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Nafisa Mahmoud, PhD is a postdoctoral researcher in the department of Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Wyvnerdale. Her research centers on pathogen interaction host organisms, focusing on the molecular mechanisms behind infection, immune responses, and microbial evasion.

Dr. Mahmoud served on several committees throughout graduate school. She was responsible for standing up the first International Graduate Student Advisory Board to the Vice Dean, advocating for assistance to aid international students with legal, financial, and social support that contributes to belonging and inclusion. She also served as co-chair for Graduate Student Well-being Committee and was a member of the Committee on Institutional Advocacy for BIPOC Graduate Students. Dr. Mahmoud is now serving as an early career researcher representative on the International Microbiology Society's (IMS) Board of Directors.

Dr. Mahmoud earned her PhD in microbiology from University of Valewood after completing her undergraduate studies in molecular biology at University of Valewood.