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Work Experience

- Adjunct professor (01/2024 –01/2027): Laval university, Quebec, Canada.
- Assistant professor (01/2021 present): An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.
- **PhD researcher** (10/2017 12/2020): Bordeaux University, France.
- Instructor (06/2013 –09/2017): An-Najah National University, Nablus.
- Research and Teaching Assistant (09/2010–05/2013): An-Najah National University, Nablus.

Education

- **PhD in Organic Chemistry** (2017–2020): Bordeaux University, Bordeaux, France.
- Master of Chemistry (2010–2012): An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.
- Bachelor of Applied Chemistry (2006–2009): An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Grants and fellowships

- Scientific high level visiting fellowship (SSHN) 2024: one-month research visit at Molecular and Material Chemistry group C2M, Bordeaux University-France. Funded by the French consulate in Jerusalem.
- 4th Palestinian Quebecer Science Bridge (PQSB) Call 2023: three-month research visit at Génie des mines, de la métallurgie et des matériaux, Laval University, Canada. Funded by Fonds de Recherche Du Quebec Nature Et Technologies (FRQNT), Santé (FRQS), and Société Et Culture (FRQSC).
- **Scientific high level visiting fellowship (SSHN) 2023:** one-month research visit at C2M group, Bordeaux University-France. **Funded by** the French consulate in Jerusalem.
- Academic exchange grant for France Alumni 2022: one-month research visit at C2M group, Bordeaux University-France. Funded by the French consulate in Jerusalem.
- **HESEB Helmholtz-SESAME Beamline in the soft X-ray regime 2022:** two-month research stay at ALBA synchrotron (Barcelona). Funded by Helmholtz research center DESY in Germany.
- Writing Grant Proposals for Young Palestinian Researchers (GRYPS): Funded by the DAAD and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- **PhD Scholarship** (2017-2020): Campus France, French government scholarship for Palestinian students.

Research Skills

- Multistep synthesis of organic compounds and characterization using NMR, MS, IR, and other techniques.
- Click chemistry.
- Surface functionalization.
- Surface characterization using AFM, PM-IRRAS, XPS, contact angle and other techniques.
- Biomolecules immobilization to the surface for chemical and biological applications.
- Extraction of cellulose from olive industry solid waste and its characterization.
- Modification of polymers by various functional groups for biological and industrial applications.

Languages: English (C1), French (A2), Mother language: Arabic.

Teaching skills

- Teaching theoretical and practical courses: general chemistry, organic chemistry, chemical operations and food chemistry
- Course Coordinator: This involves more than 10 faculty members teaching and more than 1000 students.
- Supervising graduate students in research activities involving organic synthesis.
- Proposal writing, Project management, Course design, Scientific writing and reviewing.

Publications

- Chemical composition, anticancer, antimicrobial activity of Aloysia citriodora Palau essential oils from four different locations in Palestine (2024). BMC Complementary Medicine and Therapies. DOI:10.1186/s12906-024-04390-9
- Myrtus communis L.: essential oil chemical composition, total phenols and flavonoids contents, antimicrobial, antioxidant, anticancer, and α-amylase inhibitory activity (**2023**). *Chemical and Biological Technologies in Agriculture*. DOI:10.1186/s40538-023-00417-4
- Silane-Based SAMs Deposited by Spin Coating as a Versatile Alternative Process to Solution Immersion (2022). *Langmuir*. DOI:10.1021/acs.langmuir.2c00668.
- Strategies for the surface biofunctionalization of sulfur-based chalcogenide infrared optical glasses (2022) *Applied Surface Science*. DOI: 10.1016/j.apsusc.2021.151589
- Influence of the Grafting Process on the Orientation and the Reactivity of Azide-Terminated Monolayers onto Silica Surface (2020). *Applied Surface Science*. DOI:10.1016/j.apsusc.2020.146778.
- Cellulose acetate from biomass waste of olive industry (**2015**) *Journal of Wood Science*. DOI: 10.1007/s10086-015-1473-z.
- Cellulose powder from olive industry solid waste (2012). *Bioresources. DOI:10.15376/BIORES.7.3.4190-4201*.

Conferences

- **Oral presentation**: Blankenberge (Belgium), 19-21 FEB **2020**, The Chemistry Conference for Young Scientists (ChemCYS).
- Poster: Paris (France), 7-12 JUL 2019, The 50th General Assembly & 47th IUPAC World Chemistry Congress.
- Oral presentation: Bordeaux (France), 5 JUL 2019, ISM Day for PhD students at Bordeaux University.

Qualities

Leadership, supervising, time management and organizational skills, good communication skills, flexible and efficient as both a team player and individual worker, willingness to learn, honest and easy-going.

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