

# SPOTLIGHT ON GRADUATE STUDENT

## JUNAID AKHTER, PhD (Industrial Chemistry) candidate

Junaid Akhter, 25, was born and raised in Pakistan, the youngest of 3 brothers and a sister. He attended secondary school at the Pakistan Air Force Degree College in Risalpur. Encouraged by his pharmacist father, Junaid trained as an Organic Chemist at the Kohat University of Science & Technology and successfully defended a Master's thesis entitled, "Cephadrine Metal Interactions" before being offered a place to pursue his PhD at UMP.

*"Scientific thought, then, is not momentary; it is not a static instance; it is a process."  
Jean Piaget*

He began his research on the "Studies on chemical and biotransformation of patchouli alcohol and selected derivatives of *Postegamon cablin*" supervised by Prof. Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff and co-supervised by Dr. Roziah Kambol earlier this year. The study is funded by the Fundamental Research Grant Scheme awarded to both supervisors.

Junaid believes he has a bright future in chemistry, as the most essential science contributes immensely in every aspect of life. He is active in cricket, badminton and swimming. His hobbies are reading

