

# **Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzi (SI, AF)**

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## **A BRIEF CITATION**

Dr. Masoom Yasinzi, Meritorious Professor of Biochemistry and currently the Rector, International Islamic University, is one of the leading scientist and educationist of Pakistan. Dr. Masoom has already served one tenure each as Vice-Chancellor, Balochistan University and the country's top University, i.e. Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. He is the author of 115 research publications in top international science journals and has also contributed chapters in international publications/encyclopedias. Based on ranking by the council for science and technology, ministry of S & T Pakistan, he is graded over the past few years as the productive scientist in Pakistan. He spent 30 years in the University of Balochistan as Professor, Dean and Vice Chancellor of that premier University of the Province and no doubt played a key role in the establishment of science & scientific activities in that Province. His research work over the years has resulted in number of scientific discoveries, the recent one being the development of a new chemotherapeutic agent against Leishmaniasis, a parasitic disease highly endemic in Pakistan. These days he is striving hard for establishing research & development centre for Leishmania research in the country. He has worked as visiting faculty & research associate in many prestigious academic institutions of the world, including Chicago Medical School, USA; Perugia Medical School, Italy; Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK and Calcutta Institute of Chem. Biology, India. He has developed not only the in country academic linkages but with the scientists abroad as well.



Since 1985, after getting his own Ph.D, he has produced 8 Ph.Ds; 26 M.Phils, more than 70 MS thesis, while ten M.Phil/Ph.D students are currently working under his supervision. He has been able to attract Research grants from many organizations in the country and abroad. In recognition of his academic achievements and research contributions, he has received many honors and awards including Ibn-Al-Hythum Gold Medal & prize, 1995, senior Fulbright fellowship 1993-94, professorial position at the age of 37 only; young scientist award 1998; Raziuddine siddique gold medal & prize 1998. In 1998 the Prime Minister of Pakistan appointed him as a member Pakistan atomic energy council which was further extended for two three years term in 2001 and 2004, notified in Govt. of Pakistan gazetteer. In recognition of his services to the cause of education at the University level., the President of Pakistan awarded him Aizaz-i-Fazeelat in the year 1999. He has also received the best University teacher award in the year 2002. The Ministry of Science & technology has declared him a national Ph.D supervisor. In 2009, based on his achievements in Science & Technology, he is awarded with

Sitara-i-Imtiaz. In 2012, Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai is elected as Fellow, Pakistan Academy of Sciences, in fact the first fellow from Balochistan.

Prof. Masoom has served on various national level committees on policy making in Science & Technology in this country. He has also served as consultant of the Government of Pakistan to visit China, Korea & Malaysia based biotechnology institutions to help Government of Pakistan in the import of biologicals from these countries. In the recent years Prof. Masoom also visited various world class institutions in the UK & US as part of leadership development program. The experience has been wonderful and the application of the vision is clearly visible in his leadership role at Quaid-i-Azam University. Prof. Masoom also participated in the Pak-US strategic dialogue on higher education in the States Department, New York 2011.

Dr. Masoom is a member of many prestigious professional societies. He has represented Pakistan in many international conferences/seminars. Having served the University of Balochistan for long thirty years in various capacities, Dr. Masoom became Vice Chancellor, University of Balochistan from April 2008 to Feb. 2010. Dr. Masoom took the charge of that university in a very difficult time and it was a very challenging task. His role in that university saved the university from verge of collapse. The legacies of his leadership in Quaid-i-Azam University from 2010-2014 are clearly visible in that institution in strengthening the internal system of the institution and its agenda of Internationalization. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai enjoys a good reputation and is serving many other institutions in the capacity of Member, Syndicate/Senate.

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