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ORIC-UAF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SERIES OF WEBINARS ON BIOSECURITY AND IBC

The ORIC-UAF being the Secretariat of Institutional Biosafety/Bioethics Committee (IBC) makes utmost efforts to update the researchers about the latest developments in the field of Biosafety, Biosecurity, Bioethics and Dual Use Research Concerns (DURC) through various initiatives. In this regard, in collaboration with Health Security Partner (USA), ORIC arranged a series of 7- webinars (from February 22, 2021, to March 15, 2021) to capacitate the researchers about Bio-Risk Management System, Establishment of IBC, their composition, reporting system and workability, Dual-Use Research Concern (DURC), Biosecurity its components and comparison of IBC, with other relevant forums of the R&D Institutes including UAF and other universities in Faisalabad. After the post-webinar evaluation process and keeping in view the attendance of the participants, certificates were awarded to the successful participants.

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Director ORIC Participated in PARB 63rd Executive Committee Meeting

Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC UAF participated in 63rd Executive Committee Meeting of PARB on March 25, 2021, at Lahore. The meeting was chaired by Chief Executive PARB, Dr. Abid Mahmood. Various agenda items including approval of minutes of the previous meeting, consideration of various funding requests by the researchers, and constitution of Technical Working Groups for evaluation of shortlisted projects were discussed in the meeting. ORIC UAF presents its impactful contribution in all the scientific forums with its presence.

Executive Director ALP Visits ORIC

Mr. Muhammad Asif, Executive Director, Agricultural Linkage Program (ALP)-PARC visited ORIC UAF on March 29, 2021, in connection with the transfer of assets purchased out of the project funds to the respective department/institute of the university. During the meeting with Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, he discussed some pending issues of the projects. Director ORIC committed to resolve the issues in consultation with the concerned Principal Investigator(PI).ED-ALP

highlighted the futuristic research priorities of ALP with a prime focus on applied/commercial able/patentable research rather than basic lab./field research. He accepted the invitation of Director ORIC to have a brainstorming session with UAF researchers after settling the current wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Director ORIC presented a souvenir to Executive Director ALP as a token of memorandum.



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: vippp.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**

EUROPEAN BIOMASS CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION (EUBCE), AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDING

The Clean Energy Transition Unit for the European Commission will be organizing a parallel event on the European Biomass Conference and Exhibition (EUBCE) under the Horizon Europe Program platform about new funding opportunities for:

- Bioenergy
- Biofuels
- Renewable fuels

The interested researchers are requested to prepare viable research proposals under the thematic areas for harvesting the research funding from this global forum. The ORIC-UAF will facilitate at all levels to materialize the idea.

Deadline: **FROM 26 – 29 APRIL 2021**

For further detail please visit:

https://www.eubce.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwo-aCBhC-ARIsAAkNQiuJGO8yPYYB5nhpedGIFzp6xSUfA3pEXLU9qd2Qd2q6z00E2j43MmlaAulwEALw_wcB

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/>

UNDERGRADUATE SEMESTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM BY USEFP FOR PAKISTAN

The United States Education Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) has announced an undergraduate semester exchange program for Pakistan for the year 2022. It will provide the undergraduate students who enriched their education and experience through one semester of full-time, non-degree academic stud in the United States. It will also expose students to the Principles of social responsibilities in the United States through a community service component.

Eligibility criteria:

- The students (Pakistani Citizens) of 25 years or Younger currently enrolled in the university and committed to returning to their home university on the completion of the program.
- Have 14 or 15 years of formal education at their credit

Women, people with disabilities, and individuals from KPK, AJK, Gilgit Baltistan, Balochistan, Northern Sindh, and Southern Punjab are highly encouraged to apply.

Grant benefits

- Round-trip airfare
- Tuition and bench fee
- Housing and meals
- A limited allowance for books
- Accident and sickness coverage
- Monthly maintenance allowance

Application deadline: **April 28, 2021**

For application and other details please visit:

www.usefp.org or undergraduate@usefp.org

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>

JOINT EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES (JESH) PROGRAM BY AAS

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (AAS) through Joint Excellence in Science and Humanities (JESH) program, is offering substantial mobility scheme to support the promising young scholars in all fields of research. Under the JESH Program, applications are being invited from students of post-doctorates to establish scientific collaborations in Austria and in 55 different focus countries during research stays. The program is open to postdocs who have completed their doctorates not more than 10 years previously. Research stays would be funded for periods from one to six months.

Deadline: **May 20th, 2021**

For further details please visit:
<https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/stipendien/jesh/>

or write to Mr. Johannes Kontny at:
jesh.application@oeaw.ac.at

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER NCGSA RESEARCH FUND

National Center for GIS and Space Application (NCGSA) has launched its flagship Research Fund to promote space science, technology and its applications in the following domains:

1. Remote Sensing And Geographic Information Science

2. Small Satellite Technology
3. Positioning, Navigation and Timing
4. Astronomy, Astrophysics and Astrobiology
5. Space Popularization and Outreach
6. Space Application and Advanced Systems

- The projects will be awarded on a competitive basis for research grants up to PKR 15 Million resulting in sustainable products/prototypes/applications or solutions of the space issues.

- Project duration will be maximum up to 24 months submission will be through email, hard copy, and online web portal after soliciting formal approval from ORIC UAF.

Deadline: April 23, 2021

For further detail please visit:

<https://ncgsa.org.pk/ncgsa-research-fund> or

Contact NCGSA Secretariat:

ncgsa@ist.edu.pk; researchfund@ncgsa.org.pk



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