



# ORIC NEWS



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization  
University of Agriculture, Faisalabad  
*Transforming Concepts into Impacts*



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC)-UAF wishes for all the faculty members, researchers, students, supporting staff, and the campus community a happy, prosperous and pandemic-free new year



(2022). It is anticipated that in the upcoming new year, the researchers, faculty members, and postgraduate students will open new avenues in the field of Science & Technology for reshaping the research system at UAF with the objective of strategizing modes and means for enhancing per acre yield of the field crops and elevating the living standard of the farming community

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS 2022-23 UNDER STIPENDIUM HUNGARICUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has announced scholarships under stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Program.

Stipendium Hungaricum scholarships are available for Pakistani students fulfilling basic eligibility criteria in specified disciplines and other requirements of Hungarian

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universities under the following programs:

- Bachelor's Degree (after 12 years education)
- One-Tier Master's Degree (after 12 years education)
- Master's Degree (after 16 years education)
- Ph.D. Degree (after 17/18 years education)

This year the subject scholarship programs cover all major fields with reserve seats for medicine MBBS, Dentistry, and sports sciences/physical training. However, entry in an undergraduate Engineering degree program is banned in 2022-23 Batch.

**Deadline:** January 17, 2021

For further details please visit: <https://www.hec.gov.pk/site/ARL>  
<https://www.stipendiumjungaricum.hu/apply/>

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER ISF BY HEC

The Higher Education Commission Pakistan (HEC) has launched the Call for Proposals under the Innovative Seed Fund (ISF). The ISF is anticipated to support the development of startups through the provision of Innovator Seed Fund Grants to students, recent graduates, and/or faculty members from universities under the following priority areas.

- Agriculture, Food Resources and Agri Tech
- Banking, Microfinance, and FinTech
- Creative, Digital Media, Arts, and Culture
- Education and EdTech
- E-commerce and Smart Retail
- Emerging Technologies
- Health Care and Health Tech
- Housing, Construction, and Manufacturing
- Sustainable Development, Climate, and Energy
- Transportation and Logistics
- Other sectors that have the potential for growth and impact

#### Eligibility:

The lead applicant must:

- Either be a student, recent alumni, and/or faculty members/researcher of the Higher Education Institutions (public and private).
- Have endorsement from one of the HEC-established Business Incubation Centers (BICs)
- Not have received commercial sources of funding prior to applying for an ISF grant.
- Have an SECP registered business concern
- The final awardees will have to enter into a tripartite agreement between the Startup, the BIC, and the HEC.
- Anticipated Funding Amount Budgets for ISF awards have a maximum cap of USD 35,000 with a maximum project duration of one (01) year.

**Deadline:** January 15, 2022

For further details, please visit:

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/isf> or [isf@hec.gov.pk](mailto:isf@hec.gov.pk)

### CALL FOR PAPERS

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**19<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Soil Science**

**SOIL HEALTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**15-17 February 2022**  
University of Agriculture Faisalabad

**IMPORTANT DATES**

January 15, 2022	Last Date of Receipt of Abstracts (as per given format) and Registration Forms
January 25, 2022	Notification of Accepted Abstracts
January 30, 2022	Last Date of Receipt of Accommodation Reservation Requests

**Organized By:** Soil Science Society of Pakistan  
**In Collaboration With:** University of Agriculture Faisalabad

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### CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (COE) GRANTS BY HEC

Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad has announced Center of Excellence (CoE) grants preferably consortium-based, multi-disciplinary proposals (with sectorial Govt. Departments, industry, and civil society) with lead Principal Investigator as Director/Head of the Center of



Excellence. The grants are an available minimum of PKR 50 Million to a maximum of up to Rs.157 million for a maximum duration of three years. Grants are mandated to support the quality of applied/ impactful research with a clear strategy of a commercial, sustainable way forward to address socio-economic and environmental challenges.

**Deadline:** January 28, 2022

For further detail please visit <https://hec.gov.pk/english/services/rnd/ceg>

For any queries please contact: [nc@hec.gov.pk](mailto:nc@hec.gov.pk)

## VISIT OF JUMP START PAKISTAN TEAM TO BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTER, UAF

JumpStart Pakistan is an entrepreneurial movement whose ultimate vision is to create a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem. Jumpstart Pakistan is currently operating in 15 cities of Pakistan and 11 chapters globally and engaged with more than fifty universities. One of the initiatives of JumpStart Pakistan is LIFT Pakistan Conference. Mr. Khurram Zuberi, CEO of Jumpstart Pakistan visited the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. He interacted with University startups and students and motivated them to participate in the upcoming LIFT Pakistan Conference. He elaborated the said Conference is a platform designed specifically for showcasing Pakistan's true assets i.e. Startups, SMEs, and Universities that shape up the



Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. The event will feature renowned keynote speakers, exhibitions, and think tank sessions. The Conference is conducted on 15-18 December 2021 at Pak China Friendship Center, Islamabad.



## CONGRATULATIONS

In accordance with Section 24(1)(ix) of the UAF Act 1973 and the relevant statutes governing the election of members of university teachers; Ms. Aisha Arshad, Assistant Professor, Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) is hereby declared to have been elected (unopposed) as member of the Syndicate for the period of ending on 07-08-2023.

The ORIC congratulates Ms. Aisha Arshad, Assistant Professor (ORIC) and anticipates that she will excel her best of the best capabilities to solve the problems of the teaching faculty under the framework of the University.



## FOUR WEEK PROFESSIONAL TRAINING STARTED AT UAF

The Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) under the guidelines of the Vice-Chancellor has initiated four-week professional training for the officers of Agriculture, Department, Govt. of the Punjab (Ext. & AR) from January 03, 2022, to January 28, 2022. In the inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC/Focal Person emphasized the participants to harvest this opportunity of capacity sharing with the resource persons and participant to participant interactions. Ch. Abdul Hameed, Director Agriculture, (Faisalabad Division) thanked UAF management for making arrangements for this training and hiring the best of the best resource persons from the country. Division) thanked UAF management for making arrangements for this training and hiring the best of the best resource persons from the country. Division) thanked UAF management for making arrangements for this training and hiring the best of the best resource persons from the country. Division) thanked UAF management for making arrangements for this training and hiring the best of the best resource persons from the country.



## ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTATION PROGRAM FOR THE MS/MPHIL/PHD STUDENTS

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has revamped and activated its program titled "Access to scientific instrumentation program for the MS/M.Phil/Ph.D. students" to facilitate them for research sample analysis required in their thesis research. The applicant should:

- Apply at least 6 weeks prior to samples' analysis.
- Maximum funding available for sample analysis to each applicant is Rs. 200,000/year (i.e. from 1st July to 30th June).
- Supervisor (HEC Approved Supervisor) has to endorse that the research synopsis/proposal is approved and the student has to report results of his/her research samples' analysis, in the research work.
- For all the approved cases, HEC will issue an 'Award Letter' to the applicant and subsequently, the applicant will send the samples to the lab for analysis.

For further detail please visit: <http://research.hec.gov.pk>



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