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Mahmud's work at CSPO's Washington DC Office focuses on linking science and innovation policy to improved decision-making and better societal outcomes. He coordinates New Tools for Science Policy Breakfast Seminar, CSPO Conversations and Science Program Managers Network. Together with Ira Bennett, he co-leads Concepts and Tools for a New American Science Policy (CaTNASP) and Science, Policy and Citizenship programs.

As a principal coordinator of Expert and Citizen Assessment of Science and Technology (ECAST), Mahmud co-led WWViews on Biodiversity (2012), Participatory Technology Assessment of NASA's Asteroid Initiative (2014), and WWViews on Climate and Energy (2015) projects. Mahmud is a Co-PI in the NOAA grant titled "Science Center Public Forums: Community Engagement for Environmental Literacy, Improved Resilience, and Decision-Making." The three-year project will create replicable models for learning and engagement in eight community science centers across the nation.

Since 2004, Mahmud has been working with faculty and senior administration at large American Universities developing, coordinating and facilitating collaborative and trans-disciplinary research in the physical, natural, social sciences, engineering and public policy. Mahmud was the Director of Collaborative Research at the City University of New York, Associate Director for Research Development in the Physical Sciences and Engineering at Northwestern University, and the Managing Director of the USDOT Research Center at Purdue University.

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Mahmud's current research and teaching interests in science and technology policy focuses on innovation systems, research management, trans-disciplinary education and training, and participatory technology assessment.