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OPPORTUNITY FOR ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS IN FAISALABAD (UAF)

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Regional Plan9, a project of PITB, is focused on inculcating a technology driven entrepreneurial mindset amongst our youth across the province of Punjab. Introducing 9 technology incubators, housed in public sector universities.



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AI-ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS

AI (Artificial Intelligence) Accessibility grants support projects that use AI to empower people living with disabilities. Applications are invited from developers, NGOs, academics, researchers, and inventors to accelerate their work for people with disabilities. This is a global program: Grant applications from all countries are eligible.

Deadline: **July 30, 2021**

For more details please visit:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/ai-for-accessibility-grants>

- Agriculture
- Biodiversity
- Water

Deadline: **July 05, 2021**

For more details please visit:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/ai-for-earth-grants#primaryR3>

SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS (SANDEE) - REGULAR RESEARCH GRANTS

The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) is a regional network that provides research grants to The Researcher, Graduate and Ph.D. students engaged in research work related to the economics of environment and development. Currently, grants are made in three thematic areas: Ecosystem Management, Economics of Climate Change, Policies and Programs for Greener Development.

Deadline: April and October. However, preproposals are accepted throughout the year

For more details please visit:

http://www.sandeeonline.org/content_disp.php?id=12&cntid=54

AI FOR EARTH GRANTS

AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Earth awards grants ranging USD 5000-15000 to support projects that use AI to change the way people and organizations monitor, model, and manage Earth's natural systems such as:

- Climate

CALL FOR D-PRIZE

D-Prize is awarded to the most promising teams with up to \$20,000 USD to launch a pilot version of your new organization wherever extreme poverty exists, with a goal to serve millions in the years ahead.

Eligibility:

D-Prize is for aspiring entrepreneurs from anywhere in the world, of any age, and any background.

Applications will be considered for funding to the existing organizations only if applicants are piloting a new distribution-focused initiative, and they have a need for high-risk capital that cannot be supported by current donors or revenue.

Deadline: **June 06, 2021**

For more details please visit:

<https://d-prize.org/>

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP 2022

The Fulbright-HEC Scholarships are funded 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**

THE MERCK RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM

The Merck research grants program is open to the scientists in all career stages who are affiliated with any research-based institution, university, or company.

The proposals are accepted in the following areas:

- Drug Discovery
- Real-time testing and sensors
- Nanoparticle for nucleic acid delivery
- Digital Innovation
- Bioelectronics
- Sustainability
- Media recycling for cultured meat
- Organoids

Deadline: **August 31, 2021**

For more details please visit:

<https://www.merckgroup.com/en/research/open-innovation/2021-research-grants.html>

IMMATERIAL FUTURE INNOVATION AWARD

The Immaterial Future association has launched a call for nominations for the Immaterial Future Innovation Award for innovative solutions that contribute to unleashing the full power of culture.

Priority Areas:

Projects are accepted that leverage technology to address, directly or indirectly, at least one of the following challenges:

- Develop new business models that give culture financial independence.
- Develop distribution models that allow wide access to cultural experiences while upholding the authenticity of these experiences.

Who Can Apply:

Technological startups and projects from anywhere in the world are encouraged to apply for IF Innovation Award.

Deadline: **June 01, 2021**

For further details please visit:

<https://immaterialfuture.org/award/2/>

INNOVATOR AWARDS

Innovator Awards are open to researchers who are developing healthcare innovations that could have a major and measurable impact on human health.

Priority Areas:

- Therapeutics (small molecules or biologics)
- Vaccines
- Devices
- Diagnostics
- Digital technologies
- Regenerative medicine

Deadline: **May 24 2021**

For further details please visit:

<http://www.nestlefoundation.org/e/research.html>

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

The Call for funding is open on the CEPI website, 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
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Deadline: **July 1, 2021**

For further information:

<https://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

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>

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION 2021

The Bridge Academy of Research and Innovation (BARI) in collaboration with Hazza Institute of Technology, under National Training Bureau, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Government of Pakistan has invited research posters for innovating Pakistan through "Innovative Research Poster Competition 2021" for Post-Graduate as well as Under-Graduate students (pass out students can also apply). No age limit.

Priority Areas:

- Electrical, Civil, Mechanical Petroleum and Gas Engineering
- Computer Science, IT and Software Engineering
- Environmental Engineering

Prizes:

1st position Rs. 150,000, 2nd position 100,000 and 3rd position 50,000.

Deadline: May 27, 2021

For more details: <http://www.bari-rc.com>



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has invited research proposals from faculty of Public and Private universities to submit research proposals for HEC funding under the Grand Challenge Fund (GCF). The GCF will support large, multi-sectoral/multidimensional research projects. GCF is focused on supporting research in priority thematic areas of National interest. Projects should include: relevant and cutting-edge research activities and postgraduate student training. The amount of funding for GCF awards is Rs.15-225 million for a maximum project duration of 3 years.

The deadline for online submission is May 23, 2021, while ORIC will process the proposals and complete the pre-requisites till May 17, 2021, including the endorsement by the Head of Institution and Director ORIC.

For further detail please visit HEC website:
<http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/gcf> or
 Email contact info-r&d@hec.gov.pk

9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD

The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, Science & Education Foundation, and Institute of Hydrometeorology, Georgian Technical University Burgas, Bulgaria organizing ninth International Conference on Agriculture & Food, to be held between 16th and 19th August 2021.

The participants belonging to various sectors of Agriculture i.e. Plant Breeding and Genetics, Animal Breeding, and Food Production, Climate Change, Food Security and malnutrition, etc. to address recent research results and to present and discuss their ideas, theories, technologies, systems, tools, applications, work in progress and experiences. The papers presented will be published in an open-access journal indexed by

AGRIS. The event will be held with both live and online sessions, while observing all applicable safety measures.

Further information is available on <https://sci-edu.org/agriculture> OR Science & Education Foundation, Bulgaria, www.sci-edu.org

INTERLOOP MTO PROGRAM

Interloop is an equal opportunity employer with a splendid employer brand. We recruit from a diverse talent base to fulfill our varied needs. Our MTO program is a flagship program through which fresh, young, and talented graduates are inducted into Interloop Family. This raw talent is then trained and groomed under the well-planned and organized program, preparing them for taking future leadership roles in the Company. MTOs' stringent selection criteria and the rigorous nature of the program set a good platform for aspiring fresh graduates to display their talent and prove their worth. Through this email, we would like to invite the fresh graduates of your institute to apply to this program. The advertisement for the same has appeared on the company's official website and the LinkedIn page (Links are below) on Saturday, **8th May 2021**.

Website link: <https://www.interloop-pk.com/mtop/>
LinkedIn Page:
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/interloop-limited_interlooplimited-managementtraineeofficersprogram-activity-6796674593739292672-mqzP

Through this writing, we request you to encourage your talented young graduates especially females to apply and start their careers with us. In case of any support/ query, please feel free to contact our below team members, they will be happy to serve you.

CALL FOR RESEARCH FUNDING FOR PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT BY PSF

The Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) under the Competitive Research Program intends to provide funding up to Rs. 20 Million to the researchers who can develop product(s) in collaboration with industry/private sector under the theme: "Product Development Through Indigenous Research and Innovation"

Deadline: June 15, 2021
For more details, please visit:
<http://www.psf.gov.pk/CRP.aspx>

or

<http://www.psf.gov.pk/Call-for-research-proposals.aspx>

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

King Fahad University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) has announced Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the following areas:

- AI, Intelligent Secure System
- Membranes and Water Security
- Smart Mobility and Logistics
- Refining and Petrochemicals
- Nanotechnology
- Renewable Energy
- Macro/Micro-Economics
- Business Administration, Management and Finance

For more details, please visit:
<https://postdoc.kfupm.edu.sa>

CONGRATULATIONS



It is a matter of great honor and pride for the university that Dr. Shahid Majeed, Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology has won a prestigious research grant under Grand Challenge Fund (GCF) by HEC worth Rs. 52.81 Million. Similarly, Dr. Imran Pasha, Associate Professor, NIFSAT won another research grant under Technology Transfer Support Fund (TTSF) by HEC worth Rs. 10.933 Million. ORIC Congratulates Dr. Shahid Majeed & Dr. Imran

Pasha and experts that they will continue to enhance the credibility of this University in the upcoming years.



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