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### RESEARCH WALLET

With over 8 years of postdoctoral experience across academia and industry, I bring a strong interdisciplinary research background supported by competitive fellowships and grants. My work focuses on:

- **Sustainable minerals and materials** for environmental remediation and agricultural management
- **Functionalisation of clay, zeolite, and silicate minerals** for targeted, fit-for-purpose applications
- **Materials-based strategies** for emission reduction and waste utilisation
- **Development of clay-based slow-release phosphate fertilisers and biofertilisers**
- **Life-cycle assessment** of functional materials in environmental and agri-habitat contexts

Alongside research, I actively engage in **teaching, mentoring, and science communication**, making research accessible and inspiring future scientists..

### EDUCATION

**2013–2017.** Doctor of Philosophy, University of South Australia

**Thesis:** Applied clay science (environmental application)

**Highlight:** As an international competitive scholar, I completed my degree in 3.5 years. At the time of thesis submission, I published 15 Q1 articles, 10 of which were my first-authored publications.

**2009–2011.** MSc in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, Ghent University, Belgium

**Lab:** Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Bremen, Germany

**Highlight:** As an Erasmus Mundus fellow, I graduated with distinction.

**2007–2009.** MSc in Marine Biology, Khulna University, Bangladesh

**Highlight:** I stood first in the faculty with a high distinction grade.

**2002–2006.** BSc (Major: Marine Biology, Aquaculture, Chemistry, Environmental Science), Khulna University.

**Highlight:** I stood first in the department with a high distinction grade.

### EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCES

#### Research Affiliate

*University of Newcastle, Australia / July 2025–Present*

- Stationed at crcCARE, continuing supervision of four PhD students
- Contributing to competitive grant proposal development

#### Project Lead – Sustainable Minerals and Materials

*crcCARE Pty Ltd / July 2025–Present*

- Leading the minerals and materials research wing focused on environmental remediation
- Driving industry collaboration and application of sustainable technologies

#### Research Fellow

*University of Newcastle, Australia / Oct 2024–June 2025*

- Advanced industry projects post-Humboldt fellowship
- Principal supervisor for two PhD students
- Project: Clay-based cattle feed formulations and fertiliser

#### Humboldt Research Fellow

*Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Greifswald University, Germany / Oct 2022–Sep 2024*

- Developed clay-based slow-release phosphate fertiliser using low-energy mechanochemical methods
- Achieved near-complete immobilisation of PFAS and mixed metals in soil and water
- Published a widely recognised meta-analysis in clay science
- Supervised one master's student to completion
- Co-applied for EU cooperation grant with host professor
- Lab: Clay Mineralogy | Mentor: Prof Laurence N Warr

#### Research Fellow (Affiliate, Sabbatical)

*University of Newcastle, Australia / Oct 2022–Sep 2024*

- Continued PhD supervision and oversight of ARC Discovery project
- Project: Clay-based cattle feed formulations and fertiliser

**Research Fellow**

*University of Newcastle, Australia | Mar 2021–Sep 2022*

- Initiated and secured \$3.2M industry funding for crcCARE
- Successfully led ARC DP application
- Lab: Environmental Remediation | Supervisor: Prof Ravi Naidu

**Research Associate**

*University of South Australia | Oct 2017–Mar 2021*

- Led CRC project on material engineering for soil and water remediation
- Granted provisional patent as lead inventor for composite remediation materials
- Published 15 peer-reviewed articles, including 6 as first/lead author
- Co-supervised 3 PhD students
- Lab: Polymer Group | Supervisor: Prof Emily Hilder

**Lecturer**

*Jashore Science & Technology University, Bangladesh | Apr 2009–Sep 2009*

- Founding faculty member contributing to curriculum development
- Delivered undergraduate courses in aquatic ecology, marine bio-resources, and pollution

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP****Associate Editor (Mar 2025–Present)**

- *Clays and Clay Minerals* (2025–Present) – Official journal of the Clay Minerals Society (CMS), USA
- *Environmental Geochemistry and Health (EGAH)* (Mar 2025–Present) – Journal of the Society for Environmental Geochemistry and Health

**National Committee Member (2025–Present)**

*Australian Association of von Humboldt Fellows*

**Editor (Jul 2021–Present)**

- *Elements Magazine Newsletter*, representing the Clay Minerals Society (CMS), USA. Responsible for CMS's one-page news in the bi-monthly publication.

**Guest Editor – Special Issues**

- Modified Clays, Environmental Science & Pollution Research
- Novel Adsorbents for Environmental Remediation, Processes (Both issues completed and published)

**Editorial Board Member**

- Frontiers in Environmental Science
- Frontiers in Soil Science

**Journal Reviewer**

- Reviewed over 100 manuscripts for Q1 & Q2 journals in applied clay research, environmental and agricultural materials, and carbon capture.

**Grant Reviewer**

- Detailed assessor for 6 ARC proposals (2022–Present)
- Reviewer for 2 CIVIS Alliance Program grants, France

**Committee Leadership**

- Chair, Standing Committee on Electronic Communication, CMS (2022–Present)
- Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Elements News, CMS (2021–Present)
- Member, Clay Teaching Committee, AIPPEA (2025–Present)
- Chair, Early Career Researcher Group, Future Industries Institute, UniSA (2018–2021)
- Committee member, judging panel for 3MT competition (school level), UON, 2024

**Conference Leadership**

- Convener & Chair, Modified Clays for Environmental Remediation, International Clay Conference, Dublin 2025
- Convener & Chair, Raw and Modified Clays for Environmental Remediation, Euroclay 2018, Paris
- Organising Committee & Session Chair, CleanUp Conference Series (2022–Present), Adelaide

**Keynote/Invited Speaker**

- Multidisciplinary Applied Clay Research, International Clay Conference, Dublin, July 2025
- Use of Clay and Modified Clays in Managing Health of Lake and Aquaculture Water, LifeTech2026, Jashore University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh 17-18 January 2026.

## Professional Memberships

- The Clay Minerals Society
- The Royal Society of Chemistry
- American Society for Microbiology
- Australian Association of von Humboldt Fellows

## Student Supervision

- Current: 5 full-time PhD students
- Completed: 2 full PhD students, 1 visiting PhD student
- Research areas:
  - Clay-based materials for environmental contaminant removal
  - Clay composites for greenhouse gas mitigation
  - Sustainable mineral-based fertilisers

## Mentoring & Grant Facilitation

- Supported successful grant and award applications for students and postdocs:
  - Zubaer Hosen (PhD): CMS research grant (\$2,500), travel grants (CMS & CMG), CMG research grant (\$1,500)
  - Rafique Uddin (PhD): CMS research grant (2025)
  - Dr Rashidul Islam (Postdoc): AIPEA ECR grant (\$5,000), selected for AIPEA's ECR committee

## RESEARCH GRANT, INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH IMPACT

### Industry-Matching Grant – \$20,000

*University of Newcastle, 2023 | Role: Lead CI*

Project: Bentonite-based sulphur fertiliser

### Multidisciplinary Strategic Investment Grant – \$9,550

*University of Newcastle, 2023 | Role: Co-CI*

Project: Water separation using two-dimensional membranes

### Pilot Funding Scheme – \$4,808

*University of Newcastle, 2023 | Role: CI*

Project: Soil health, organic matter, and microbial activity

### ARC Discovery Project – \$280,000

*Awarded 2023 | Role: Co-CI (50:50 with Prof Ravi Naidu)*

Project: Australian clays as raw materials for slow-release phosphate fertiliser

*Engagement & Impact: Collaboration with ANSTO; industry interest in developing fertilisers from Australian minerals*

### Equipment & Infrastructure Grant – \$30,000

*College of Engineering, Science and Environment, University of Newcastle | Role: Co-CI*

Project: Integration of electrochemical station with GC-MS

### CRC CARE Grant – \$1.2M

*2022–2024 | Role: Lead CI*

Project: Modified halloysite-based cattle feed for methane abatement

### CRC CARE Grant – \$400,000

*2022–2024 | Role: Lead CI*

Project: Halloysite composite for greenhouse gas emission mitigation

*Engagement & Impact: Direct industry collaboration led by Dr Bhaba Biswas and Prof Ravi Naidu.*

*Outcomes led to the launch of a new company with two material-based products, now registered on the Australian stock market*

### CRC CARE Grant – \$436,100

*2017–2020 | Future Industries Institute, University of South Australia*

Project: Biocompatible modified clays for environmental remediation

*Engagement & Impact: Externally funded based on Dr Biswas's proposal. Data contributed to ARC DP success and proof-of-concept for later industry funding*

### Student Research Grant – \$4,000

*2016–2017 | The Clay Minerals Society, USA*

Project: Soil microbial metagenomic status in clay-amended soil (*Open global competition*)

## SELECTIVE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### Conference presentation

Presented over ~13 national and international conference abstracts related to clay science and environmental remediation.

## SELECTIVE ACCOLADES

1. Clay Minerals Group bursary, Mineralogical Society of the UK and Ireland, United Kingdom, 2025.
2. Researcher development grant, The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK, 2022 [*open competitive basis for Early Career Researchers.*]
3. Early Career Researcher development funding, Future Industries Institute (FII), Australia, 2019.
4. Talk on “Breaking the wall of soil contamination,” Falling Wall competition, Australian Academy of Science, 2019.
5. Winning spot to participate in Early Career Researcher development program, University of South Australia, 2018.
6. Clay Minerals Society travel grant, United States, 2017.
7. Top Ten Fresh Scientist in South Australia, Science in Public, Australia, 2017 [*Highly competitive, open competition among early career researchers*]
8. American Society for Microbiology travel grant for postgraduate students, United States, 2017.
9. Clay Minerals Group bursary, Mineralogical Society of the UK and Ireland, United Kingdom, 2016.
10. Research spotlight in *Elements* magazine, 2016.
11. Best oral presentation at Euroclay2015, United Kingdom, 2015 [*total delegates: 550*]
12. Governor’s international postgraduate research excellence, StudyAdelaide, South Australia, 2015 [*open for all international higher research degree students in South Australia*]
13. Student travel grant, The Clay Minerals Society, United States, 2015.
14. Student research grant, The Clay Minerals Society, United States, 2015.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal article:

**Biswas, B.\***, Amiri, A., Thombare, B.R., Uddin, R., Grathoff, G., Naidu, R., Warr, L.N.\* 2025. Mechanochemically activated halloysite nanotube-rich kaolin clay as a carrier for slow-release phosphate fertilizer. *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*. 13, 8711–8721. IF: 7.3. Citation: 0.

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809. IF: NA. Citation: 3.

Liu, Y., **Biswas, B.**, Hassan, M., Naidu, R. 2024. Green Adsorbents for Environmental Remediation: Synthesis Methods, Ecotoxicity, and Reusability Prospects. *Process* 12, 1195. IF: 3.5. Citation: 36.

Liu, Y., **Biswas, B.**, Naidu, R. 2024. Novel Adsorbents for Environmental Remediation. *Process* 12, 670. IF: 3.5. Citation: 1.

Khodabakhshloo, N., **Biswas, B.**\* 2023. Adsorption of aqueous perfluorooctane sulfonate by raw and oleylamine-modified Iranian diatomite and zeolite: Material and application insight. *Appl. Clay Sci.* 244, 107101. IF: 5.8. Citation: 10.

**Biswas, B.**\*, Islam, M.R., Deb, A.K., Greenaway, A., Warr, L.N., Naidu, R.\* 2023. Understanding Iron Impurities in Australian Kaolin and Their Effect on Acid and Heat Activation Processes of Clay. *ACS Omega* 8, 5533–5544. IF: 3.7. Citation: 28.

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Khodabakhshloo, N.\*., **Biswas, B.**, Moore, F., Du, J., Wijayawardena, A., Arabzadeh, M. 2021. Surface dispersal, emission source and human health risk assessment of heavy metal(lloid)s in an active gas field, Southern Iran. Research Square Pre-print. doi: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-442451/v1

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**Biswas, B.**, Labille, J., Prelot, B. 2020. Clays and modified clays in remediating environmental pollutants. *Environ. Sci. Pollut. Res.* 27, 38381–38383. IF: 5.8. Citation: 23.

**Biswas, B.**\*, Juhasz, A.L., Mahmudur Rahman, M., Naidu, R. 2020. Modified clays alter diversity and respiration profile of microorganisms in long-term hydrocarbon and metal co-contaminated soil. *Microb. Biotechnol.* 13, 522–534. IF: 5.7. Citation: 20.

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Nirola, R., **Biswas, B.**, Megharaj, M., Subramanian, A., Thavamani, P., Aryal, R., Saint, C. 2018. Assessment of chromium hyper-accumulative behaviour using biochemical analytical techniques of greenhouse cultivated *Sonchus asper* on tannery waste dump site soils. *Environ. Sci. Pollut. Res.* 25, 26992–26999. IF: 5.8. Citation: 6.

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Islam, M.R., Naidu, R., **Biswas, B.** 2025. Natural kaolin minerals with varying iron contents reduced cattle's enteric methane generation. International Clay Conference, Dublin, Ireland, 13-18 July 2025.

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