

# ORIC Newsletter

University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

April 01 to 30, 2024



## UAF HOLDS INT. LAYER QUALITY CONFERENCE 2024

Collaborative efforts to address the poultry issues including health, cost of production, and feed at local level are the need of the hour. It was stated by speakers at the International Layer Quality Conference 2024 arranged under the auspices of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and World Poultry Science Association at UAF.

Chairing the inaugural session, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan (HI, SI) said that the poultry industry is a major source of protein and meat supply in the country. We have to take the concrete measures to address its problems faced by the industry. He said that last year, Pakistan imported \$1 billion worth of soybeans and \$4 billion worth of edible oil. He said that the varsity has planted more than 1000 demonstration at farmer fields of soybean last year and plans to extend its cultivation at farmers' fields on 1,50,000 acres of agricultural land next year. He said that 30 to 40 percent of the poultry feed requirements can be obtained by cultivating soybeans on the said acres. He added that UAF has introduced new varieties of soybean that are bringing tangible results.

Dean Faculty of Animal Husbandry Prof. Dr. Qamar Bilal said that more scientific work has to be done on the issue of health and mortality of chicken to tackle this



challenge. He said that poultry has emerged as the second largest industry in Pakistan and academia will overcome its problems by developing industry linkages and also provide new employment opportunities. President of World Poultry Science Association Mr. Hussain Ahmed said that the production of local soybeans is applauded step in which UAF is playing its active role. He said that experts have to step up to provide science-based solutions to diseases, climate change and other problems faced by the poultry industry. He said that Poultry Association is playing its pivotal role for the promotion of this industry.

Dean Faculty of Veterinary Sciences Prof. Dr. Farzana Rizvi and organizer Dr. Kashif Saleemi also spoke on the occasion.

## Inside NEWS

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- UAF holds Int. Layer Quality Conference 2024
- ENGRO Learning Center organizes defensive driving training session
- PSF calls for proposals upto April 30, 2024
- EFS invites proposals under
- BIC organizes session on SECP Registration for Startups



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## Academia-Industry Cooperation

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**Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) & The Scientific and Technological Research Institution of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) Under Competitive Research Program (CRP)**

**(This call is open between March 18th, 2024 to June 3rd, 2024)**

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Scientific and Technological Research Institution of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) invites joint R&D proposals from the HEC Chartered/Recognized Universities, Public Sector Research Institutions (only the regular faculty members/researchers) in collaboration with Industry in the following areas;

- 1. Artificial Intelligence (AI)**
- 2. Internet of Things (IoT)**
- 3. Electric Vehicles**
- 4. Oceanography**

The aim of the call is to strengthen the cooperation between Turkish and Pakistani scientists/researchers in science and industry by means of Academia-Industry Cooperation in scientific research projects.

The Pakistani side should submit the proposals through Research Grant Management System (RGMS) available at PSF Website ([www.psf.gov.pk](http://www.psf.gov.pk)) whereas from the Turkish Side, the proposals should be submitted through TÜBİTAK's Project Application System (<http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>). PSF will support the projects upto Rs. 20.00 Million whereas TÜBİTAK will support projects upto 4.00 Million Turkish Lira (TL). The maximum duration of the project must not exceed 2 years. The detailed guidelines are available at <https://rgms.psf.gov.pk/rgms/signup.aspx>. **Complete applications to be submitted through ORIC-UAF one week ahead of the closing date.**

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## ENGRO LEARNING CENTER ORGANIZES DEFENSIVE DRIVING TRAINING SESSION



EFERT Agronomy organized 'Defensive Driving Training Session' in collaboration with Punjab Highway Police, City Traffic Police and Road Safety Club, Senior Tutor Office University of Agriculture Faisalabad at Engro Learning Center under the umbrella of Engro Muhafiz where 90+ Young male and female students from University were trained. Mr. Mirza Anjum Kamal, SSP, PHP, Punjab Mr. Shahid Nadeem, Sub-Inspector Punjab Highway Patrol Ms. Iram, In-charge Mobile Education Unit, City Traffic Police Faisalabad, and Dr. Bahadur Ali Kang, Assoc. Prof./In charge, Road Safety Club, UAF were invited as key note speakers. The technical points came under discussion were understanding the principles of defensive driving, driving

techniques, including maintaining safe distances, scanning for hazards, and anticipating potential risks, Traffic laws and regulations, Risk assessment, identifying potential hazards, causes of accidents and make informed decisions while driving, importance of helmet to significantly reduce the risk of serious injuries and fatalities and details about the process of obtaining licenses were highlighted. The resource persons commended the efforts of event's organizing team by involving youngsters in the driving training session which reflects dedication to community outreach and youth empowerment. They said that such initiatives will bridge generational gaps and promote safety awareness.



# ENDOWMENT FUND SECRETARIAT

## UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, FAISALABAD

### Call for Proposals (Date extended upto April 30, 2024)

The Endowment Fund, set up under US-Pak Collaboration in 2006, supports agricultural activities through projects relating to Technology Transfer, Product Commercialization and Research & Development. Proposals are invited from public sector universities/organizations with an established administrative and financial system for funding in the following domains:

#### TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (TT)

Proposals focused on enhancing agricultural/livestock production through sharing of skills, knowledge, technologies, etc. among the stakeholders.

#### PRODUCT COMMERCIALIZATION (PC)

Proposals focused on commercializing commodities, products, processes, methods, technologies, formulae, compositions, etc.

#### RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D)

Proposals focused on applied research and Product Development in agriculture and allied sciences.

#### PRIORITY AREAS

- ✓ Climate Resilient Agriculture
  - ✓ Diseases/Protection
  - ✓ Farm Mechanization
  - ✓ Alternate Energy Options
  - ✓ Value Addition in Agriculture
  - ✓ Biofortification of Crops
- Preference will be given to projects under Technology Transfer and Product Commercialization. **Funding for projects under R&D is very limited.** Projects will be shortlisted accordingly.
  - Proposals shall be evaluated by the experts for their technical strength and budgetary justifications. The final selection will be made through a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Board of Directors (BoD).
  - The duration of the project proposal should not exceed three years.
  - Six hard copies along with a soft copy of the proposal in the prescribed format (available at [www.efsuaaf.org](http://www.efsuaaf.org) in downloads) complete in all respects, should be submitted through proper channels to the Executive Director, Endowment Fund Secretariat, 6-Main Road, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad up to **30-4-2024**
  - Proposals received late/Incomplete etc., will not be entertained.

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## BIC ORGANIZES A SESSION ON SECP REGISTRATION FOR STARTUPS



As per vision and directives of the Vice Chancellor, Business Incubation Center UAF organized a Session on "SECP Registration for Startups"

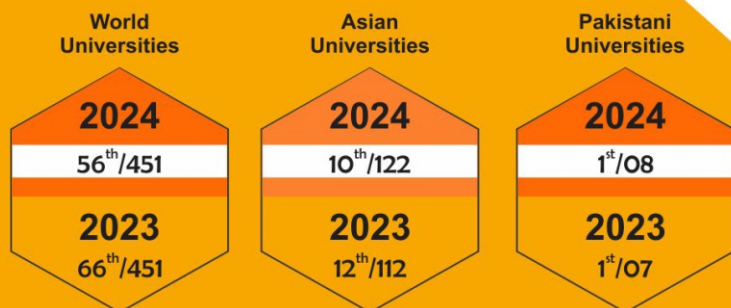
The session was led by Mr. Zeeshan Abid, Product Lead at Invoice Mate and Partner at Parker Russel AJS. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jaffar Jaskani, Chief guest of the program also encouraged startups to register for National Agritech Park. The guest speaker insights and guidance empowers the emerging entrepreneurs to take the first steps towards realizing their dreams. The session initiated with the welcome address of Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Director BIC. Mr. Zeeshan Abid guided faculty members and

entrepreneurs to register their own companies. Mr. Usamah Naveed from STZA responded to the queries of the participants relevant to National Agritech Park. During the event, an award ceremony for the Innovative Ideas Competition 2024 was also held. Witnessing the creativity and innovation of participants was truly enticing and inspiring.

A special shoutout to all our attendees, speakers, and participants for making this event a resounding success. The enthusiasm and dedication of the participants and organizers are the driving force behind our mission to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in our community.



UAF has garnered international admiration by maintaining its place among the Top 100 World Universities since the last decade.



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## UAF VIGOROUSLY MARCHING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

UAF has achieved another milestone as QS World University Subject Rankings 2024 has declared UAF 56th best university of the world, 10th best in Asia and 1st of Pakistan in the subject category Agriculture & Forestry. According to the ranking agency, UAF got 61 score in academic reputation, 90 in employer reputation, 86.6 in citation per paper, 86.3 in H-Index citations, and 66.3 in international research network. With overall 72.2 score, the varsity took exception of being the only university of the country gets place in top 100 universities of the world in a subject category. Last year's ranking of QS placed UAF at 66th position in the world, and 12th in Asia.

The UAF is not only progressing in the international ranking but also excelling in solving farmers' problems and community services. The university has the distinction of having drafted a ten-year agricultural policy at the government level to address agricultural challenges while enabling prosperity and increased productivity. It has strong international collaboration under which tangible research work was being carried out.

The Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan while congratulating the faculty on this success anticipated that in the future, this institution will continue to play its pivotal role in progressing and ensuring food security.

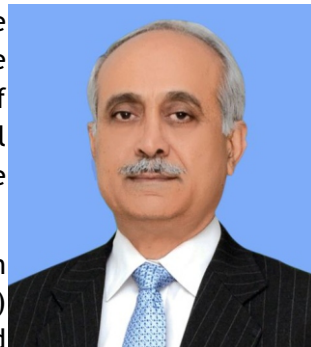
He said the UAF was the only educational institution in the country which had been included in the top 100 universities in the world for the past decade, while it

holds the honor of being the top ranked university in the country, which was a source of pride for the agricultural community and the entire country.

Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) Director Prof Dr Muhammad Jafar Jaskani said that progress had been made in all parameters of international quality i.e. academic reputation, employer reputation, citation research paper, H-index indicates and International Research Network.

On the other hand in recent past, HEC after measuring the performance of HEC-recognized ORICs, in Public & Private Universities of the country through "Self-Assessment Scorecard" on annual basis has declared ORICs ranking. For the year 2022-23, the ORICs have also been evaluated in accordance with documentary evidence placed on online web portal. Consequently, UAF-ORIC after going through a rigorous scrutiny of the online data sheet, maintained its top position with W category (84.50 score)

Under the dynamic leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan (H.I, S.I), UAF is opening up new vistas of development and prosperity in terms of quality education, tangible research work and outreach program in order to address the agricultural challenges.



## CI-UAF CELEBRATES CHINESE LANGUAGE DAY



The Confucius Institute (CI) of the varsity celebrated International Chinese Language Day which brought the different performances of Chinese culture. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan (HI, SI) was the chief guest while CI Chinese Dean Dr Zhou Changming, CI Vice Chairman/Local Dean Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir spoke.

Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan said that the CI-UAF had completed ten years and it has produced 5000 students so far in Chinese language course. He added that CI has proved a hallmark in order to strengthen academia, research ties with Chinese institutions. He stressed upon the need to learn from China experiences in agriculture and

economic development. He said that Chinese universities were proving their mettle globally in every field.

Dr Zhou Changming said that China-Pakistan was enjoying deepened and time-tested relations. He added that Chinese language connecting cultures through bridge of mutual learning.

Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir said that all possible measures were being taken to produce skilled manpower and to open up new avenues of development with bilateral ties.

Dean Faculty of Veterinary Sciences Prof. Dr Farzana Rizvi, Dr Fahad Rasul, Dr Urfa Bin Tahir and other notables attended.



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**Head Office Lahore**

**Application Deadline**

**6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



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## ELIGIBILITY

- Student of Bachelors or Masters or equivalent of any discipline, from HEC recognized local/foreign well reputed universities.
- Minimum CGPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or equivalent or 75% overall percentage marks (OPM) for regular candidates.
- DAP Students (Individuals with different abilities): Minimum CGPA of 2.7 out of 4.0 or equivalent or 70% overall percentage marks (OPM).

Only selected students who qualify eligibility criteria shall be contacted.  
The final selection shall be based on the assessment, formality documents, student current CGPA and the University Recommendation.  
Limited seats are available. The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application(s) without assigning any reason.



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# UAF has presence in Kingpins Amsterdam Show

April 24-25, 2024

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