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QS World University Ranking 2021

It is a matter of great pride and Honour for the UAF faculty members, students, supporting staff, and civil society that university of Agriculture, Faisalabad(UAF) has authenticated its credibility in the comity of the nations across the globe. It is the result of restless efforts made by its dedicated and committed faculty for enhancing the research portfolio of the university through R&D activities as well as ORIC in presenting these efforts in a befitting manner for securing this Honour. It is anticipated that in the future this ranking will further improve. Congratulation to all by ORIC UAF.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING 2021
by subject

*UAF at No. 87th
out of 402 Universities of the
World
in
Agriculture & Forestry*

CONGRATULATIONS

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2021/agriculture-forestry>

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DIRECTOR ORIC TAKES OATH AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF PAKISTAN (SSSP)

The Soil Science Society of Pakistan (SSSP), a professional society working for the wellbeing of scientist in the field of Soil and Environmental Sciences regularly conducts its elections and publishes an HEC recognized Journal "Soil and Environment". The elections for the session 2021-22 were conducted by a committee under the convenorship of Dr. Muhammad Bashir Butt. As per result announced, Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, UAF was elected as President. An Oath taking ceremony of this society was held on March 01, 2021 at New Senate Hall. Formal President SSSP Prof. Dr. Kaleem Abbasi, Vice Chancellor, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in his address emphasized on more productive activities from the platform of SSSP. He appreciated the contribution made by UAF scientists in uplifting the standard of Journal "Soil and Environmental Science" and making efforts for the society. Prof. Dr. Asif Tanvir, Vice Chancellor UAF formally took oath from the Executive Council. Newly elected President Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC presented his vision statement for achieving the milestones during his tenure. In his concluding remarks, he appreciated the achievements of this society and urged that all scientific societies should follow the footsteps of this society.



TWO WEEK EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR FEMALE SCHOLARS

Paiman Alumni Trust Pakistan in collaboration with the Consulate General of United States in Pakistan is offering two week exchange program (tentatively in June 2021) for six female scholars (Ulemas) from Punjab to visit some of the US most prominent academic institutions, faith centers, and communities. All program-related expenses will be paid by the program organizer including international and domestic travel, health insurance, lodging, per diem and US visa application fee, etc.

For further detail, please visit: vip.msu.edu/Pakistan
Email: sajid.pervez@paimantrust.org.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP 2022

The Fulbright-HEC scholarships are funded by Govt. of Pakistan and managed by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) for graduate studies in the United States for Masters or Ph.D. degrees. All expenses including tuition fee, required textbooks, airfare, stipend, and health insurance, etc. will be borne by the sponsoring agency. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is mandatory for all applicants.

For further detail, please visit: www.usefp.org

Deadline: **June 09, 2021**

INTERIM PLACEMENT OF FRESH PHDs (IPFP)

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has launched the Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs (IPFP) program for one year in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), federal/provincial government post-graduate colleges, or public sector R&D organizations, prior to their formal entry into the academic job market.

Eligibility:

- Pakistani/AJK nationality.
- Age at the time of applying should not be over 40 years.
- Holder of a Ph.D. degree from an HEC-recognized university (Pakistani or foreign) completed within the two years preceding the advertisement.
- Individuals holding regular faculty positions are not eligible. However, those holding irregular or contract positions (or other sub-optimal jobs) in universities or elsewhere may apply, and if selected, will have to resign and submit a clearance certificate from their previous employer. Exceptions are non-gazetted employees (i.e., below BPS 17), who wish to retain their lien.

For further detail please visit:

<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/NAHE/IPFP/Pages/Eligibility-Criteria.aspx>

Email: ipfp@hec.gov.pk

Deadline: **March 31, 2021**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Liveability Challenge for Innovative Solutions

The Liveability Challenge is accepting proposals with the most disruptive, game-changing ideas that will help cities accelerate decarbonisation and address their resource challenges. Finalists will compete for the grand prize of up to \$1 million in grant funding for project development, with other exclusive prizes to be won!

Priority Areas:

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emission
- Environmental protection
- Acceleration of decarbonisation
- Ecosystem.

Eligibility:

All solutions submitted to The Liveability Challenge must fulfill the following criteria to be considered:

- Must have proof of concept
- At least Technology Readiness Level 6
- Must be applicable to Singapore and urban environments in the tropics

Deadline: **April 15, 2021**

For further information, please follow the given link: <https://www.theliveabilitychallenge.org/>

COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES (CFC) CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) is seeking applications for financing projects.

Priority Areas:

Project proposals incorporating innovative solutions for the commodity sector (e.g. new agritech applications, innovative productivity practices, regenerative technologies, increase availability of renewable and affordable energy, expanding environmental services, expediting green recovery, adding to the nutrition security, climate-friendly practices contributing to biodiversity, saving deforestation, digitalization, etc.) are especially encouraged to apply.

Deadline: **April 15, 2021**

Eligibility:

All interested SMEs/enterprises/cooperatives/governments are invited to submit qualifying proposals.

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals/>

1ST WAVE OF SMALL GRANTS FOR UK PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS (UKPHS)

The Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) is pleased to announce the launch of the first wave of Small Grants for UK Partnerships for Health Systems (UKPHS).

Priority Areas:

Grant applications from Health Partnerships are required to address specific clinical and health system challenges through one, or several, of the themes below:

- Innovation
- Gender Equality and/or Social Inclusion
- Climate Change
- Blended and Remote Learning

Eligibility:

Applications must be made by a Health Partnership between a UK health institution and an LMIC health institution based in one, or more, of the countries identified in this Call. The program also welcomes

applications from Health Partnerships involving more than two partners. Partnerships are expected to demonstrate how each of the partners contributes to the project.

Deadline: **May 12, 2021**

For further information, please visit:
https://www.thet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/UKPHS-SG-Call-QA_FINAL.pdf

COMPLEMENTARY CLINICAL TRIALS: EXPANDING ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINES AND RAPID RESPONSE TO CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT GAPS

The Call for funding is now open on the CEPI website, with applicants invited to submit an Expression of Interest, including a description of the current status of the COVID-19 vaccine candidate and an overview of plans for the clinical program.

Priority Areas:

Current gaps in clinical knowledge relating to the specific COVID-19 vaccine; the potential impact of the additional data generated through the research in advancing global efforts to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, the COVID-19 vaccine must have entered the clinical development phase. The call is open globally, however for complete detail of the eligibility of the proposal, kindly visit the given link.

Deadline: **May 28, 2021**

For further information please visit:
<https://cepi.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CEPICfPCallText.pdf>

CONSERVATION, FOOD AND HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation seeks to protect natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and promote public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Priority Areas:

- Conservation: Protection of natural resources,
- Food: Improve the production and distribution of food,
- Health: Promotion of public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Eligibility:

- The foundation will support
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO)
- Nonprofit organizations
- Civil society organizations
- Community-based organizations

- Colleges, universities and academic institutions

Deadline: **July 1, 2021**

For further information:
<https://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

U.S. MISSION TO PAKISTAN: DEVELOPING FEMALE LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION

This project will support Pakistani female leadership in higher education. The project will foster the professional growth of Pakistani women in the higher education sector and improve their chances of promotion into positions of senior leadership. The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan's National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) will be a key partner in this project.

Priority Areas:

Women leadership

Eligibility:

The following organizations are eligible to apply:

- Not-for-profit organizations that have expertise in higher education female leadership development
- Public and Private educational institutions in the United States
- Organizations may subcontract with other entities,
- but only one, non-profit, non-governmental entity can be the prime recipient of the award. When subcontracting with other entities, the responsibilities of each entity must be clearly defined in the proposal.

Deadline: **March 29, 2021**

For further information, please follow the given links:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=331093>

SILK ROAD YOUTH RESEARCH GRANT

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Social and Human Sciences

Sector's Silk Roads and MOST Programmes have launched the call for proposals for the 'Silk Roads Youth Research Grant'.

Priority Areas:

- Science and Technology
- Traditional Knowhow and Craftsmanship
- Religion and Spirituality
- Language and Literature
- Arts and Music
- Traditional Sports and Games

Eligibility:

Postgraduate researchers aged 35 and younger at the time of application are eligible to apply for the grant. The proposed research may be carried out by an individual researcher or may be part of a group or collaborative project.

Deadline: **April 18, 2021**

For further information please follow the given link:
<https://en.unesco.org/news/unesco-calls-proposals-2021-silk-roads-youth-research-grant>

DIRECT AID PROGRAM

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a small grants program funded from Australia's aid budget.

Priority Areas:

DAP projects cover a range of sectors such as:

- Education
- Health,
- Water and sanitation,
- Environmental protection,
- Women's empowerment and gender equality,
- Supporting people with disabilities,
- Economic livelihoods,
- Human rights.

Deadline: **June 30, 2021**

For further information please follow the given link:
<https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/Pages/direct-aid-program.aspx>

CPEC- COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT

The CPEC- Collaborative Research Grant (CPEC-CRG) is one of the key components of the recently launched HEC initiative namely "Academic Collaboration under CPEC Consortium of Universities".

Priority Areas:

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Health and Wellbeing
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Poverty Alleviation
- Science & Technology for Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Cultural Harmony between Pakistan and China
- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Infrastructure

Eligibility:

PI must be a faculty member (Ph.D.) working on a regular/ contract basis (contract duration equivalent to project duration) in the Higher Education Institutions (public or private) of Pakistan that are members of CPEC Consortium of Universities, as per the list provided on HEC Website.

Deadline: 30th June 2021

For further information please follow the given link:
<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/cpec-crg/Pages/default.aspx>

Kinnaird's Third Business Plan, Innovation & Ideas Competition

Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization Kinnaird College for Women University Lahore is organizing the "Kinnaird's Third Business Plan, Innovation & Ideas Competition". The event shall comprise of a presentation/Display of novel Business Plan, ideas and prototypes.

Important Deadlines:

Call for concepts March 08, 2021
 Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: March 22, 2021
 Notification: Acceptance: March 24, 2021
 Registration Deadline: April 02, 2021
 Event Date: April 09, 2021
 For Registration, Brochure and other details
<http://oric.kinnaird.edu.pk/innovation-idea-competition/>

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