

ORIC NEWS



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FOUR-WEEK PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMPLETED



Four-Week Professional Training on Finance, Administration, Management and E-Governance for the Officers, BPS 18-19, (Batch-I) Department of Agriculture (Ext. & AR), Govt. of the Punjab, started from January 03, 2022, and was completed on January 28, 2022. The training was organized by ORIC-UAF. The concluding session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC/Focal Person, and Ch. Abdul Hameed, Director Agriculture Extension, Faisalabad. In his concluding remarks, the Director of Agriculture appreciated the efforts made by the university to make this training impactful. He also urged the participants to implement the lesson learned during the training to enhance official efficiency. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC/Focal Person briefed about the background for initiating this training and batches completed by the Officers of Agriculture

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Department Research Wing. He appreciated the dedication & commitment of the participants to be the tools to make this training impactful. The outgoing participants were awarded the certificates.







CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) invites applications to provide financial support to commodity value chain development. The CFC can offer a range of financial and technical instruments of support to meet specific needs of SMEs/enterprises, cooperatives, and institutions along the entire commodity value chain in its member countries

The deadline for submission of proposals is April 15, 2022.

CFC is also organizing a webinar on March 31, 2022, 14:00 to 15:00 hrs PST via Zoom, to facilitate the researcher's interest in submitting the proposals.

All the faculty members are requested to submit project proposals to ORIC, UAF till Friday, April 08, 2022, positively for soliciting approval of the Vice-Chancellor, UAF.

UAF STUDENTS TEAM PARTICIPATED IN DICE AFS 2021 AT MNS-UA MULTAN

University of Agriculture Faisalabad students participated in DICE AFS 2021 at Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture Multan (MNS-UAM) form 27-28 December 2021. In first phase, UAF submitted 25 ideas and out of these ideas, 10 were selected for final event.

UAF student Muhammad Sarmad Mushtaq won first position prize under the Category of Humanities, Business, and Social Sciences. His project title was "Economic Analysis of Quail Farming in Punjab, Pakistan: A Sustainable Rural Enterprise".

Another student of UAF Muhammad Seerat Rauf scored 3rd Position under the category of Engineering & Technology. His project title was "Indigenous development of a mechanism for colonization of banana fibers as potential and sustainable raw material for textile industry of Pakistan".





POLICY DECISIONS BY BOD OF ENDOWMENT FUND REGARDING INCENTIVES

The Board of Directors, Endowment Fund Secretariat in its meeting held on 01.09.2021, approved to grant remuneration to the project executing staff/evaluators as under:

1. Investigators/Scientists

Sr.#	University Faculty Members	Scientist/experts of other organization	PI-Co-PI	Amount Rs.
1.	Professor	21	PI	100,000/
			Co-PI	50,000/-
2.	Associate Professor	20	PI	90,000/
			Co-PI	45,000/-
3.	Assistant Professor	19	PI	80,000/-
			Co-PI	40,000/-
4.	Lecturer/Research Officer	18 & 17	PI	70,000/-
			Co-PI	35,000/-

2. Evaluators

Sr.#	Evaluation	Experts nominated by	Amount Rs.	No. of Experts
1.	Project Proposal	Chairman BoD	5,000/- Each	Three
2.	Project Annual Report	Chairman BoD	35,000/- Each	Two
3.	Final/Completion Report	Chairman BoD	5,000/- Each	Two

3. Supporting Staff

The engagement of supporting staff as per policy of Host Institutions on the recommendation of PI, for maintenance of registers, assistance to PI in office work/purchase and billing etc.
 Submission of annual financial report)

Note: The rates will be applicable for all either working on BPS/Tenured/TTS or special pay packages.

The rates of remuneration given at Sr.No.1&3 will be effective from the new batch of projects received against the advertisement in 2021, while the revised rates given at Sr.No.2 will be effective henceforth for ongoing and new projects both .

HANDS-ON TRAINING 2022



NEW BATCH OF FOUR-WEEK PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WILL START FROM FEBRUARY 07, 2022



CONSULTATIVE SESSION WITH POTENTIAL APPLICANTS OF ISF WITH SECP OFFICIALS

Business Incubation Center, UAF arranged Pre-Application Consultative Session with potential applicants of Innovator Seed Fund (ISF) on January 19, 2022. Muhammad Imran Munawar, In-charge BIC conducted the introductory session about HEC Innovator Seed Fund and briefed about the application process, eligibility, and prerequisites. Followed by a session on How to register in SECP by Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Additional Joint Registrar of Companies, Securities Exchange Commission, Pakistan (SECP) who shared up-to-date information for registering a company.

Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC motivated faculty members and startups to apply for HEC Innovator Seed Fund.



RESULTS OF HEC-RECOGNIZED ORIC'S RANKING FY-2020-21

The performance of HEC-recognized ORICs, in public & private universities of Pakistan is measured through a "Self-Assessment Scorecard" on annual The ORICs have also been basis. evaluated accordance with documentary evidences. HEC has announced the current ranking of 75 ORICs based on the performance during the FY-2020-21. In this ranking, ORICs categorized into three have been different categories, X, Y, Z. Out of 75 Pakistani HEC recognized ORICs, 6 have been rated as 'X' category, 31 as 'Y' whereas 38 have been rated as 'Z' category. It is to inform in great



Results of HEC-Recognized-ORICs

exultation that ORIC-UAF has once again shown its excellency by marking its space in the 'X' category. It is indeed a very proud moment for the ORIC staff, faculty, and campus community and it could not have been achieved without the collective efforts, hard work, and determination of each and every member of the UAF community in the pursuit of excellence. We express our heartiest congratulations on this momentous occasion.

HULT PRIZE START-UP COMPETITION 2.0

Business Incubation Center, UAF in collaboration with Hult Prize arranged a startup competition. Around, 102 teams registered for the event. The event featured an entrepreneurial boot camp, Business Canvas Model Training and Pitching Competition. Top Fifteen Teams were given a chance to present their ideas in front of judges. Dr. Khuram Zia- Manager Academia-Industry Linkages, Mr. Imran Munawar – Incharge BIC, Mr. Yasir Rasool – Visiting Lecturer, UAF, and Asad-ur-Rehman – Ex-Campus Director, served as Judges for the event. The top four teams were selected to be incubated in Business Incubation Center, UAF.

Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC appreciated the efforts of the core team of the Hult Prize. He also acknowledged the support provided by the judges, speakers, and sponsors.





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