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Karim Ullah is a Tenured Associate Professor and Founder of the Center for Excellence in Islamic Finance, which is a joint project of UK's Department for International Development (UK DFID) and the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). He has more than 14 years of experience in teaching, research, and consulting on Islamic financial services with Universities, Regulators, and Financial Institutions. He is also part of various working groups, including those of AAOIFI an SBP, to help in developing standards and policies for Islamic Finance. Karim has led a team to introduce four new educational programs in Islamic finance, which have resulted in producing hundreds of new Islamic finance professionals serving worldwide.

In education and research, Karim Ullah earned a PhD from Brunel University London on designing Islamic financial services using case research. He also has extensive learning on case teaching at Harvard Business School. In 2015, Karim Ullah was in news for leading a team and won the competitive Financial Innovation Challenge Fund UK DFID and SBP. The challenge was aimed to integrate education, research, and best industry practices to achieve financial inclusion in Pakistan by designing and delivering new academic and trainings programmes and do pragmatic Islamic finance innovations. Karim Ullah also earned multiple grants and awards for his outstanding research and academic contributions including awarded twice by the Government of Pakistan, Higher Education Commission as two of his Books on Islamic Finance stood first in the competitions of management research for the Years 2015-16 and 2017, in Pakistan.

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