

Thematic Research Grant Programme Themes 2017-18

1. Main Theme: Economy and National/ Sustainable Development Goals.

Sub Themes:

- i. Decent-work, Economic Growth & Inequalities.
- ii. MDGs to SDGs in Pakistan: Data, Time & Resource Needs.
- iii. CPEC & SDGs – Going Beyond Growth.
- iv. Environmental and Natural Resources Management for Sustainable Development.
- v. Growth and Wellbeing- Searching for Local and Indigenous Solutions.

2. Main Theme: Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and National Development.

Sub Themes:

- i. Promotion and Preservation of Tangible and Intangible Heritage.
- ii. Strategies for the Development of a National Cultural Policy.
- iii. The Role of Sufi Literature in the Promotion of the Peace and Tolerance.
- iv. The role Of Translation Studies in Accessing Diversity.
- v. Urbanization- Impact on Rural-Urban Economy & Development.
- vi. Role of Woman in National Development.
- vii. Religion, Science & Civilization.
- viii. Media, Film and Television – Impact on Social Behavior.
- ix. The Role of Historiography in Defining National Image.
- x. Brain Drain – Causes and Effects.

3. Main Theme: The New Dynamics of National and International Affairs.

Sub Themes:

National

- i. Pakistan @ 70 __ Nation, State and Society: Achievements and Failures; Challenges and Opportunities __ the Way Ahead.
- ii. Operation *Raad-Ul-Fasad* & *Khyber 4*: the Intelligence Based Combing Operations; Tasks and Successes __ The Role of Army/ Armed Forces of Pakistan, the Law Enforcing Agencies (LEAs, and the Nation).
- iii. National Action Plan: From Adoption to Implementation; Gaps and Spaces.
- iv. Social, Political, The Religious and Sectarian Fault line of the State and Society: The Sustainable and Successful way to Solution __ The Establishment of

- Modern, Islamic Democratic welfare State of Pakistan: The Dream of the Founder of the Nation.
- v. Democracy, Accountability, and Progress: Politics, Institutions, Courts and the Constitution.
 - vi. The Internal and/ External Sources of Instability and Security: the Damage Control and Corrective Measures.
 - vii. Role of Diaspora in Socio-Economic Development of Pakistan.

International

- i. The Latest Phase of Pakistan's Foreign Policy Towards Africa (North, South, Central, East and West), Americas (North, South, & Central), Asia (North, South, Central, East and West- the Middle East and Gulf), Europe (North- The Scandinavian and Nordic Countries, South, Central, East and West), and Australia.
- ii. The Pak-India Talks/ Composite Dialogue/ Bilateral Comprehensive Dialogue between Pakistan and India; Confidence Building Measures: Problems and Prospects ___ the Kashmir Dispute; Pakistan's Role in the UN and OIC for the Resolution of the Kashmir Problem; with Particular Reference to the Burning Situation after the Martyrdom of Young Freedom Fighter Burhan Wani and Many other Heroes of the Unparalleled Struggle.
- iii. India, Pakistan and the Water Disputes; the Technical Mechanisms/ Forums for Resolution.
- iv. Pakistan and China; the Regional and International Connectivity: OBOR, CPEC and Beyond.
- v. The New Economic Diplomacy of Pakistan: Looking Towards all Regions/ Directions of the World --- Pakistan's Role in SAARC, ECO, SCO, OIC, and UN: other Important Regional and International Economic and Political Organizations.
- vi. The Readjustment and Improvement in International Relations of Pakistan with Russia.
- vii. The Quadrilateral Talks of Pakistan, Afghanistan, US and China: from Negotiation to Solutions: the Role of China and Turkey in the resolution of the Afghan Crisis. The Past, Present, and the Future of Afghan Crisis/ Pak-Afghan - - US Relations; Pak-Afghan Border Management.
- viii. Diplomatic Relations of Pakistan with the Neighboring Countries @ 70.

4. Main Theme: State and Society of Pakistan: the Way Forward.

Sub Themes:

- i. Woman in the Public Domain: Challenges and Opportunities.
- ii. Pakistani Youth: A treasure to be utilized for the Development of the Country.
- iii. The Role of Modern Technology in Social Change.
- iv. Health and Illness: Issues and Practices.
- v. Changing Family Structure: Issues and Challenges.
- vi. Tolerance, Harmony and Mutual Co- Existence in Everyday Life.
- vii. Natural and Human Made Disasters: Causes and Strategies.
- viii. Media and Society.
- ix. Vocationalization of Secondary Education.
- x. Cultural Diversity: Understanding, Preservation, Practices and Promotion.
- xi. Urban Regeneration.

5. Main Theme: Higher Education in Pakistan: Issues, Challenges and the Way Forward.

Sub Themes:

- i. Academic Research and its Utilization for the Socio- Economic Development of the Country.
- ii. Tolerance and Respecting Diversity on the University Campuses.
- iii. Gender issues in Higher Education.
- iv. Gender Issues in Society.
- v. Commoditization of Higher Education and the Quality of Graduate.
- vi. HEC vision 2025: Capacity Building of Universities Teachers.
- vii. Higher Education Institutions and Character Building of the Generation.
- viii. Universities and Community Linkages.
- ix. Individual and Organization Commitment and Research in Pakistani Universities.
- x. Curriculum for Developing Studies, Civic Competency.
- xi. Higher Education: Existing Practices and Challenges for Quality Education.
- xii. Status of Early Childhood Care and Education in Pakistan, Opportunities, Challenges and way forward.
- xiii. Current Scenario of Teacher Education in Pakistan (Pre-services and in Services) Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward.