

## Dr. Ali Alnaser

Dr. Ali Alnaser is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Infrastructure and a Professor of Physics at AUS. He has held several senior academic and administrative leadership positions at AUS, including serving as Head of the Department of Physics for nine years, Director of the Common Research Facility and Interim Head of the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Sciences. He is also the Founding Director of the Materials Research Center and the Founding Director of the PhD program in Materials Science and Engineering, where he has played a central role in establishing research strategy, strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration and expanding advanced research capabilities.

Prior to joining AUS, Dr. Alnaser was a Research Fellow at Kansas State University and held visiting professorships at the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics in Germany, the Advanced Laser Light Source in Canada and King Saud University in Saudi Arabia. His research focuses on the use of ultrashort, high-intensity laser pulses to probe, control and engineer the structure and functionality of materials on extremely short timescales.

Dr. Alnaser has a strong track record in securing research funding and managing complex research budgets, including the development of major research infrastructure, laboratories and collaborative programs. He has successfully led multidisciplinary projects and secured multiple internal and external research grants.

Dr. Alnaser has an extensive publication record, has chaired and presented at many international conferences, serves on editorial boards and acts as a referee for leading scientific journals. He has received several awards, including the All-University Graduate Research and Creative Scholar Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Western Michigan University, as well as the Distinguished Arab Scholar Award from the State of Kuwait.

