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**Academic graduations:**

- BSc.: Agronomy and Plant Breeding, University of Tehran 1991.
- MSc.: Plant Breeding, Univ. of Tehran, 1994.
- Ph.D. Genetics and Plant Breeding, GB Plant Univ. of Agriculture and technology, India 2001.

**Career history:**

- 1991-2003 wheat Breeder, Agricultural and natural resources research center of Kermanshah, Iran.
- 2003-till now, Wheat Breeder, national coordinator of wheat breeding program for temperate areas of Iran.
- 2004 till now: in charge of cereal chemistry and technology Unit, Cereal Research Dept., SPII.
- 2006-2008: Deputy of head, cereal research Dept., SPII. Iran.
- August 2013-February 2014: Head Cereal Research Department, SPII, Iran.
- February 2014 till now: Director General, Seed and Plant Improvement Institute (SPII), Iran.

**Highlights of Research history:**

- Running of more than 80 research projects in the background of wheat breeding, wheat quality.
- Responsibility or contribution to more than 70 research papers in scientific journals (in either Persian/English)
- Responsibility/contribution in presentation of more than 60 research titles in scientific national/international conferences
- Releasing of 10 irrigated wheat cultivars (Bahar, Parsi, Sivand, Sirvan, Baharan , Rakhshan, Tallaei, Torabi, Amin and Farrin) from 2007 till now in the capacity of irrigated wheat breeding program coordinator for temperate areas of Iran.
- Publication of two book issues as first author:
  - 1- Differential characteristics of grown wheat trade cultivars and promising lines of Iran based on UPOV standards
  - 2- Quality properties mapping and evaluation of farmers field produced wheat of different regions of Iran at provincial and district levels
- Publication of three book issues as co- worker:
  - 1- Wheat handbook (cultivation, management and harvesting)
  - 2- Water productivity improvement program in some field and vegetable crops
  - 3- Iranian wheat cultivars (released from 1931 to 2019)
- Contribution to running of scientific workshops in drought stress background (international: 2009, Karaj, Iran) wheat quality (National, 2010 Karaj, Iran) etc.
- National focal representative in International association of cereal and technology science (ICC) from 2004 till 2010.

**Awards:**

- Superior researcher of ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture, Iran, 2010.
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- Superior researcher of SPII, Iran, 2007.
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- Superior researcher of Karaj, Iran, 2009.
- Awarded of 2<sup>nd</sup> rank, for superior research projects, Tehran province, Iran, 2010.

- Awarded of superior year book award in agricultural context in Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Organization of Iran (AREEO), 2008
- Awarded first rank of institutional management among under AREEO administration research institutions, 2016
- Awarded of recognition for effective activities on food security in strategic crops production in the capacity of director general of Seed and Plant Improvement Institute (SPII) by Iranian president, 2016
- Awarded as superior research project leader in Alborz province, 2017
- Recognition letter of Iranian agriculture minister in the 1<sup>st</sup> national festival of plant genetic resources, 2021
- Appreciation letter of Iranian agriculture minister for impactful career activities, 2021