

## Saif Haq – Treasurer

### Biography

Dr. Saif Haq is a professor and Associate Dean for Academics, College of Architecture, Texas Tech University. Also, he is the founder-director of Health-Care Facilities (HCaF) Design program. His focus areas are: Architectural Theory, Urban Design, Islamic Architecture, Spatial Cognition, Space Syntax, and Healthcare Facilitates Design. His research explores Spatial Cognition and Space Syntax, uses Virtual Immersive Environments, and is focused on complex settings such as medical facilities and mid-sized cities. His work has been published internationally and cited by major authors. Dr Haq is also active in professional and scholarly associations. He is serving as the treasurer of 'Architecture Research Centers Consortium', is past co-chair of the 'Research Coalition' of the Center for Health Design (USA), past chairperson of the 'New Investigator Award', and a member of American Institute of Architects-Academy of Architecture for Health (AIA-AAH) education committee.

Professor Haq holds a Ph.D. from Georgia Institute of Technology, an M.S. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a professional B.Arch. from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

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### Statement of Interest

Architecture is both creativity and research ... tradition and innovation. I consider architecture as a creative field that is informed by research. While the shape of research can vary, it is only useful when collated, packaged and distributed. Application of research is in the design moves of architects and designers.

ASCA and ARCC are the two vehicles of architectural education, and somewhat represents the two foci of the discipline. ARCC has made great strides in focusing on the research arm of architecture: its conferences, journal and awards are becoming more prestigious and relevant every day. I am proud of my role in this and am hoping for the opportunity to continue.