



ORIC NEWS



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University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
Transforming Concepts into Impacts



ANOTHER ROUND OF BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS COMPLETED AT UAF



Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) under the vision of honorable Vice Chancellor has initiated "A series of brainstorming sessions for Associate Professors to share capacity with colleagues and UAF management" at UAF. Another round of this initiative was completed on September 07, 2022. The faculty members (Associate Professors) shared their achievements in terms of research projects, research publications, patents, varieties registration, consultancy agreements, MoUs and other research achievements with their fellow beings and discussed the future plans.



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The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan (SI) in his concluding remarks appreciated the efforts made by the researchers to transform their research into products goods and services in the best interest of farming community and civil society at large. He announced that from the previous sessions some of the technologies were introduced with the relevant stakeholders to commercialize them and their response was very positive. The Director ORIC thanked the participants and announced the next batch for presentations.

FOUR WEEK PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMPLETED

Four Week Professional Training on Finance, Administration, Management and E-Governance for the Officers from the Department of Agriculture (Ext. & AR and Soil Conservation), Govt. of the Punjab organized by ORIC from September 19, 2022 to October 14, 2022 was completed. Ch. Abdul Hameed, Director Agriculture (Extension) Faisalabad in his concluding remarks sensitized the participants about the emerging challenge to agriculture in Pakistan with special reference to post flood rehabilitation of cropping system and making strategies to tackle them. He urged that the participants after getting this training should excel for facilitating and helping the farming community. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC/Focal Person, appreciated the efforts made by the Govt. to spare the officers for getting impactful training at UAF. He anticipated that all the participants would implement the lessons learnt during this training to enhance 'official efficiency, per acre yield of field crops and contribute for the wellbeing of farming

community. He appreciated the cooperation of all the collaborating institutes and participants who throughout the four weeks behaved nicely. He said that dedication & commitment were the tools to make these trainings impactful. The outgoing participants were awarded with the certificates.



SMALL GRANT PROGRAM BY EFS-UAF

The Board of Directors of Endowment Fund Secretariat in its meeting held on 12-09-2022 has approved "Small Grant Program" to support short term proposals under Technology Transfer, Research & Development and Product Commercialization to promote R&D, outreach, Advocacy and Product Commercialization activities in the University. The researchers have to apply to EFS for soliciting fund on the prescribed format. The Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) will facilitate the researchers to harvest this opportunity on "as and when needed basis".

INTERNATIONAL POSTDOC SCHOLARSHIP

The Punjab Higher Education commission (PHEC) has invited applications from faculty members of public sector universities/colleges chartered by the Govt. of the Punjab for the award of 8-10 months international postdoc scholarship. The applicant should:

- Hold a PhD degree from HEC recognized local or international university
- Have maximum 45 year of age
- Be a regular (BPS or TTS) faculty member
- Have placement in the university listed in top 200 QS world university general ranking 2022 or top 50 in QS subject wise ranking
- Submit a clearly a written research proposal relevant to the academic field, industry/society and needs of the country

Grant provisions:

PHEC will provide bench fee, settlement allowance, stipend and return airfare under this scholarship program as per its policy

Deadline: November 4, 2022 (Friday), Online applications will only be accepted

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

PRIME MINISTER'S NATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD

For turning an innovative idea into business, the Prime Minister of Pakistan has announced national innovation award under its youth program

Eligibility:

- All Pakistani youth of age between 15-30 years

Thematic areas for innovative ideas:

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| • Food Security | • Information Technology and Telecom |
| • Water management and sustainability | • Innovative Governance and Reforms |
| • Sustainable energy | • Sociology and Philosophy |
| • Urban planning | • Medical and Health Sciences |
| • Climate Change and Environment | • Others |

The winners of innovative idea will get PKR 2 million grant with financial and technical support in terms of incubation of technology. Please submit startup/innovative idea/concept note on prescribed application through www.pmyp.gov.pk

Deadline: November 15, 2022



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad under Pak-France PERIDOT research program has invited applications from the faculty members of the public and private universities for funding for mobility grant to promote joint research activities. The program is implemented for Pakistani and French researchers to Interact for joint research activities.

The programme is implemented in Pakistan by HEC and in France, jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Development (MAE/DI) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESA) to develop new scientific and technological cooperation between French and Pakistan.

Priority Areas:

- Sustainable Energy, Environment and Climate Change
- Agriculture, Food Security and Health
- Humanities and Social Sciences

Projects on social challenge of environmental issues will be strongly encourage and preferred.
Expected number of grants upto 5 per year

Maximum Project Duration: 3 years

Deadline: Friday November 18, 2022

For further detail please visit:

<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/peridot/Pages/default.aspx>

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM BY HEC

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Program have invited applications from Pakistani/AJK Nationals for "Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program" (Phase III) under the following criteria:

The applicant must:

- Have PhD Degree from HEC recognized local or international university
- Be a regular employee of public/private sector HEC recognized university/DAI or public sector R&D organization recognized by PCST
- Not have availed any post-doctoral fellowship either self funded
- Not more than 45 years of age on March 01, 2022
- Possess 5 year's recognized work experience in Pakistan after completion of foreign PhD
- Have a placement letter in top 200 QS World Ranking Universities/R&D Institute
- Have secured requisite qualification before application submission

Deadline: June 30, 2023

For further detail plz visit: www.hec.gov.pk/site/postdoc



CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER NATURAL SCIENCES LINKAGE PROGRAM (NSLP) BY PSF

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) through its variety of R&D programs promotes research culture in the country and helps scientists to commercialize technologies for the end users.

Under Natural Science Linkage Program (NSLP), following priority areas are to be focused by the researchers

Selected priority areas for collaboration may include, but are not limited to;

- Collection, Evaluation and Exchange of Germplasm
- Plant Genomics
- Plant Biotechnology
- Stress Biology
- Bio-Informatics
- Application of Information Technology in Agriculture
- Identification and Control of Animal/Plant Diseases
- Dryland/Sustainable Agricultural Production System
- Integrated Pest and Disease Management
- Chemistry and Environmental Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Microbiology
- Agri. Business Development
- Biophysics

Deadline: There is no deadline for this initiative, researchers/scientists may apply round the year

For further detail: https://psf.gov.pk/call_for_research_proposals.aspx



CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM (RSP) BY PSF

Priority Areas:

- Agricultural Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Mathematical Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Bio-technology and Genetic Engineering
- Chemical Sciences
- Computer/Information Technology
- Engineering Earth sciences Medical sciences and Physics

Deadline: There is no deadline for this initiative, researchers/scientists may apply round the year

For further detail: https://psf.gov.pk/call_for_research_proposals.aspx

SOPS FOR PARTIAL RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM BY ORIC-UAF

The Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) has launched Partial Research Support Program for carrying out M.Phil/M.Sc.(Hons.) and PhD thesis research under following SOPs:

- M.Phil and MS/M.Sc.(Hons.) students should apply in the 3rd Semester and PhD scholar should apply during the planning of thesis research on the prescribed proforma designed by ORIC having information regarding CGPA, current research status, number and names of all students with the supervisors, impact of research and tentative outcome of the research.
- Partial Research Support may be extended to postgraduate students while preference may be given to PhD scholars
- The supervisor of the student winning Partial Research Support will not designate him/herself as Principal Investigator of the project.
- A high profile committee (approved by the Vice Chancellor) comprising of representatives from all the faculties will evaluate the applications and students through screening process followed by presentations
- Funds (Partial Research Support) may only be provided for consumables on rationalized grounds.

SPECIAL WHEAT CAMPAIGN 2022

Under the visionary leadership of this university, UAF has launched Wheat Campaign 2022 by involving students force in this national task. All BS, M.Phil and PhD students will excel their best practices comprising of technology package for wheat cultivation, plant protection measures, agronomic strategies, balanced fertigation and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to managing postharvest losses for this crop. The teachers along with staff of Agriculture Department (Extension Wing) will lead this campaign from October 28, 2022 to November 06, 2022.



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