

Dr Shehzad Naroo is a Reader at Aston University and teaches in the area of anterior eye. Shehzad's research interests include contact lenses, dry eye, corneal biomechanics, laser refractive surgery, cataract and lens surgery, intraocular lenses, sports vision and business aspects of UK eye health care. He has authored and co-authored around 150 publications (including peer-reviewed, editorials, textbook chapters, non-peer-reviewed etc.).

Shehzad has successfully supervised 11 Doctoral students plus 3 Masters students to completion and currently he is supervising 6 Doctorate students. He has been involved in all levels of research: 1. Obtaining funding (he has obtained more than \$2million in funding); 2 Study design; 3 Writing protocols and consent forms; 4 Ethics applications; 5 Data collection; 6 Supervision of other research staff and students; 7 Data analysis; 8 Paper and report writing; 9 Conference presentation; 10 Peer review of other research proposals and papers. He has supervised 4 post-doctoral researchers too.

In 2007 he was involved in the development and instigation of a new higher level postgraduate degree (Ophthalmic Doctorate) for eye care practitioners including being the course director of the new programme in its first year. The course has proven to be very popular as it is a distance learning programme and he was responsible for the initial professional body accreditation of the material. In 2011 he developed the Aston University Optometry Summer School, attracting delegates from around the world for continued professional development and learning clinical skills. More recently, he was the main proponent in the development of a new international optometry programme that allows countries where optometric practice is restricted to upskill and train further by distance learning and then summer clinical placements. This course is currently being offered in Singapore and he was the inaugural course director of it – overseeing its successful design, approval and launch in 2014. The course was previously offered in Italy too.

Since 2003 he has made regular visits to countries where primary eye care training is still developing in order to aid in teaching of optometrists and ophthalmology residents at numerous non-profit institutions. This work has extended into countries such as Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Cambodia, Lebanon and Palestine. All these trips are self-funded and Shehzad has arranged trips for over 100 students to visit too. Shehzad also helps these hospitals and universities to secure donations of equipment or money, this include over a \$1million of instrumentation so far.

Shehzad did his first degree at Aston University and a Masters and then a Doctorate degree at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He is an examiner for the UK College of Optometrists, an international assessor for the General Optical Council (UK) and advises for medico-legal ophthalmic cases. Shehzad is a visiting professor at the American University of Science and Technology in Beirut, Lebanon and the King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In 2015, the World Council of Optometry gave him the 'International Optometrist Award'. He is an Honorary Fellow of the British Contact Lens Association (BCLA) and Editor-in-Chief of the BCLA journal 'Contact Lens and Anterior Eye'. He is Global President of the International Association of Contact Lens Educators (IACLE).