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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2017-2020: *Head, Science & Math Program*, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
2013-2017: *Chair, Science & Math Program*, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
2019-Present: *Professor*, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
2012-2019: *Associate Professor*, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
2008-2012: *Lecturer*, Stony Brook University, New York, U.S.A.
2001-2008: *Assistant Professor*, Department of Biology, Yeshiva University, New York, U.S.A.
2000-2001: *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Department of Biology, Yeshiva University, New York, U.S.A.
Spring 2000: *Adjunct Professor*, Department of Biology, Stern College for Women, New York, U.S.A.
Fall 90, Spring 91 & 94: *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Biology, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A.

OTHER POSITIONS:

2010-2012: *School Board Chairman*, Andalusia School, Yonkers, New York, U.S.A.
2008-2011: *Science Curriculum Supervisor*, Andalusia School, Yonkers, New York, U.S.A.
2008-2011: *Guidance Counselor*, Andalusia School, Yonkers, New York, U.S.A.
2004-2008: *Advisor*, Academic Advising Center, Yeshiva University, New York, U.S.A.

DUICATION/TRAINING:

2011: *MBA in Finance*, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, U.S.A.
2000: *Post-Doctoral Fellow*, Department of Biochemistry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, U.S.A.
Project: Kinetic and thermodynamic analysis of the binding of TATA binding protein (TBP) from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to the adenovirus major late promoter (MLP) and its mutants.
Advisor: Dr. Michael D. Brenowitz
1996: *Ph.D. in Molecular Biology*, Department of Biology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A.
Thesis: Stability and Engineering of Lambda Cro repressor variants.
Advisor: Dr. Michael C. Mossing.
1990: *B.A. in Biology*, Chemistry minor, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, U.S.A.

COURSES TAUGHT:

General Biology, General Chemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Forensic Science, Nutrigenetics, Biochemistry, Environmental Microbiology, Genes and Genomes, Conservation Genetics, Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Cellular and Organ Physiology, Ecological and Social Dimensions of Disease, Sustainable Natural Resources, AbbVie Lecture, Science Lab Methodology and Research Methods.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Regulation of gene expression by Macromolecular Associations; Protein structure and function; Designing and Modeling of three-dimensional structures of proteins; Evolution of protein structures; Biodegradation of synthetic materials by microbes; Antibiotic properties of Natural products.

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

Molecular Biology Techniques: Quantitative Nuclease I Protection (DNase I & Synchrotron Light Source), Electrophoresis, Cloning, Site-directed mutagenesis, PCR, Sequencing, Protein engineering /expression/ purification, SDS PAGE, and FPLC.
Bioinformatics: Sequence retrieval and analysis & protein designing and modeling.
Spectroscopic Techniques: UV-Vis, CD, Fluorescence, NMR, and Bio-Sensors (Affinity).
Others: DSC (Microcalorimetry) for Thermodynamic and Kin-Tek (Stopped Flow) for Kinetics assay.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

University of Notre Dame BBMB Fellowship	1992-1993
University of Notre Dame Research Assistantship	1994 &1995

GRANTS:

DAAD's grant on project titled "German-Bangladesh University Cooperation in the Textile and Clothing Sector 2018-2019". Total Grant received **213,014 EURO**.

EU Grant on project titled "Transformative Competency-Based Public Health Education for Professional Employability in Bangladesh's Health Sector/TRANS4M-PH". Total Grant received **995,000 EURO**.

PUBLICATIONS:

Adhara Fardhin Dhruba and **A.K.M. Moniruzzaman Mollah (2021)**. An epitope vaccine design against Novel CoronaVirus (COVID-19) spike protein: an in-silico approach. (*In Preparation*).

Rozbu Mahtabin, Zohora Fatema, **Mollah A.K.M. M. (2021)**. Prediction of the Potential equence Region Responsible for the “Immortality” Trait of *Turritopsis. dohrnii* (*In Preparation*).

Nabila Ishaque Ira, Nema Marjana and **A.K.M Moniruzzaman Mollah (2021)** Identification of Satellite colonies from Antibiotic Resistance Bacteria in Hospitals- Chittagong, Bangladesh. (*In Preparation*).

Sidratur Nur Chowdhury, Nazifa Rafa, Sayed Mohammad Nazim Uddin, and **A.K.M. Moniruzzaman Mollah (2021)**. Investigating the presence of enteric bacteria and their antibiotic resistance in drinking water samples of slum households in Port City Chattogram, Bangladesh. *Water Supply (2021) 21 (1): 146-156*.

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AMAM Zonaed Siddiki, DVM, MS, PhD; Abdul Baten; Masum Billah; Mohammad Atique Ul Alam; Kazi Shefaul Mulk Shawrob; Sourav Saha; Muntaha Chowdhury; Atif Hasan Rahman; Michael Stear; Gous Miah; Mahadia Kumkum; Md. Sirazul Islam; Mohammad Alamgir Hossain; **AKM Moniruzzaman Mollah**; Md. Kabirul Islam Khan (2019). The genome of the Black Bengal goat (*Capra hircus*), *BMC Research Notes*, 12:362, <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13104-019-4400-3>

AMAM Siddiki, Atif Rahman, Michael Stear, Md. Kabirul Khan, Gous Miah, Masum Billah, Mohammad Alam, Kazi Shefaul Shawrob, Mahadia Kumkum, Sourav Saha, Muntaha Chowdhury, **AKM Mollah**, and Abdul Baten (2019). Complete Mitochondrial Genome Sequence of Black Bengal Goat (*Capra hircus*). *Mitochondrial DNA Part B: Resources*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/tmdn20>

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Sabrina H. Wadood , Fatima Tuz Zohra and **AKM Moniruzzaman Mollah (2018)**. Biodegradation of Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET or PETE) and High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Using Microbes Isolated from Waste Dumping Sites in Chittagong, Bangladesh. *International Journal of Advances in Science Engineering and Technology, ISSN(p): 2321 –8991, ISSN(e): 2321 –9009 Vol-6, Iss-3, Spl. Issue-1 Aug.-2018*.

- Misja Mumthaj Abul Muhseen, Md. Shoffikul Islam, Md. Abul Kashem and **AKM Moniruzzaman Mollah. (2018)**. Influence of lherzolite on the growth of Chinese spinach and soil respiration in cadmium contaminated soil. *Journal of Environmental Protection (JEP)* Vol. 9: 790-800.
- Nikita N. Naik, Nabila I. Ira, Sabrina Wadood, and **A. K. M. M. Mollah. (2017)**. Quantification of DNA damage due to UV irradiation and Formalin, *International Journal of Advances in Science, Engineering and Technology (IJASEAT)*, 5,3 (Spcl Iss-2).
- Fariha Natasha, Kuheli Dutta, **AKM Moniruzzaman Mollah. (2015)**. Antimicrobial and Decontamination Efficacy of Neem, Aloe Vera and Neem + Aloe Vera in Gutta Percha (GP) Cones using *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* as contaminants. *Asian Jr. of Microbiol. Biotech. Env. Sc.* Vol. 17, No. (4): 2015: 139-142.
- Shahin Sultana, Md. Abul Kashem, **AKM Moniruzzaman Mollah. (2015)**. Comparative Assessment of NPK fertilizers and Cow Manure Vermicompost on the growth and production of Zinnia (*Zinnia elegans*) flower. *Open Journal of Soil Science* 2015, 5.
- Tabashsum, Z., Ibrahim Khalil, I., Nazim Uddin N., **Mollah, A.K.M.M., Yasuhiro Inatsu, Y., & Bari, L., (2013)**. Prevalence of Foodborne Pathogens and Spoilage Microorganisms and their Drug resistant status in different street foods of Dhaka city. *AFAB*, 3(4): 281-292.
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- Mollah, A.K.M.M., Aleman, M., Albright, R.A., and Mossing, M. (1996)**. Core Packing Defects in an Engineered Cro Monomer Corrected by Combinatorial Mutagenesis. *Biochemistry*, 35:743-748.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Md Golam Jamil, Nazmul Alam, Natascha Radclyffe-Thomas, Mohammad Aminul Islam, **A.K.M. Moniruzzaman Mollah**, and Annajiat Alim Rasel (2020). Real World Learning and the Internationalisation of Higher Education: Approaches to Making Learning Real for Global Communities. *Applied Pedagogies for Higher Education*, pp 107-132.

Kushnir, A., **Mollah, A.K.M.M.** & Wehrens, X.H. (2005). Evolution of the Ryanodine Receptor Gene Family. *Ryanodine Receptors: Structure, Function, and Dysfunction in Clinical Disease*. Springer Science + Business Media, Inc. Page 1-8.

Dhavan, G., **Mollah, A.K.M.M.**, & Brenowitz, M. (2002). Probing Kinetic and Equilibrium Binding Properties of DNA-Protein Complexes by Quantitative DNase I Footprinting. *Advances in DNA Sequence Specific Agents 04: 139-155*.

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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

Asian Food Safety and Security Association (AFSSA).

American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB).

Biophysical Society.

International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)

SERVICE:

Chair, LTQA (*Learning Teaching and Quality Assurance*) Committee, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Chair, Faculty Senate, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Member, Academic Policy Committee, Asian University for Women, Chittagong, Bangladesh

Member, Academic Judiciary Committee, Stony Brook Southampton, Southampton, U.S.A.

Advisor, Academic Advising Center, Yeshiva University New York, U.S.A.

Advisor, Undergraduate Student Research Presentation (USRP) Club, Yeshiva University, New York, U.S.A.

LANGUAGES:

English, Bangla, and Thai.

REFERENCES:

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