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BAYER SAFE USE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE STUDENTS



The Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), UAF in collaboration with Bayer Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd. conducted a one-day training program on "Safe use of Pesticides" under the Bayer Safe Use Ambassador Program for Agriculture Students on October 27, 2022 at UAF. Mr. Abdul Hannan, Manager of Regulatory Science, Bayer Pakistan (Pvt) Limited briefed the students that Bayer Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd was a major provider of innovative crop protection solutions, including pesticides and it

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was involved in several initiatives that aim to promote the safe use of pesticides, working together with a variety of partners. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Khan(SI) urged the students to participate actively in the upcoming wheat campaign 2022 and spread awareness among the farming community about the latest methods relating to wheat production and protection (seed treatment, sowing, irrigation, and application of weedicides for eradication of weeds and harvesting). The Vice Chancellor appreciated ORIC and Bayer Crop Sciences for organizing the training program for the UAF students regarding the safe use of pesticides.

At the end, Mr. Fahim, Manager of R&D Bayer Crop Sciences and Mr Saqib gave a practical demonstration of pesticide application. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir Director ORIC and Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Talib Sahi also motivated the students to take part in the competition under Bayer Safe Use Ambassador Program.



13TH BATCH OF 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, and Soil Conservation) from October 24, 2022 to November 18, 2022. In the inaugural session, Mr. Umar Saeed, Director Finance/Treasurer, UAF/Resource Person emphasized the participants to harvest this opportunity of capacity sharing and personnel interactions with the resource persons. Dr. Anjam Ali, Director General, Agriculture (Ext. & AR) expected that participant after successful completion of this training will serve the farming community even in a better way and they will replicate this trainings with the subordinates and junior officers. He thanked UAF management for making arrangements of this training and hiring best of the best resource persons from the country. Dr. Abdul Rashid, Coordinator of this training thanked the participants as well as guest of honors for joining inaugural session.



RESUMING OF SERIES OF BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS

Under the directive of the honorable Vice Chancellor, UAF, a series of Brain Storming Sessions for Associate Professor (TTS) for capacity sharing with colleagues and UAF Management is being resumed at Iqbal Auditorium from November 11, 2022, to onward (every Friday)

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:

- Food Security
- Water Management and Sustainability
- Sustainable Energy
- Urban Planning
- Climate Change and Environment
- Information Technology and Telecom
- Innovative Governance and Reforms
- Sociology and Philosophy
- Medical and Health Sciences
- 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 Pakistani scientists.

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>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER GRAND CHALLENGES BY BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

The Bill and Melinda Gates foundations has launched two requests for proposals through Grand Challenges Global Call-to-Action Initiative. The challenges listed below are open for application:

- Strengthening molding and analytics capacity and ecosystem for women's health
Deadline: Oct 23, 2022 to Dec 16, 2022
- Pathogen genomic surveillance and immunology in Asia
Deadline: Oct 23, 2022 to Dec 17, 2022
- African Agriculture climate Adaptation Research System
Deadline: Oct 23, 2022 to Jan 15, 2023
- Strengthening the contraceptive research and development ecosystem in Africa: Accelerating Innovations in Non-Hormonal contraception for Women
Deadline: Oct 23, 2022 to Dec 16, 2022
- Interventions to enhance epidemic intelligence, Surveillance and outbreak response
Deadline: Oct 26, 2022 to Jan 31, 2023

For further detail please visit: <https://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/grant-opportunities>



Policy Webinar
Policy Options regarding Maternal & Child Nutritional Issues
Speaker: Prof. Anu Rammohan
22.11.2022 at 11:30 AM PST (02:30 PM Perth)

Registration will close on 19-11-2022

Team link will be emailed on 21-11-2022 to the register participants

Registration link: <http://forms.gle/Xucbrpy8QeSp2h4H7> .

REGIONAL PLAN9 LAUNCHPAD EVENT AT UAF

Business Incubation Center, UAF is keen to promote innovation and entrepreneurship. For this purpose, UAF and PITB has established a Regional Plan9 Center at UAF. The said initiative helps startups in sustainability and growth. The program also provides monthly stipend to selected startups. Regional Plan9 organized its third flagship event "Launchpad" at University of Agriculture, Faisalabad on October 18-20, 2022. The event provided opportunity to young entrepreneurs to compete with each other presenting innovative tech ideas. More than 150 ideas were submitted for said competition. The startups presented their pitch deck and shared their startup ideas to panel of esteemed judges, all of whom were experts in their field and play an integral part in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

In final rounds 10 startups were selected to be incubated for six months. During this time the viable business solutions will be offered for growth and upscaling opportunities.



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