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Research Experience

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2009-2014	PhD Student	Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research, Germany
2002– 2009	Researcher	Genomics Department, Agricultural Biotechnology Research Institute of Iran

Awards

Best Researcher (2023)

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Best Researcher (2020)

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PhD Scholarship (2009)

Awarded by Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research

Best Researcher (2008)

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(*Brassica napus* L.) Genotypes Under Drought Stress Conditions. 2023. Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition

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