



# ORIC NEWS



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*Transforming Concepts into Impacts*



## A COLLOQUIUM FOR NEWLY INDUCTED FACULTY AT UAF

A brain storming session was organized at Iqbal Auditorium for capitalizing the new ideas and innovative approaches from newly inducted faculty at UAF where emerging scientists not only highlighted their current work but also explained future prospects in terms of R&D activities. Deans of Faculties also highlighted salient features of their faculty research and futuristic research priorities. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC explained the Research System at UAF. Prof. Dr. Qamar us Zaman, Vice Chancellor PMAS-Arid Agricultural University Rawalpindi appreciated the initiative of this brain



storming session. Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan (SI) emphasized the need of helping flood affectees by providing them advisory services for field crops, livestock and in the rehabilitation process. He stressed the emerging researchers to align their research thrusts with national priorities and with Sustainable Development Goals

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(SDGs) to achieve ultimate objectives of food security, rural development and well being of farming community. Afterwards, newly included faculty members explained their research findings and future research plans. This day long session ended in the evening. Director ORIC thanked all the participants. Next session of this initiative will be held on September 24, 2022

### A NEW BATCH OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR GOVT. OFFICERS STARTS

In continuation of a series of 4-week professional training for the officers of Agriculture Department, Govt. of the Punjab, Research, Extension and Crop Reporting Services a new batch (12-Batch) for extension officers started at DLC-II UAF. Prof Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC/Focal Person formally welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of this four week professional training. He anticipated that after successful completion of this training, the officers will be in a position to address the issues of subordinating staff in a better way. Use



of ICT in office management will enable them to switch over to paperless environment. Dr. Abdul Rashid Coordinator of this training explained the Standing Operative Procedures (SOPs) for this training. Afterwords technical session was started.

### PAKISTAN: DIRECT AID PROGRAM 2022-23

Direct Aid Program (DAP) by Australian Govt. is to support projects with a strong development focus that complement Australia's broader aid program which contributes to sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.

#### Funding Information

- There is no minimum amount that a single DAP project can receive but the maximum is AUD60,000 over the life of the project. Activities may run up to a maximum of two years.

#### Eligible Projects

- DAP enables to promote activities that have a direct, practical and immediate impact, including capacity building programs in the areas of governance and human rights engagement.
- In the areas of community and/or rural development, education, gender equality, disabilities, youth, human rights, the environment, small-scale infrastructure, economic empowerment and ad hoc humanitarian relief.
- Where applicants and their communities make a contribution in labour, materials, transport or cash

**Time line:** September 30, 2022

**For further detail please visit:** <https://dap.smartygrants.com.au/DAPIslamabad2022-23>



## OPEN CALL FOR PAKISTAN PRIVATE SECTOR ENERGY

The Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) has announced the Pakistan Private Sector Energy Project (PPSE) to focus on expanding the portfolio of commercially-viable clean energy projects in Pakistan and providing support to enable them to access financing and reach financial close.

Supported by USAID, the project targets small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Pakistan, including those located in industrial zones, while also addressing the needs of isolated communities through off-grid solutions.

### Funding Information

- Only for energy access and rural electrification projects (clean cook stoves, solar home systems, mini grids) can get funding between US\$500,000 and US\$50 million. This too may be disbursed in smaller tranches as requested.

**Timeline:** October 30, 2022

**For further detail please visit:** <https://pfan.net/pakistan-private-sector-energy-project/eligibility-criteria-ppse/>



## SNAPP FUNDING (UP TO US\$1 MILLION IN FUNDS)

The Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP) is offering 2022 Request for Proposals to fund expert teams to deliver rapid solutions to the most critical challenges Facing humans and the planet as under:

### Challenges

- Climate Resilience
- Food and Freshwater
- Ocean Sustainability
- Social Innovations.

For each funding cycle, depending on available funding, SNAPP provides up to US\$1 million in funds to 4-6 working groups.

**Timeline:** December 15, 2022

For further detail please visit <https://snapppartnership.net/get-involved/our-open-calls-for-proposals/>



## GLOBAL IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE FOR EQUITABLE CANCER CONTROL

The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking applications for Global Implementation Science for Equitable (Global ISE) Cancer Control to build a consortium of implementation science centers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Application budgets need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project but must not exceed \$750,000 per year in direct costs for the period of 5 years.

**Timeline:** October 8, 2022

**For further detail please, visit** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-22-019.html>





## USAID LONG-TERM EXCEPTIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT LOCAL PROGRAM

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for a cooperative agreement from qualified entities to implement the Long-term Exceptional technical Assistance Project (LEAP) Local program.

USAID welcomes applications from organizations that have not previously received financial assistance from USAID.

**Timeline:** September 29, 2022

**For further detail please visit:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343095>



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

### International Travel Grants

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) invites applications for the award of International travel grant for oral presentation of peer reviewed full-length paper in a well reputed conference/seminar /symposium /workshop abroad.

### Financial coverage

The grant covers, airfares, registration fee, accommodation charges and daily allowance as per PHEC approved rates. Applicants who have already applied after 28th June 2022 need not to apply again.

### Funding for Organizing National Conferences and Seminars

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) provides funding opportunity for organizing national and international conference, symposium and seminars in Higher Education Institutions of Punjab.

### Financial coverage

The funding covers travel and accommodation of foreign & national speakers, publication, stationery and contingencies as per PHEC rules and policies.

For further detail please visit: [www.punjabhec.gov.pk](http://www.punjabhec.gov.pk)

## DENGUE ERADICATION

Keeping in view the alarming situation of dengue throughout the country, all the researchers and supporting staff are expected to follow protective measures for dengue eradication including ensuring the cleanliness of the surroundings of labs and offices, wiping out of standing water and other breeding sites to minimize dissemination of dengue.



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