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**Areas of Interest** : TESOL, English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Teaching ESL/EFL Writing, EFL/ESL Teaching Methodology, Second Language Acquisition, Curriculum Development



## EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. candidate, English Language Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Malaysia
- CELTA, Cambridge English, 2016
- MA in English Language Teaching, 2003, Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka
- MA in English Literature, 1996, Department of English, University of Dhaka
- BA (Honours) in English, 1995, Department of English, University of Dhaka
- HSC in Humanities, 1991, Nortedame College, Dhaka Board
- SSC in Humanities, 1989, Kulaura NC High School, Comilla Board

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (TEACHING):

- April 2013 - present, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Asia Pacific (UAP), Dhaka, Bangladesh
- February 2017 – March 2018, Hourly Paid Teacher, The British Council, Bangladesh
- October 2004 – April 2013, Assistant Professor, Department of English, UAP, Bangladesh
- February 2000 – October 2004, Lecturer, Department of English, UAP, Bangladesh

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (Administrative, Full time/Part-time, Project):

- 2016-2018, Head, Department of English, University of Asia Pacific (UAP), Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2001-2002, Member, Syllabus Design Committee, Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAB)
- 2004-2005, Examiner, The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB)
- 2001-2011, Invigilator, IELTS Examination, IDP Australia
- 2000-2002, Public Relations Officer, UAP, Bangladesh
- 2004-2010, Assistant Registrar, UAP, Bangladesh
- 2010, Deputy Controller of Examinations, UAP, Bangladesh

## RESEARCH LINKS & AUTHOR IDENTIFICATIONS:

- Google Scholar Link:  
<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=eK3Z0K4AAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>
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- Web of Science Researcher ID: Z-3675-2019
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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

1. **Chowdhury, T. A., & Ara, A. (2021).** Pre-teaching Vocabulary in Teaching Reading Skill: A Hindrance to Learner Autonomy?. *Indonesian TESOL Journal*, 3(2), 123-132. <https://doi.org/10.24256/itj.v3i2.1818>
2. **Chowdhury, T. A. (2021).** Fostering Learner Autonomy through Cooperative and Collaborative Learning. *Shanlax International Journal of Education*, 10(1), 89-95. <https://doi.org/10.34293/education.v10i1.4347>
3. Maulidyawati, W., Dwiniasih, Jaufillaili, **Chowdhury, T. A. (2021).** Teachers' Reflection on their Preparedness for Teaching English to Young Learners Using Online Method. *Academic Journal Perspective: Education, Language, and Literature*, 9(2), 135-146. <http://dx.doi.org/10.33603/perspective.v9i2.6274>
4. **Chowdhury, T. A., Roy, S., & Abdullah, M. K. K. (2021).** Learner motivation in the EFL classrooms: Voices from a Bangladeshi university. *Indonesian Journal of Applied Linguistics*, 11(1), 221-232. <https://doi.org/10.17509/ijal.v11i1.34618>
5. **Chowdhury, T. A. (2021).** Book review: Integrated language skills: Writing. *BELTA Journal*, 5(1), 43-45. <https://doi.org/10.36832/beltaj.2021.0501.04>
6. **Chowdhury, T. A. (2020).** Treatment of fate in Shakespearean and classical Greek tragedies: A comparison. *Academic Journal Perspective: Education, Language, and Literature*, 8(1), 29-38. <http://dx.doi.org/10.33603/perspective.v8i1.3378>
7. **Chowdhury, T. A. (2020).** Towards consistent and fair assessment practice of students' subjective writing. *International Journal of Linguistics and Translation Studies*, 1(1), 32-41. <https://doi.org/10.36892/ijlts.v1i1.14>
8. Rahman, M.M., Islam, M.S., Karim, A., **Chowdhury, T.A.**, Rahman, M.M., Seraj, P.M.I., & Singh, M.K.M. (2019). English Language Teaching in Bangladesh Today: Issues and Implications. *Language Testing in Asia*, 9(1)9. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40468-019-0085-8>
9. Haider, M. Z., & **Chowdhury, T. A. (2012).** Ensuring fairness in marking students' writing: The question of inter-marker reliability. *Proceedings of 17<sup>th</sup> NELTA International Conference*, Kathmandu, Nepal. [http://nelta.org.np/conferences/17th\\_international\\_conference.html](http://nelta.org.np/conferences/17th_international_conference.html)
10. **Chowdhury, T. A., & Haider, M. Z. (2012).** A need-based evaluation of the EAP courses for the pharmacy students at the University of Asia Pacific, Bangladesh. *Asian Social Science*, 8(15), 93-107. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5539/ass.v8n15p93>
11. Haider, M. Z., & **Chowdhury, T. A. (2012).** Promoting CLT within a computer-assisted learning environment: A survey of the communicative English course of FLTC. *English Language Teaching*, 5(8), 91-102. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5539/elt.v5n8p91>
12. Haider, M. Z., & **Chowdhury, T. A. (2012).** Repositioning of CLT from curriculum to classroom: A review of the English language instructions at Bangladeshi secondary schools. *International Journal of English Linguistics*, 2(4), 12-22. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5539/ijel.v2n4p12>
13. Rahman, K. F., & **Chowdhury, T. A. (2011).** Structuralism: Through literature to Anthropology. *The Journal of Social Studies*, 132, 56-60.
14. Akter, S., Ara, A., & **Chowdhury, T. A. (2010).** Using the newspaper as an authentic material in EFL/ESL. *Spectrum: Journal of the Department of English, University of Dhaka*, 6(7), 85-95.
15. **Chowdhury, T. A. (2004).** Error identification and error correction in the EFL classroom. *Journal of Science and Arts*, 1(1), 103-118.

## THESIS/DISSERTATION:

**Error Correction in Foreign Language Teaching**, dissertation submitted to the Institute of Modern Languages, the University of Dhaka for partial fulfillment of M. A. in English Language Teaching (ELT) 2003. Name of the supervisor: Prof. A. M. M. Hamidur Rahman.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED):

1. **Learner motivation in the EFL classrooms: Voices from a Bangladeshi university**, presented at the TESL/TESOL International Virtual Colloquium, 2021, organised by the School of Educational Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia on December 13, 2017
2. **Exploring English Needs of Pharmacy Students at a Bangladeshi University**, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on English Across the Curriculum (EAC) 2021, jointly organised by Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, City University of Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Baptist University on May 21-23, 2021. Link to the abstract book:  
<https://fypapp.edc.polyu.edu.hk/conference/EAC2021/abstract-book.html>
3. **Determining Bangla Medium Students EAP Needs at University Level**, presented at the SLCP Postgraduate Seminar for PhD & Master Students, Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) held on December 4, 2018.
4. **Problems of Motivations and Self-investment in Classroom**, presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> IML International Conference on Language and Teaching, 2017, organised by the Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 24-25, 2017
5. **A Survey of the Assessment Requirements of MA in ELT in Bangladesh**, presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Asia TEFL International Conference, organised by Asia TEFL (Asian Association of Teaching English as a Foreign Language), Delhi, India. October 4-6, 2012.

## PEER REVIEW FOR INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS (SELECTED):

1. SAGE OPEN (<https://publons.com/journal/22187/sage-open>)
2. Asian Journal of Language, Literature and Culture Studies  
(<https://publons.com/journal/86696/asian-journal-of-language-literature-and-culture-s/>)
3. Academic Journal Perspective: Education, Language, and Literature  
(<http://jurnal.ugj.ac.id/index.php/Perspective>)
4. Asian Journal of Education and Social Studies  
(<https://publons.com/journal/66026/asian-journal-of-education-and-social-studies/>)
5. International Journal of Linguistics and Translation Studies (<http://ijlts.org/index.php/ijlts>)

## EDITING/PROOFREADING EXPERIENCE:

1. **Editor**, Proceedings of the 29<sup>th</sup> MELTA International Conference, organised by the Malaysian English Language Teachers' Association (MELTA) in July 2021.
2. **Editor**, Convocation Souvenir for the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), Dhaka, Bangladesh (March 2018).
3. **English Language Editor**, UUM Press, publisher of four Scopus-indexed international journals from Malaysia (<http://uumpress.uum.edu.my/index.php/journals>)
4. **Proofreader**, Ph.D. Thesis of Md. Zulfeqar Haider (225 pages), Faculty of Education, Monash University, Australia (May 2018).

### TRAINING PROGRAMMES ATTENDED:

Attended numerous training programmes and workshops on English language teaching and research organized by British Council, AsiaTEFL, MELTA, NELTA, BELTA, Dhaka University, USM, UAP and other institutions, and conducted by experts from Bangladesh, UK, USA, Japan, Malaysia and Nepal.

### LITERARY AND TEXTBOOK TRANSLATION:

1. **In the Urban Jungle**, translation of a Bengali short-story into English by Makbula Manzoor, a modern Bengali author and novelist and edited by Dr. Niaz Zaman, in *The Vultures Are Everywhere and Other Stories*, Mouli Prokashoni, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 125-137, 2005.
2. **Finance and Banking**, a textbook published by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board, Bangladesh (NCTB) for classes IX and X, which is currently being taught in the English version in all the schools of the mainstream education system in Bangladesh.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED:

1. Delivered a talk titled 'English for Academic Writing' organised by the Academy of Language Studies, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Perlis Branch, Malaysia on April 16, 2021 as an invited international speaker.
2. Compiled and presented consolidated issues of the international students of USM at a high-level meeting between Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellor, and the USM international students' body on November 18, 2020 as the Executive Committee member for Academic Affairs of USM International.
3. Organized the UAP English Department team for the first ever high-profile event of the university on development and research in July, 2012 as the Team Leader, Departmental team for UAP Exposition of Development and Research 2012.
4. Conducted a seminar titled **A Presentation on the University of Asia Pacific (UAP)**, organised jointly by UAP and Chittagong Institute of Management Studies (CIMS) at Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong as a part of UAP delegate along with Prof. Dr. Abdul Matin Patwari, the then honourable Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Dr. M. R. Kabir, the then honourable Pro-Vice-Chancellor, UAP on April 8, 2006.
5. Conducted numerous workshops organized by the Notre Dame English Club, Bangladesh.

### WRITE-UPS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS:

1. **Puthi Comes to Town: Reviving the Rich Medium of Folk Fables**, a write-up on a puthi performance (the art of reciting folk tales), The Daily Star, July 25, 2004.
2. **Musical Presentation of Coleridge's *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner***, a write-up on a performance of S. T. Coleridge's Rime of the Ancient Mariner by English Department Drama Society, The Daily Star, January 29, 2004.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- **Member, IATEFL** (International Association of Teaching English as a Foreign Language), Membership No.: BD 23924
- **Member, AsiaTEFL** (Asian Association of Teaching English as a Foreign Language, South Asian Region), Membership No.: BD 00024.
- **Life Member, BELTA** (Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association), Membership No.: 09.