



Professor Dr. Ahmad Zaharin Aris, specializes in the field of Hydrochemistry, Environmental Chemistry and Analysis, and Environmental Forensics. He played a key role in establishing the environmental forensics context and accelerates the research and policy strategies that now have become parts of the Malaysia Transformation Plan. As a prolific researcher, he received more than RM 5.5million research fund for more than 50 projects locally and internationally. To date, Prof. Zaharin has published more than 280 academic writings with over 3200 citations and has few patents and a copyright. Over 60% of his published SCI papers are in Q1 and Q2 tiers. Few of his papers ranked as the most downloaded papers and received many citations within a short period of time. The Elsevier's Scival Spotlight has ranked him third among the list of global experts under the category of Distinguished Competency of water quality, sediment and pollution. This extraordinary accomplishment has granted him with prestigious awards such as Young Scientist and Vice Chancellor Fellowship Award, SEARCA Professorial Chair, The Golden Globe Tigers Award 2017 – Best Professor in Environmental Studies, shortlisted for Zayed International Prize, and finalist (1st runner up) for 2016 National Young Scientist Award. Prof. Zaharin is currently an Editorial Board Member for Scientific Reports (Q1), Nature Publishing Group, Associate Editor for Environmental Geochemistry and Health (Q1), Springer, Guest Editor for Chemosphere special issue journal on “Drinking Water Quality – New Issues, Risks & Solutions”, Elsevier and many more. Some of his research findings have been used to set up national guidelines and policies on environmental issues. He sits as a steering committee member and expert advisor to the Department of Environment Malaysia in their “Legislative Provisions for Inclusion of Environmental Forensic in Prosecution” and responsible for its policy ratification. He was appointed as government advisor for the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for its environmental forensics institute establishment. He has instituted many impressive and successful programs including establishing comprehensive chemical databases for fingerprinting and hub for training and technology transfer in environmental forensics. Besides, he has successfully engaged renowned companies such as Cuckoo Malaysia and Bayer (Malaysia) to work with the university. Prof. Zaharin is also active in educating and enhancing public participation in environmental issues through various media social platforms through #WeCare and #UPMGreenCampus campaigns. This has encouraged researchers to explore more potential and to complement each other's in research findings and discoveries.

At present, Prof. Zaharin is a member of few local and international organizations and elected as Fellow of The Geological Society, London, Member of Young Scientist Network for Academy Sciences of Malaysia and elected Member, Royal Society Chemistry, London. He also received his CEnv – Chartered environmentalist from Royal Society of Chemistry, London.