

Curriculum Vitae



Personal information

Name: Mehrshad **Surname:** Taheri **Birth date:** 16 September 1977
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Educations

- PhD in Science - Marine sciences, Ghent University. 2011- June 2016 (5.5 years).
Thesis: "The effect of oxygen stress (hypoxia and anoxia) on free-living marine nematodes in coastal ecosystems"
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Jan Vanaverbeke, Prof. Dr. Magda Vincx
- Master in Marine Biology - Marine Animals, Tarbiat Modarres University (TMU), Tehran, Iran. 2003 –2006
Thesis: "Identification, Distribution and Determination of Biomass of Polychaetes

at the Caspian Sea – Noor Coast".

Supervisor: Dr. J. Seyfabadi.

Total GPA: 18.96/20

- Bachelor in Fisheries, Gorgan University, Gorgan, Iran. 2001 – 2003. Total GPA: 18.83/20
- Associate degree in Fisheries, Gorgan University, Gorgan, Iran. 1996 – 1998. Total GPA: 17.23/20

Scientific career

Academic member in Biological Science Department, Iranian National Institute for Oceanography and Atmospheric Science, Nowshahr, Mazandaran, Iran (2022–up to now).

Academic member in Biological Science Department, Iranian National Institute for Oceanography and Atmospheric Science, Bandarabbas, Iran (2017–2018).

Expert in Biological Science Department, Iranian National Institute for Oceanography and Atmospheric Science, in south (Chabahar: the Gulf of Oman) and north (Nowshahr: the Caspian Sea) of Iran (2006–2011, 5 years).

Research Interests

- Ecology and diversity of macrofauna and meiofauna (marine free-living nematodes) in relation to environmental changes in marine sediments and artificial hard substrates environments.
- Effect of climate change especially oxygen stress and ocean acidification on the taxonomic and functional diversity and activity of marine benthic organisms (macrofauna and meiofauna) and the consequences of ecosystem functioning.

- Study on the effect of marine litters on coastal ecosystems with emphasis on benthic communities.
- The role of macrofauna and meiofauna in structuring sediment biogeochemistry, coastal management, sea floor integrality and benthic food dynamics and webs.

Research projects

Director of project "Study on the southern Caspian Sea surface temperature rise on the benthic free-living nematodes community (density, number of species and ecological indices) - A case study; Mazandaran province, nowshahr coast" (2017–up to now).

Director of project "Study on the biodiversity of free living nematodes in sediments of macroalgae beds in Mazandaran province sandy beaches- Iran" (2017–up to now).

Cooperation with project "Investigating the amount of absorption of heavy metals from cigarette butt leachate by Caspian Sea macroalgae (Case study-Cladophora glomerata)" (2017–up to now).

Cooperation with project "Assessing historical trends on dissolved oxygen variations in coastal waters of Bandar Abbas, using biogeochemical proxies" (2017–2018).

Director of project "The effect of oxygen stress (hypoxia and anoxia) on free-living marine nematodes in coastal ecosystems" (2011 –2016).

Director of project "Species identification and ecological survey of benthic animals of sand beach of Chabahar Bay" (2010 –2011).

Director of project "Species identification and ecological survey of benthic animals of sand beach of Chabahar Bay" (2007 –2008).

Cooperation with project "Assessing historical trends on dissolved oxygen variations in coastal waters of Bandar Abbas, using biogeochemical proxies" (2018-up to now)

Cooperation with project "Crab identification of sandy, muddy and rocky beaches of Chabahar Bay" (2007 –2008).

Cooperation with project "Identification of marine resources and study on chemical ecology of dominant living resources in intertidal regions of Chabahar Bay for preliminarily identification of biomaterials" (2006 – 2008).

Cooperation with project "Evaluating the potentiality of INCO marine chemistry lab in determination of PAHs & PCBs in the sample of IAEA-MEL and sediments of Chabahar Bay" (2006 –2007).

Experimental and laboratory techniques

Macrofauna and free-living nematodes identifications

Preparation nematode slides

Sediment core incubations

Oxygen microprofiling with Unisense electrodes and Pyroscience optodes

Stable isotope analysis

Publications:

Peer-review journals in English

Ahmad Manbohi; Reza Rahnama; Mehrshad Taheri; Mohammad Ali Hamzeh; Ali Hamzeshpour. 2024. Antibiotics in surface waters of the south Caspian Sea: Occurrence, spatial distribution and ecological risks. *Environmental Research* 261; 119709.

Mehrshad Taheri; Maryam Yazdani Foshtomi; Mohammad Ali Hamzeh; Ahmad Manbohi; Reza Rahnama Haratbar. 2024. Effects of discarded garbage bags on intertidal free living nematode community. *Aquatic Ecology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10452-024-10109-2>.

Kazem Darvish Bastami; Ahmad Manbohi; Ali Mehdinia; Ali Hamzehpour; Sarah Haghparast Mehrshad Taheri. 2024. Distribution of hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen and phosphorous species in inshore and offshore sediments of the south Caspian Sea. *Marine Pollution Bulletin* 202:116330.

Reza Rahnama Haratbar; Jafar Azizpour; Ahmad Manbohi; Kazem Darvish Bastami; Ali Hamzehpour; Ali Mehdinia; Mehrshad Taheri. 2024. Temporal and Spatial Distribution of Invasive Ctenophore *Mnemiopsis leidyi* in the Southern Part of the Caspian Sea from 2019 to 2020. *Ocean Science Journal*. 59: 12.

Rowshan O., Sakhaei N., Zolgharnein Z., Paknezhad H., **Taheri M.** 2023. Spatial distribution and structure of benthic polychaete communities in shallow waters of the south Caspian Sea, Iran. *Iranian Journal of Fisheries Sciences* 22(1) 44-65.

Maryam Yazdani Foshtomi., Shahrbanoo Oryan., **Mehrshad Taheri.**, Kazem Darvish Bastami., Mohammad Ali Zahed. 2019. Composition and abundance of microplastics in surface sediments and their interaction with sedimentary heavy metals, PAHs and TPH (total petroleum hydrocarbons). *Marine Pollution Bulletin*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpolbul.2019.110655>.

Kazem Darvish Bastami., Ghasem Ghorbanzadeh Zaferani., Hossein Bagheri., Vahid Kheirabadi., Ali Hamzehpour., **Mehrshad Taheri.**, Sarah Haghparast. 2018. Environmental Factors Affecting Temporal Patterns of Alien Spionid Polychaete, *Streblospio gynobranchiata* Webster, 1989 in the Gorgan Bay, Caspian Sea. *Iran J Sci Technol Trans Sci*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40995-018-0568-y>.

Taheri, M., Giunio, M., De Troch, M., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2017. Effect of short-term hypoxia on the feeding activity of abundant nematode genera from an intertidal mudflat. *Nematology*.19, 1–13.

Bastami, K.D., **Taheri, M.**, Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Haghparast, S., Bagheri, H., Hamzehpoor, A., Esmaeilzadeh, M., Molamohyeddin, N., 2017. Nematode community structure in relation to metals in the southern of Caspian Sea. *Acta Oceanologica Sinica*. 36 (10), 1–8.

Ghasemi, A.M., **Taheri, M.**, Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Noranian, M., Mira, S.S., Jam, A., 2016. Gorgan Bay: a microcosm for study on macrobenthos species-environment relationships in the southeastern Caspian Sea. *Acta Oceanologica Sinica*. 35(4), 82–88.

Taheri, M., Grego, M., Riedel, B., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2015. Patterns in nematode community during and after experimentally induced anoxia in the northern Adriatic Sea. *Marine Environmental Research*. 110, 110–123.

Taheri, M., Braeckman., U., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2014. Effect of short-term hypoxia on marine nematode community structure and vertical distribution pattern in three different sediment types of the North Sea. *Marine Environmental Research*. 99, 149–159.

Bastami, K.D., **Taheri, M.**, Bagheri, H., Foshtomi, M.Y., Ganji, S., Haghparast, S., Soltani, F., Hamzehpoor, A., Karimi, B., 2014. Response of sediment-dwelling annelida community in relation to geochemical parameters in the Gorgan Bay, Caspian Sea. *International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology*. 11, 2025–2026.

Ghasemi, A.M., Clements, J.F., **Taheri, M.**, Rostami, A., 2014. Changes in the quantitative distribution of Caspian Sea polychaetes: Prolific fauna formed by non-indigenous species. *Journal of Great Lakes Research*. 40(3), 692–698.

Khayyami, H., Seyfabadi, J., Rezaei Marnani, H., **Taheri, M.**, Bagzade Baghan, R., 2014. Effect of environmental parameters on Amphipods biodiversity in the Iranian continental shelf of the Oman Sea. *International Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Studies*. 2(2), 99–103.

Ghasemi, A.M., **Taheri, M.**, Jam, A., 2013. Does the introduced polychaete *Alitta succinea* establish in the Caspian Sea? *Helgoland Marine Research*. 67 (4), 715–720.

Taheri, M., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Noranian, M., Mira, S.S., 2012. Spatial Distribution and Biodiversity of Macrofauna in the Southeast of the Caspian Sea, Gorgan Bay in Relation to Environmental Conditions. *Ocean Science Journal*. 47(2), 113–122.

Taheri, M., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2011. Community structure and biodiversity of shallow water macrobenthic fauna at Noor coast, South Caspian Sea, Iran. *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*. 91 (3), 607–613.

Yazdani Foshtomi, M., **Taheri, M.**, Seyfabadi, J. 2010. Effect of different salinities on survival and growth of prawn, *Palaemon elegans* (Palaemonidae). *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*. 90 (02), 255–259.

Taheri, M., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Bagheri, H., 2010. Community structure and biodiversity of intertidal sandy beach macrofauna in Chabahar Bay, northeast of Oman Gulf, IR Iran. *Persian Gulf*. 1 (1), 17–25.

Taheri, M., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2009. Community structure and biodiversity of intertidal sandy beach polychaetes in Chabahar Bay, Oman Gulf, Iran, related to the monsoon period. *Marine Biodiversity Records*, Volume 2, e137.

Yazdani, Foshtomi, M., **Taheri, M.**, Sanjani, M.S., Seyfabadabi, J, 2009. New observation of two species, *Thalamita admete* and *Thalamita prymna* (Decapoda:

Portunidae), from Chabahar Bay (Gulf of Oman). Marine Biodiversity Records, Volume 2, e56.

Taheri, M., Seyfabadi, J., Abtahi, B., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2009. Population changes and reproduction of an alien spionid polychaete, *Streblospio gynobranchiata*, in shallow waters of the south Caspian Sea. Marine Biodiversity Records, Volume 2, e40.

Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Abtahi, B., Esmaili Sari, A., **Taheri, M.**, 2007. Ion composition and osmolarity of Caspian Sea ctenophore, *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, in different salinities. Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology. 352, 28 – 34.

Conference papers in English

Ghasemi, Amir Faraz, Savari, Ahmad, Nabavi, Mohammad bagher, Doostshenas, Babak, **Taheri, Mehrshad**, Yazdani Foshtomi, Maryam. 2017. Spatiotemporal variations in macrofauna community in the South Caspian Sea. First International Conference on Oceanography for West Asia 30 - 31 October 2017

Taheri, Mehrshad, Darvish Bastami, Kazem, Yazdani Foshtomi, Maryam. 2017. The role of the sediment conditions in shaping meiofauna spatial distribution in the shallow water of the south Caspian Sea. First International Conference on Oceanography for West Asia 30 - 31 October 2017

Kazem Darvish Bastami, **Mehrshad Taheri**, Maryam Yazdani Foshtomi, Hossein Bagheri, Ali hamzehpoor. 2015. The use of nematodes in assessing ecological quality status in the southern part of Caspian Sea. Hydrometeorological and environmental security of marine activity. Astrakhan, Russian Federation, 16-17 October 2015. 52–53.

Taheri, M., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2015. Effect of short-term hypoxia on feeding activity of intertidal nematodes, in: Mees, J. et al. (Ed.) (2015). Book of abstracts – VLIZ

Young Scientists' Day. Brugge, Belgium, 20 February 2015. VLIZ Special Publication, 71: pp. 128.

Taheri, M., Grego, M., Riedel, B., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2014. Effect of induced anoxia on nematode densities, vertical distribution patterns and recovery at the Gulf of Trieste (Northern Adriatic Sea), in: Mees, J. et al. (Ed.) (2014). Book of abstracts – VLIZ Young Scientists' Day. Brugge, Belgium, 7 March 2014. VLIZ Special Publication, 67: pp. 104.

Taheri, M., Darvish Bastami, K., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2014. Meiofauna-sediment relationships in shallow water of the south Caspian Sea. INOC-International Congress“Estuaries & Coastal Protected Areas“ECPA 2014, 04 - 06 November 2014, Izmir – TURKEY.

Taheri, M., Braeckman, U., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2013. Response of free living marine nematodes to the short-term hypoxia in three different sediment types at the Belgian Part of the North Sea, in: Mees, J. et al. (Ed.) (2013). Book of abstracts – VLIZ Young Scientists' Day. Brugge, Belgium, 15 February 2013. VLIZ Special Publication, 63: pp. 90,

Ghasemi, A.M., **Taheri, M.**, Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Jam, A., 2013. Benthic macrofauna on the coast line rocky substrates of the southern Caspian Sea. Non-indigenous species in the North-East Atlantic, Ostend, Belgium; 11/2013.

Ghasemi, A.M., Jam, A., **Taheri, M.**, Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2013. Macrobenthic faunal composition associated with seagrass beds of the southern Caspian Sea. 4th aquatic biodiversity international conference, Sibiu /Transylvania/Romania/European Union; 10/2013.

Ghasemi, A.M., Jam, A., **Taheri, M.**, Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2013. Changes in the density of the invader polychaete *Sterblospio gynobranchiata* in the shallow water of the

Caspian Sea. 4th aquatic biodiversity international conference, Sibiu /Transylvania/Romania/European Union; 10/2013.

Taheri, M., Braeckman, U., Vincx, M., Vanaverbeke, J., 2012. Short-term hypoxia does not affect nematode densities and vertical distribution patterns at the Belgian Part of the North Sea, in: Mees, J. et al. (Ed.) (2012). Book of abstracts - VLIZ Young Scientists' Day. Brugge, Belgium, 24 February 2012. VLIZ Special Publication, 55: pp. 81.

Seyed Hashtroudi, M., Farzadnia, S., **Taheri, M.**, Eghtesadi Araghi, P., 2008. Determination of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in the sediments of Chabahar Gulf. International Conference on Monitoring & modeling of marine pollution. 1– 3 December. Kish Island- Islamic Republic of IRAN. Pp 127.

Taheri, M., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Seyfabadi, J., Abtahi, B., Eibye-Jacobsen, D., 2006. Preliminary study of morphological characteristics, population dynamics and biomass of the invasive polychaete, *Streblospio gynobranchiata*, in the southern coast of Caspian Sea. NEOBIOTA. 4th European Conference on Biological Invasions. Vienna (Austria), 27 – 29 September. Pp 250.

Taheri, M., Yazdani Foshtomi, M., 2006. Preliminary study of biological characterizes of *Rhithropanopeus harrisi tridentatus*, the only species crab of the Caspian Sea, at Noor Coast. The Crustacean Society Summer Meeting May 22 – 26, Juneau, Alaska. Pp 37.

Yazdani Foshtomi, M., **Taheri, M.**, Seyfabadabi, J., 2006. Survival and growth of prawn, *Palaemon elegans*, (*Palaemonidae*) reared in different salinities. The Crustacean Society Summer Meeting May 22 – 26, Juneau, Alaska. Pp 34.

Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Abtahi, B., Esmaili Sari, A., **Taheri, M.**, 2006. Ion Composition and Osmolarity of Caspian Sea Invasive Ctenophore, *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, in Changing Environmental Salinities. NEOBIOTA. 4th European Conference on Biological Invasions. Vienna (Austria), 27 – 29 September. Pp 121.

Peer-review journals in Persian

Omid Rowshan, Nasrin Sakhaei, Hossein Zolgharnein, Hamed Paknezhad, **Mehrshad Taheri**. 2018. First Report of *Capitella* sp. (Annelida: Polychaeta) from the south Caspian Sea. *Journal of Animal Environment*. 4: 531-536.

Huseyn Khayyami, Jafar Seyfabadi, Hamid Rezaei Marnani, **Mehrshad Taheri**, Rahele Bagzade Baghan. 2013. Distribution, Abundance and Biomass of *Ampelisca* sp. in the Iranian Continental Shelf of the Oman Sea. *Journal of Marine Science and Technology*. 12(4), 1-8.

Kazem Darvish Bastami, **Mehrshad Taheri**, Hossein Bagheri, Mryam Yazdani Fashtami, Farzaneh Soltani, Sarah Haghparast, Ali Hamzehpoor, Seyede Masoumeh Lotfi Ashtiyani. 2010. The Relationship between some heavy metal contents in the sediment and macrobenthic community in Gorgan Bay. *Journal of animal environment*. 4(4): 91-102.

Taheri, M; Seyfabadi, J; Abtahi, B and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2010. Population dynamics, dispersal and reproduction cycle of *Nereis diversicolor*, in the Noor Coast – the south of Caspian Sea. *Oceanography (Iranian Journal)*. 1 (2): 27 - 33.

Taheri, M; Seyfabadi, J; Abtahi, B and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2008. Annual study of population dynamics, reproduction cycle and dispersal of the *Hypania invalida*, in the Noor Coast – the south of Caspian Sea. *Pajouhesh & Sazandegi*. 80 (2): 33-38.

Taheri, M and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2007. Study on morphometrical characteristics of the crab, *Rhithropanopeus harrisi*, in the south of the Caspian Sea (Noor Coast). *Scientific Research Journal of Iran Marine Sciences*. 6 (1, 2): 75-81.

Seyfabadi, J; **Taheri, M** and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2007. Population dynamics and annual biomass of *Nereis diversicolor*, Nereidae in Gorgan Bay (Bandargaz Coast) – southeast Caspian Sea. *Pajouhesh & Sazandegi*. 75: 125 – 131.

Taheri, M; Seyfabadi, J and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2007. Ecological study and species Identification of polychaetes of Gorgan Bay (Bandargaz Coast). *Iranian Journal of Biology*. 20 (2): 286 – 294.

Taheri, M; Seyfabadi, J and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2006. Population dynamics and biomass of the Invasive polychaetes, *Streblospio gynobranchiata* (Spionidae) in the Gorgan Bay (Bandargaz Coast) – southeast Caspian Sea. *Scientific Research Journal of Iran Marine Sciences*. 5 (3, 4): 33 – 41.

Taheri, M; Seyfabadi, J; Abtahi, B and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2005. Morphological and biological characteristics of the polychaete, *Streblospio gynobranchiata*, in the Noor Coast - Caspian Sea. *Scientific Research Journal of Iran Marine Sciences*. 4 (3, 4): 23 – 29.

Yazdani Foshtomi, M; Abtahi, B and **Taheri, M**, 2004. Optimization of plankton net for catching of ctenophore. *Scientific Research Journal of Iran Marine Sciences*. 3 (4): 63 – 71.

Taheri, M; Seyfabadi, J; Abtahi, B and Yazdani Foshtomi, M, 2003. First observation of Spionidae (Polychaeta) in Noor Coast of the southern reach of the Caspian Sea. *Scientific Research Journal of Iran Marine Sciences*. 2 (2, 3): 83 – 85.

Conference papers in Persian

Amir Faraz Ghasemi, Armin Jam, Maryam Yazdani Foshtomi, Mehrshad Taheri. 2014. Macrofauna Species-Environment Relationships in Gorgan Bay- Southeast of the

Mazandaran Sea. 2nd International Conference on the Persian Gulf Oceanography and 10th conference of Iranian marine science and technology, Tehran; 02/2014.

Yazdani Foshtomi, M., Abtahi, B and Taheri, M, 2005. Making of a suitable net for catching of ctenophore, *Mnemiopsis leidyi*, and comparing it with common plankton nets. First International Iranian Congress on Biological Science. 14 & 15 December 2005. pp 888.

Other international activities

- **World Database of Free-Living Marine Nematodes**

Vanaverbeke J, Bezerra TN, Braeckman U, De Groote A, De Meester N, Deprez T, Derycke S, Gilarte P, Guilini K, Hauquier F, Lins L, Maria T, Moens T, Pape E, Smol N, **Taheri M**, Van Campenhout J, Vanreusel A, Wu X, Vincx M (2015). NeMys: World Database of Free-Living Marine Nematodes.

- **World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)**. Mehrshad Taheri. WoRMS editors.

<http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=editors&context=16&formereditor=1>

- **Review** a summer School proposal: Integrated approaches to investigate the role of soft and hard substrate benthos in ecosystem functioning: from field observations and experiments to modeling and indicator development. (STARESO Research Station, Calvi, Corsica, France. July 17-21, 2017) **for European Geosciences Union, number W2017/416.**

- **Peer reviewer for journals:**

Marine ecology [1], Iranian Journal of Fisheries Sciences [1], Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science review [1],

Educational activities:

- **Teaching** (2007 – 2008, 2 semesters)

Basic method of aquatic animal reproduction. Chabahar Maritime University, Iran

Basic Ichthyology, Systematic. Chabahar Maritime University, Iran

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- **Thesis**

Co-promoter of a PhD student (Omid Rowshan)

Co-promoter of a master student (Kowsar Sazide)

Co-promoter of a master student (Amir Faraz Ghasemi)

Workshops and scientific courses

Certificate of "Fiddler crab behavior and ecology in coastal waters of Persian Gulf" 13 – 16th April 2008. By Prof. Patricia Backwell (Australian National University) (Bandar Abbas, Iran)

Certificate of "study on coral reefs health with Coral Watch method" Persian Gulf" 15 – 16th December 2008. By Teymour Aminirad. PADI Master SCUBA Diver Trainer, specialty Instructor. # 62538 (Chabahar, Iran)

Nematodes as Environmental Bio-Indicators (Gent, Belgium)

Dredging, environmental and marine engineering (Gent, Belgium)

Statistics - Introduction to R (Gent, Belgium)

Statistics - Analysis of Variance (Gent, Belgium)

Transferable skills

Leadership Foundation Course (Gent, Belgium)

Personal Effectiveness (Gent, Belgium)

Advanced Academic English: Conference Skills - Academic Posters (Gent, Belgium)

Advanced Academic English: Conference Skills - Effective Slide Design (Gent, Belgium)

Applying for a postdoctoral job (12h extended module) (Gent, Belgium)

Computer skills:

Statistical softwares: SPSS, PAST, Primer+Permanova and R

Microsoft office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.

Graphical editors: Adobe Photoshop and Paint

Additional skills:

Two star scuba diving in CMAS federation and PADI "Skin Diver" and "Open Water" certificates as well as some scientific diving (diving in the Netherlands, Belgium and Iran).

Take part in several marine cruises in North Sea, Caspian Sea, Persian Gulf and Oman Gulf.

Having good experience on intertidal, subtidal and continental shelf.

Good knowledge about sampling methods and statistics.

Collection, analysis and interpretation of scientific data.

Driver's license B from Iran.

Language skills: Persian (Mother tongue), English (Full proficiency), Dutch (Elementary proficiency).

Interests: scuba diving, swimming, mountaineering, physical training, playing music, reading books, watching movies, travelling, adventure journey and entertaining friends.

Awards and achievements

Four years scholarship from the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, Iran, scholarship nr 24-88200022.

Referees:

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