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Associate Provost for Research, Innovation, and Academic Development, Professor Montasir Qasymeh: Leading by Example

I have had the pleasure of working with Professor **Montasir Qasymeh**, Associate Provost for Research, Innovation, and Academic Development, for over 15 months. Under his leadership, the number of Scopus-indexed papers increased by 35% in 2024 compared to 2023, showcasing ADU's commitment to academic excellence. Of these publications, 77% were in prestigious Q1 journals, up from 74%, reflecting the university's focus on quality.

Our global research impact has also grown significantly, with the proportion of papers in the top 1% of most-cited globally rising from 2.9% to 4.9%. Additionally, the percentage of papers published in the top 10% of journals surged from 34.6% to 43.2%. ADU's Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI) jumped from 2.3 to 5, underscoring our growing influence in the global academic community.

This progress is accompanied by a 20% increase in internal research funding, along with a significant rise in securing external funding. These investments are fueling further advancements in research productivity and innovation.

On the innovation front, ADU filed 10 new patent applications and saw 10 patents allowed or issued in the last 12 months, highlighting our commitment to translating research into real-world solutions.

All of the above has been achieved under the guidance of Prof. Montasir, who leads by example. Prof. Montasir joined Abu Dhabi University's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department in 2011, where he also holds the position of Professor in Electrical Engineering. He earned his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Dalhousie University, Canada, and subsequently received the prestigious Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship from the University of Ottawa's Microwave Photonics Research Laboratory. He serves on advisory boards for high-tech companies and editorial boards of prestigious academic journals, including Scientific Reports by the Nature Portfolio. Professor Montasir is leading a major collaborative research program with our sister college, Liwa College.

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"The reality is that the only way change comes is when you lead by example." -Anne Wojcicki

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