Prize (5,000 NZD)
2019 **Te Puna Toiora** Scholarship (2,500 NZD)
2019 **University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarship** (21,000 NZD p.a. plus tuition for 3 years)
2018 Stage 4 Psychology Prize
2017 Stage 3 Psychology Prize (250 NZD)

Publications

(Citations: 142, *h-index*: 7, *i10-index*: 6; [Google Scholar](#), Mar, 2026)

In preparation

17. Fawcett, J. M., Levy, B. J., Bergström, Z. M., Bulevich, J. B., Clark, C. A., Hertel, P. T., Hulbert, J. C., MacLeod, C. M., Todorovic, D., van Schie, K., & The Memory Control Consortium [Afzali, M. U. is a member]. A multisite registered replication of the Think/No-Think effect [Registered report]. *Nature Human Behaviour*. [OSF url](#).
16. Afzali, M. U., Kaur, N., Badis, J. S., Osborne, D., Verkuyten, M., Bulbulia, J. A., Sibley, C. G. & Yogeeswaran, K. Latent profile analysis of the NZAVS Islamophobia Scale.

Under review

15. Funicelli, M., Afzali, M. U., Laurence, J.-R., Palmer, R. W., & Wheatcroft, J. The Complex Trial Protocol and P300-MERMER: A critical analysis of two memory detection methods.
14. Badis, J. S., Sibley, C. G., & Afzali, M. U. Demographic and personality factors associated with Islamophobia in New Zealand. [student paper].

In press

13. Afzali, M. U., Rasheed, A. A., Troughton, G., Yogeeswaran, K., Sibley, C. G., & Bulbulia, J. A. (2026). Beyond deficit narratives: Religious prejudice, meaning, and resilience in a national sample of New Zealand Muslims. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2026.2645568>

Published Articles

2025

12. Afzali, M. U., Badis, J. S., Khoso, P., Aqsa, G., Ahmed, M. S., Ali, A., Ali, A., Ali, Z. S., Arkilic, A., Azeem, T., Burhoum, H., Emamzadeh, Z., Haidary, Z., Hamid, N., Husain, I., Junaid, F. A., Khan, M., Mustapha-Koiki, A., Raissi, H., Shawkat, F., Sulehry, R., Tamimi, M., Tanveer, S., Tasneem, S., Yogeeswaran, K., Sibley, C. G., Bulbulia, J. A., & Rasheed, A. A. (2025). Muslim Diversity Study: Quantitative protocol and practical insights on engaging New Zealand's Muslim communities. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 54(3), 90–104. <https://doi.org/10.63146/001c.143406>.

11. **Afzali, M. U.**, Johnson, K., Lynskey, J., Nardo, D., Jones, R. D., & Neumann, E. (2025). Suppression-induced forgetting in obsessive-compulsive and post-traumatic stress subclinical samples. *Psychology & Neuroscience*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pne0000365>

2023

10. Bulbulia, J. A., **Afzali, M. U.**, Yogeeswaran, K., and Sibley, C. G. (2023). Long-term causal effects of far-right terrorism in New Zealand. *PNAS Nexus*, 2(8). <https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgad242>
9. **Afzali, M. U.**, Jones, R. D., Seren-Grace, A. P., Palmer, R. W., Makarios, D., Rodrigues, M. N. B., and Neumann, E. (2023). Classification accuracy of the ERP-based Brain Fingerprinting and its robustness to direct-suppression and thought-substitution countermeasures. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 37(3), 480-495. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.4050>

2022

8. **Afzali, M. U.**, Seren-Grace, A. P., Palmer, R. W., Neumann, E., Makarios, S., Wilson, D., and Jones, R. D. (2022). Detection of concealed knowledge via the ERP-based technique *Brain Fingerprinting*: Real-life and real-crime incidents. *Psychophysiology*, 00:e14110, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psyp.14110>
7. Byrne, K., Yogeeswaran, K., Dorahy, M. J., Gale, J., **Afzali, M. U.**, Bulbulia, J. A., and Sibley, C. G. (2022). Psychological impact of far-right terrorism against Muslim minorities on national distress, community, and wellbeing. *Scientific Reports*. 12, 1620. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-022-05678-x>

2021

6. Shanaah, S., Yogeeswaran, K., Greaves, L., Bulbulia, J. A., Osborne, D., **Afzali, M. U.**, & Sibley, C. G. (2021). Hate begets warmth? The impact of an anti-Muslim terrorist attack on public attitudes toward Muslims. *Terrorism and Political Violence*. 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2021.1877673>
5. Rucklidge, J. J., **Afzali, M. U.**, Kaplan, B. J., Bhattacharya, O., Blampied, M. F., Mulder, R. T., & Blampied, N. M. (2021). Massacre, Earthquake, Flood: Translational science evidence that the use of micronutrients post-disaster reduces the risk of post-traumatic stress in survivors of disasters. *International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation*. 10, 39–54. <https://doi.org/10.1027/2157-3891/a000003>

2020

4. **Afzali, M. U.**, Bustos, J. V. C., & Kemp, S. (2020). Perception of financial satisfaction and its implications for free first-year education in New Zealand university students. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 49(2), 4–14. ([url](#)).
3. Sibley, C. G., **Afzali, M. U.**, Satherley, N., Ejova, A., Stronge, S., Yogeeswaran, K., ... Bulbulia, J. (2020). Prejudice toward Muslims in New Zealand: Insights from the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 49(1), 48–72. ([url](#))
2. Blampied, N. M., Mulder, R. T., **Afzali, M. U.**, Bhattacharya, O., Blampied, M., & Rucklidge, J. J. (2020). Disasters, policies and micronutrients: the intersect among ethics, evidence and effective action. *New Zealand Medical Journal*, 133(1508), 8–11. ([url](#)).

2019

1. Yogeeswaran, K., **Afzali, M. U.**, Andrews, N. P., Chivers, E. A., Wang, M.-J., Devos, T., & Sibley, C. G. (2019). Exploring New Zealand National Identity and Its Importance for Attitudes toward Muslims and Support for Diversity. *New Zealand Journal of Psychology*, 48(1), 29–35. ([url](#)).

Dissertation

Afzali, M. U. (2022). *Suppressing unwanted memories and thoughts: Psychological traits and forensic brainwave investigations*. PhD thesis, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ. <http://dx.doi.org/10.26021/13084>

Research Supervision

Ongoing

- 2026 Q. Badri. *PSYC310*, University of Otago.
2023→ K. Johnson. *PhD Psychology*. Biomarkers for Early Dementia: Memory suppression, language comprehension and EEG. [Co-supervisor].

Completed

- 2024→ 2025 L. Greig. *MSc Psychology*. [Co-supervisor]. Microstate Analysis of EEG Data During a Combined N-Back/No-Go Task: Exploring the Potential Use as a Diagnostic Tool for ADHD.
2024→ 2025 I. Findley. *MSc Psychology*. [Co-supervisor]. Microstate Transition Complexity of Dementia-Related Illnesses.
2024 J. Badis. *BA Hons Psychology*. Predictors of Islamophobia in New Zealand: Findings from the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study. [**Primary supervisor**].
2023→ 2024 N. Shadbolt. *BA Hons Psychology*. The Effects of Partial Sleep Deprivation on Memory Suppression. [Secondary supervisor].
2023 H. Grace. *BA Hons Psychology*. The Construction and Validation of The Contemplative Experience Scale. [**Primary supervisor**].
2023 R. Heaton. *BA Hons Psychology*. Investigating the Effects of Sleep Deprivation on Memory Suppression Tasks. [Secondary supervisor].
2022 K. Johnson. *BSc Hons Psychology*. Testing the Think/No-Think Effect with Same and Independent Cues: Conditionalised Versus Unconditionalised Recall. [Secondary supervisor].
2022 P. Theobald. *BSc Hons Psychology*. Actively Forgetting Unwanted Memories: An Inhibitory Account of the Think No/Think Paradigm. [Secondary supervisor].
2022 J. Auckram. *BSc Hons Psychology*, *Victoria University of Wellington*. Powering Through Struggles: Resilience of Muslim Women in Ōtautahi/Christchurch During Covid-19 Lockdowns. [Research mentor].
2021→2022 D. Matchett. *MSc Psychology*. Memory Suppression under Sleep Deprivation: The Effects of Sleep Loss and Sleep Time on Suppressing Unwanted Memories. [Secondary supervisor].
2021 J. Lynskey. *BSc Hons Psychology*. Memory Suppression in Those Susceptible to PTSD - A Study Adopting the Think/No-Think Paradigm. [Secondary supervisor].
2021 J. Newlands. *BSc Hons Psychology*. Does OCD Impact One's Ability to Actively Suppress Memories? A Think/No-Think Paradigm Study. [Secondary supervisor].

Thesis Examination

- 2026 PhD Internal Examiner, Department of Psychology, University of Otago
2026 MSc Thesis External Examiner, School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing, University of Canterbury
2025 MSc Thesis External Examiner, School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing, University of Canterbury

Presentations, Panels & Invited Talks

2026

56. Psychology of Religion: Functions, Prejudice, and Extremism (*talk*). [U3A Dunedin](#). Dunedin, New Zealand. 26 Feb 2026.

2025

55. The Human Side of Research: Lessons from the Muslim Diversity Study (*talk*). Psycolloquy 2025. Department of Psychology, University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 03-04 Dec 2025.
54. Faith, Discrimination, and Wellbeing: Muslim Coping Responses After the Christchurch Attacks (*presentation*). [New Zealand Association for the Study of Religion](#) Conference. University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. 29-30 Nov 2025.
53. Faith at the Crossroads - Family, Community, and Identity Crisis: The Role of Family and Community in the Preservation of Islamic Identity in Non-Muslim Societies. (*talk in Pashto and Farsi*). Afghan Islamic Centre. Omar Farooq Masjid, Melbourne, Australia. 23 Nov 2025.
52. Faith at the Crossroads - Family, Community, and Identity Crisis: The Role of Family and Community in the Preservation of Islamic Identity in Non-Muslim Societies. (*talk*). Islamic Forum of Australian Muslims (IFAM) Melbourne South East. Brentwood Park Neighbourhood House, Melbourne, Australia. 23 Nov 2025.
51. The Muslim Diversity Study: Protocol and Early Insights (*presentation*). [Society for Australasian Social Psychologists and the Australasian Congress for Personality and Individual Differences \(SASP-ACPID\) 2025 Conference](#). Rydges at Melbourne, Australia. 20-22 Nov 2025.
50. Faith, Identity, and Belonging in Today's World (*talk for the Brisbane Muslim community*). Madinah Library. Brisbane, Australia. 02 Nov 2025.
49. Conference Reflections (*panel*). [AAIMS Fifth National Conference - Fractured World, Uncertain Future: Islam, Justice, and Humanity in Turbulent Times](#). Brisbane, Australia. 30-31 Oct 2025.
48. The Muslim Diversity Study: Protocol and Early Insights (*presentation*). [AAIMS Fifth National Conference - Fractured World, Uncertain Future: Islam, Justice, and Humanity in Turbulent Times](#). Brisbane, Australia. 30-31 Oct 2025.
47. Seen: How New Zealand Muslims Perceive Themselves—And Are Perceived (*talk*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series (Talk 7). Multicultural Nelson Tasman. Nelson, New Zealand. 11 Oct 2025.
46. Seen: How New Zealand Muslims Perceive Themselves—And Are Perceived (*talk*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series (Talk 6). Manawatu Muslim Association. Palmerston North, New Zealand. 10 Oct 2025.
45. Six Years After March 15 - Insights from Muslim Diversity Study (*talk*). [CARE](#), Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. 10 Oct 2025.
44. Sociopolitical Psychology of Being a Muslim in New Zealand (*talk*). MUSA - University of Otago Muslim University Students' Association. Al-Huda Mosque. Dunedin, New Zealand. 23 Sep 2025.
43. Seen: How New Zealand Muslims Perceive Themselves—And Are Perceived (*talk*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series (Talk 5). University of Waikato. Hamilton, New Zealand. 31 Aug 2025.
42. Muslim Diversity Study: Community-Led Science in the Service of Collective Wellbeing (*symposium*). New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference, Hamilton, New Zealand. 28 - 31 Aug 2025.
41. Seen: How New Zealand Muslims Perceive Themselves—And Are Perceived (*talk*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series (Talk 4). University of Canterbury. Christchurch, New Zealand. 29 Aug 2025.
40. Brainwaves of Guilt? Forensic Neuroscience and the Promise of Brain Fingerprinting (*presentation*). Otago Centre for Law and Society. University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 08 Aug 2025. [🔗 URL](#).

39. Anchored: How Muslim Faith Buffers Discrimination in Aotearoa (*lecture*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series. The University of Auckland. Auckland, New Zealand. 30 Jun 2025.
38. Muslim Diversity Study: Insights into Building a National Study with New Zealand's Muslim Communities (*seminar*). Religion Programme. University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 30 May 2025.
37. Identity and Wellbeing (*talk*). Al-Huda Mosque. Dunedin, New Zealand. 24 May 2025.
36. The Effects of Religiosity on Coping with Islamophobia (*lecture*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series. Kilbirnie Mosque. Wellington, New Zealand. 02 May 2025.
35. Muslim Diversity Study: Insights into Building a National Study with New Zealand's Muslim Communities (*lecture*). [CACR](#), Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand. 02 May 2025. [🔗 URL](#).
34. Voices of Our Community – Insights from the Muslim Diversity Study (*lecture*). Muslim Diversity Study Talks Series. University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 14 Apr 2025. [🔗 URL](#).
33. Research Questions and the Process of Research (Pashto) (*webinar*). Online for Afghan audience in the ethnic *Pashto* language. 08 Apr 2025. [▶ Video](#).
32. Navigating data collection challenges in Muslim community research (*seminar*). School of Social Science Research Seminar. University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 03 Apr 2025.
31. Basics of Scientific Research (Pashto) (*webinar*). Online for Afghan audience in the ethnic *Pashto* language. 22 Mar 2025. [▶ Video](#).
30. Quarto Crash Course (*workshop*). Department of Psychology. University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 18 Feb 2025.
29. New Zealand Muslims' Self-Perception of Discrimination (*presentation*). [WERO International Conference](#). Hamilton, New Zealand. 10 Feb 2025.
28. Research Summary (*talk*). Department of Psychology. University of Otago. Dunedin, New Zealand. 07 Feb 2025.

2024

27. Muslims of Aotearoa: Identity, Belonging, and Inclusion (*panel*). [Middle East & Islamic Studies Aotearoa \(MEISA\)](#). 04 Dec 2024.
26. My Biggest Mistake and what I Learnt from it (*panel*). LAWS386 (The Capstone Course: Applied Professional Skills), University of Canterbury. Christchurch, New Zealand. 14 Oct 2024.
25. Amplifying Muslim Voices in Decision Making: A Special Consultation Event (*presentation* followed by *consultation*). Christchurch, New Zealand. 15 Sep 2024. [🔗 URL](#).
24. Amplifying Muslim Voices in Decision Making: A Special Consultation Event (*presentation* followed by *consultation*). Auckland, New Zealand. 08 Sep 2024. [🔗 URL](#).
23. Enablers and challengers of collecting data from the Muslim community in Aotearoa New Zealand (*presentation*). [New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference](#), Christchurch, New Zealand. 01 - 03 Sep 2024.
22. Attitudes Towards Muslims: Findings from a longitudinal study of social values and attitudes in New Zealand (*lecture*). Ara Institute of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 01 Aug 2024.
21. Quarto Crash Course (*workshop*). PAST Society, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 18 Jul 2024. [▶ Video](#).
20. What does science mean to me? (*panel*). [SCIE101 \(Science, Society and Me\)](#). University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 17 Jul 2024.

19. Belonging and Exclusion: The Psychology of Identity Crisis in a Diverse World (*lecture*). University of Canterbury Muslim Students Association, Christchurch, New Zealand. 31 May 2024.
18. Exploring Muslim Diversity in New Zealand: Insights from the Muslim Diversity Study and NZAVS (*presentation*). School of Psychology Research Seminar. University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 2 May 2024.  [Video](#).
17. Unity Summit - Unity Week NZ (*panel*). Christchurch Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand. 15 Mar 2024.
16. Peace Week 2024 - Panel Discussion and Launch Event (*panel*). The University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. 10 Mar 2024.
15. Do We Have an Identity Problem? (*lecture*). The University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand. 09 Mar 2024.
14. Five Years After March 15 (*lecture*). [CACR](#), Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington, New Zealand. 26 Feb 2024.  [URL](#).

2023

13. Long-term Effects of Far-Right Terrorism on Muslims in New Zealand (*lecture*). [CARE](#), Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. 17 Nov 2023.  [Video](#).  [URL](#).
12. Suffering in Silence: Navigating Grief from Psychological and Islamic Perspectives (*talk*). An-Nur Mosque, Christchurch, New Zealand. 11 Nov 2023.
11. Journey from Medicine to Academia: Navigating Challenges and Advocating for Change (*talk*). Afghanistan Independence Day 2023 Event, Afghan Association of New Zealand. Auckland, New Zealand. 21 Aug 2023.
10. Research Tools (*workshop*). PAST Society, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 09 Aug 2023.
9. Quarto vs R Markdown (*presentation*). UC Meta, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 18 Apr 2023.
8. Quarto Crash Course (*workshop*). SPSH Postgraduate Society, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand. 12 Apr 2023.

2022

7. Behavioural Evidence of Suppression-induced Forgetting and its Interaction with Psychological Traits (*presentation*). School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing, University of Canterbury. 10 Jun 2022.
6. Inter-cultural Panel (*panel*). LAWS306 (Law and Transition to the Workplace), University of Canterbury. Christchurch, New Zealand. 26 May 2022.

2021

5. Brain Fingerprinting with Parolees and Brain Fingerprinting Countermeasures (*presentation*). School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing, University of Canterbury. 03 Dec 2021.
4. Brain Fingerprinting: Replication and Countermeasures (*presentation*). New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference. 05 - 07 Sep 2021.  [URL](#).
3. Navigating Challenges: Immigrant Youth in New Zealand (*talk*). Afghan Association of New Zealand Youth Networking Conference. Auckland, New Zealand. 01 Aug 2021.
2. Detection of Concealed Knowledge via the ERP-based Technique Brain Fingerprinting: Real-crime Scenarios (*presentation*). [Australasian Society for Experimental Psychology](#) Annual Conference. 09 - 11 Apr 2021.
1. Navigating the New Zealand Work Environment as an Immigrant (*panel*). LAWS306 (Law and Transition to the Workplace), University of Canterbury. Christchurch, New Zealand. 29 Mar 2021.

Professional Affiliations

Present

2025→ [Society of Australasian Social Psychologists](#): Member
2025→ Muslim Early Career Researchers Aotearoa (MECRA): Co-Chair and Founding Member
2025→ [Middle East & Islamic Studies Aotearoa \(MEISA\)](#): Member
2024→ [Logogin Lab | Cognitive Psychology Research](#): Research Collaborator
2024→ [Spiritual Care in Healthcare](#): Academic Advisory Board Member
2024→ [CARE](#) (Center for Culture-Centered Approach to Research and Evaluation): Faculty Collaborator
2023→ American Psychological Association: Member
2022→ [Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research](#): Associate
2019→ [New Zealand Psychological Society](#): Member

Past

2022→2023 [Society for Psychophysiological Research](#): Member
2020→2024 [UC Meta](#): Member

Service/Appointment

Present

2026 Marketing Chair, Society of Australasian Social Psychologists Annual Conference, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
2025→ Post-moderator, PsyArXiv, Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science/Center for Open Science
2025→ Lead Organiser, Muslims in Asia Pacific (MAP2) Annual Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand
2025→ Member, Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group, Dunedin, New Zealand
2025→ Research Seminar Convenor, Religion Programme, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
2025→ Social Media Co-administrator, Religion Programme, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
2025→ Adjunct Senior Fellow, School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing; University of Canterbury
2024→ Guest Editor, [PLoS One](#)
2023→ Vice President, Muslim Health Council Aotearoa
2023→ Academic Peer Reviewer: Funding agency (HRC NZ) and various academic journals
2022→ Member, Aotearoa New Zealand Muslim Think Tank

Past

2025 Chair, Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group, Dunedin, New Zealand
2025 Co-organiser, [1st Muslims in Asia Pacific \(MAP1\) Conference](#), Wellington, New Zealand
2024 Judge, Three Minute Thesis (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2024 Member, Teaching and Learning Committee (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2024 Chair, Staff-Student Liaison Committee (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2024 Co-producer, Psyched! The New Zealand Psychology Podcast (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2024 Academic Programme Co-convenor, [New Zealand Psychological Society Annual Conference - 2024](#)
2023→ 2024 Research Assistant, School of Psychology, Victoria University of Wellington
2021 Academic Rep, Postgraduate Society (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2020 Founder, Postgraduate Society (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2020→2024 Member, School Marketing Committee (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2020→2021 Administrator, School's social media platforms (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2020 Founder, School's social media platforms (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2019 Contributor, Royal Commission Submission on Post-15 March Terrorist Attacks ([FIANZ](#))
2019 Founder, Social Hour (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2018→2021 Member, Postgraduate Council (Psychology, University of Canterbury)
2018→2019 Phone Counsellor, Lifeline Aotearoa
2016→2024 Volunteer Imam (Prayers Lead), University of Canterbury Muslim Students Association
2010→2011 Volunteer Biology teacher, Paghman Teaching Trainer Institution, Kabul, Afghanistan

In the Media

2026	Giving Muslims in Aotearoa a voice
2023	Refugee turned research scientist studies Muslim Kiwis
2023	First New Zealand testing of brain fingerprinting tech produces positive results
2021	Drained brains: why nutrition could help to solve our mental health crisis
2020	Canty Uni develops brain wave tech to identify criminals
2020	Brainwave activity that reveals knowledge of crime
2019	Brain fingerprinting: Testing the tech that 'could've freed Teina Pora earlier'