



ORIC NEWS



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



NEWLY INDUCTED FACULTY COLLOQUIUM

In line with directive of the Vice Chancellor, the Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) is organizing capacity sharing colloquium for the newly inducted faculty members who through a series of meetings of Selection Boards have recently become the members of UAF faculty. The newly inducted faculty members (preferably Assistant Professors) who have earned their PhD degrees from diversified world renowned universities in a variety of disciplines will present their PhD findings on September 05-06, 2022 (Tentative) at New Senate Hall, UAF. It will be a high time to capitalize their innovative ideas & new approaches in promoting research system at UAF. The "Colloquium" will further strengthen inter disciplinary and collaborative impactful research at large.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO AVAIL TRAVEL GRANTS BY PAKISTANI RESEARCHERS

The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad has invited applications from faculty/researchers of public sector universities to apply HEC funding under Travel Grant Program. Now HEC has revised its Travel Grant Policy allowing applicants to apply directly to HEC for funding while funds will be released to concerned university as per approved award upon filing reimbursement claim within 3 months of the event.

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The researchers can avail this opportunity who are:

- Principal author (first or corresponding author) of the paper to be presented in the conference abroad
- The faculty member (except visiting faculty) or MS/MPhil/PhD scholar of a public sector HEIs/ University

Applications may be submitted through HEC online portal (research.hec.gov.pk) followed by hard copy in original at least 60 days prior to the event date along with requisite documents. Heads of ORIC's/Heads of Research at the respective HEI will endorse the application.

For further details please visit: <http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/TG> or info.r&d@hec.gov.pk

CONGRATULATIONS

The Governor of the Punjab /Chancellor of the University has appointed Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sarwar Khan as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture for the period of three years or till his retirement whichever is earlier. Dr. Muhammad Sarwar Khan has served this university as Director CABB and he is the author of various books ,book chapters and other research publications. He has contributed in the elevation of research portfolio of the university by hunting competitive research grants and as member Institutional Biosafety and Bioethics Committee. The ORIC extends its cooperation with Dean, Faculty of Agriculture to promote R&D culture in the campus and anticipates that Dr. Khan will contribute in promoting research culture at UAF with same pace and momentum.



TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON “DIGITAL INFORMATION LITERACY IN AGRICULTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY” AT UAF

The ORIC UAF organized PASTIC-UAF two day workshop on “Digital Information Literacy in Agriculture Science and Technology” at University of Agriculture Faisalabad on 25-26 August 2022 at Main Library in collaboration with Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center (PASTIC). Ph.D scholars and Post Graduate Students along with Faculty Members attended this workshop where renowned resource persons capacitated the participants. In the inaugural session Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC emphasized that it was the high time to capitalize digital resources for research specifically in agricultural sciences. Now the word is thinking out of the box for the solution of intricate problems of the farming community. Mr. Muhammad Husnain, Deputy Director PASTIC appreciated the efforts for conducting this workshop extended by Library and UAF Management. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, Former Director General, Higher Education Commission Punjab shared his experiences in the context of digital information and digital resource for research. On 2nd day Mr. Zaheer Ahmad from UMT, Lahore delivered a comprehensive lecture on search books and journal through digital resources. In the late afternoon the workshop ended



INTER UNIVERSITY ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION DATE EXTENDED BY HEC

The Higher Education Commission Islamabad (HEC) Islamabad in collaboration with Ministry of Planning Development of Special Initiative has announced Inter University Essay Writing Competition on the following topics:

- Development Journey of Pakistan from 1947-2022 lesson learnt viz-a-viz developing countries
- Pakistan at 2047 national youth aspirations

1st Position : Rs.500,000 **2nd Position**: Rs.300,000 **3rd Position**: Rs. 200,000 **4th-10th**: Rs. 100,000

For further detail please visit: www.hec.gov.pk

Deadline: September 06, 2022

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY BY PARB

The Punjab Agricultural Research Board (PARB) has invited research proposals for funding through the Competitive Grant System from the Faculty Members/Researchers in the following high priority research areas:

1. Enhance Productivity with Sustainability of Major Cropping System
2. Promote Diversification and Commercialization in Agriculture
3. Conserve Resource and Protect Environment
4. Improve Competitiveness by Value Addition
5. Cross cutting Issues and Knowledge Based Agriculture Policies

Deadline: September 16, 2022

For further detail: <https://parb.agripunjab.gov.pk/>

AZGARD 9 LIMITED MANAGEMENT VISITS UAF

A delegation from Azgard 9 Limited, the leading denim industry of the country, led by Dr. Farrukh Mehmood (General Manager Research and Development) visited the Department of Fibre and Textile Technology, and Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization ORIC, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

The purpose of the visit was to bridge the gap between the academia and industry and to



explore the possibilities of collaboration regarding the extraction, processing, and blending of alternate natural fibres especially that of banana fibre with cotton. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC highlighted activities and efforts of the ORIC to strengthen the academic industry linkages whereas Dr. Assad Farooq, Chairman and Dr. Muhammad Awais, Assistant Professor, Department of Fibre and Textile Technology, explained the research work being carried out in the field of natural fibres. Both parties agreed to collaborate in future research activities.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AT UAF

To ensure transparency in the research system at UAF, the Vice Chancellor is pleased to task ORIC Team for Internal Monitoring and Evaluation of the ongoing research projects. The PIs/PMs/TLs of the projects will submit the data on the prescribed format three days prior to the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) date/process. A comprehensive M&E report will be presented to the Competent Authority after successful completion of the process. Tentative schedule of Internal Monitoring and Evaluation (for six months) has been sent to the respective PIs/TMs/TLs for necessary compliance.

HELP THE HELPLESS

Due to heavy rain, most of the cities and villages from Baluchistan, Sindh, Punjab and KPK are under heavy disaster. No doubt, Govt. of Pakistan and Provincial Governments are making utmost efforts to help the flood affected inhabitants of Pakistan. There is a great loss of life, property and livestock. As a Pakistani and as an agricultural expert, it is our moral duty to support technically, financially and morally. Let us donate time and money for relieving and helping the helpless



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