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A Journey of Empathy in Higher Education

Having done the following jobs throughout my academic and professional career, I have empathy for every academic role including head of department or school, director of a research institute, dean of faculty or college, vice president, and president of universities. These jobs require tremendous efforts and dedication and can be draining if they are not managed properly. Jobs I have done throughout my career include:

- Site Engineer at Al Hajj Contracting Company
- Research Fellow at [The University of Salford](#)
- Lecturer (Assistant Professor) at University of Salford
- Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) at University of Salford
- Reader at University of Salford
- Full Professor at University of Salford
- Director of the Built and Human Environment (BuHu), 6* rated research institute, at University of Salford
- Head of School of the Built Environment at University of Salford
- Dean of the Faculty of Business, Law, and Built Environment at University of Salford
- Pro Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Internationalization at University of Salford
- Pro Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation and Dean of the College of Science and Technology at University of Salford
- President of [University of Wollongong in Dubai \(UOWD\)](#)
- Vice President for Academic Affairs at [Gulf University for Science and Technology \(GUST\)](#), Kuwait
- President of [Applied Science University Bahrain](#)
- Chancellor of [Abu Dhabi University](#)
- President of the [The Chartered Institute of Building \(CIOB\)](#) (Honorary)

I have done my best over the year to capture my experiences from these roles and share them on LinkedIn. Unfortunately, I didn't write a book about these experiences, but that is part of my retirement plan.

In conclusion, my diverse experiences across various roles in academia and leadership have equipped me with a deep understanding of the challenges and responsibilities inherent in these positions. Consequently, I remain committed to fostering an environment of support and innovation in higher education, and I genuinely enjoy my role at Abu Dhabi University

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