

## RAHAT JAFRI

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### RESEARCH INTEREST

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Economics-based archival tax research in accounting, financial reporting, information environment, data analytics, and corporate governance.

### EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. in Accounting</b> University of Calgary, Canada	2016 - Present
<b>Master of Science, Finance</b> Brock University, Canada	2013
<b>Master of Business Administration, Finance</b> University of Central Punjab, Pakistan	2009
<b>Bachelor of Business Administration Honors, Finance</b> University of Central Punjab, Pakistan	2007
<b>Diploma of Associate Engineering, Computer Information Technology</b>	2002

### RESEARCH

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#### WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Jafri, R.* “Changes in financial reporting neutrality and biases: The implications of exclusion of conservatism from the conceptual framework for financial reporting.”

*Jafri, R., and Warsame, H.* “Information transparency consequences of governance quality and tax aggressiveness: Evidence from XBRL reporting.”

*Jafri, R.* “The effect of information processing costs on accounting conservatism and tax avoidance: Evidence from XBRL reporting.”

*Jafri, R., and Warsame, H.* “Internal information environment and tax planning: The moderating role of CSR.”

*Jafri, R., and Vijairaghavan, V.* “The role of information technology in accruals quality.”

## **DISSERTATION**

Title: “Financial reporting neutrality, tax avoidance, and the role of the information environment”

- Chapter 1: Changes in financial reporting neutrality and biases: The implications of exclusion of conservatism from the conceptual framework for financial reporting.
- Chapter 2: Corporate Information Transparency Consequences of Governance Quality and Tax Aggressiveness: Evidence from XBRL avoidance.
- Chapter 3: The Effect of Corporate Information Transparency on Accounting Conservatism and Tax Avoidance: Evidence from XBRL mandate.

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

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Haskayne and Fox Accounting Conference	2022
CAAA Craft of Accounting Research Workshop	2021, 2020, 2018
AAA/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium	2020
CAAA Annual Conference.	2018, 2014
Conference on the Convergence of Financial and Managerial Accounting Research	2019
Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC) Annual Conference	2019
Global Finance Conference	2014
Journal of International Accounting Research (JIAR) Conference	2014

## **RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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CPA Fellow of Taxation Research Award (C\$5,000), University of Calgary	2022
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CPA Fellow of Taxation Research Award (C\$5,000), University of Calgary	2020
CPA Fellow of Taxation Research Award (C\$4,000), University of Calgary	2019
Queen Elizabeth II Graduate (Doctoral) Scholarship (C\$15,000), University of Calgary	2018
CMA, Alberta, Graduate Scholarship (C\$2,500), University of Calgary	2017
CPA Fellow of Taxation Research Award (C\$5,000), University of Calgary	2017
GSA Research Award (C\$5,000), Brock University	2012
MBA Dean’s Award, University of Central Punjab	2009
BBA Dean’s Award, University of Central Punjab	2007

## **TEACHING INTEREST**

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Data Analytics, Financial Accounting, and Taxation

## **TEACHING AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS**

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University Level Teaching Excellence Award* for Taxation	2020
Winners to Nominees ratio: 37/1,143	

University Level Teaching Excellence Award* for Introduction to Financial Accounting Winners to Nominees ratio: 41/1,165	2019
Nominee Alberta-Wide CPA Education Foundation Teaching Excellence Award Introduction to Financial Accounting	2021
HSB Accounting Department Teaching Excellence Award (C\$6,000) Introduction to Financial Accounting	2021

\*Award Description: Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) is a University of Calgary-wide recognition program that gives students a chance to decide which instructors and teaching assistants have made a lasting, positive impression in the classroom over the past year. Award winners are determined through a rigorous process involving students' nominations, students' feedback through class visits, and the committee's analysis. Click [here](#) to learn more about the award criteria and process.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY)**

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<b>INSTRUCTOR DATA ANALYTICS</b> Introductory Financial Accounting (ACCT217 - WEB BASED), BCOMM	Winter 2021, 2022, Fall 2020
<b>TEACHING CONSULTANT AND COORDINATOR</b> Introductory Financial Accounting (ACCT217 - WEB BASED), BCOMM	Fall 2020
<b>INSTRUCTOR AND COORDINATOR</b> Taxation (ACCT421/721), BCOMM and MBA Teaching Ratings (mean across 12 categories): 6.53/7; Area average: 6.04; Class size: 50	Fall 2019
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b> Introductory Financial Accounting (ACCT217), BCOMM Teaching Ratings (mean across 12 categories): 6.46/7; Area average: 5.75; Class size: 65	Winter 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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<b>FINANCE EXECUTIVE</b> , <i>Pak Telecom Mobile Limited (Ufone)</i> Lahore, Pakistan	2008 – 2011
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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Performance-based Bonuses, Ufone Pakistan	2009 – 2011
Employee Excellence Award, Ufone Pakistan	2010
Presidential Appreciation Award, Ufone Pakistan	2009

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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**Programming Skills:** STATA, Python, SAS

**Languages:** Fluent in English and Urdu

**Other:** Canadian Citizen

## **REFERENCES**

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