

# ORIC Newsletter

University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

May 15 to 31, 2023



## GOVT. APPROVES A PROJECT ON QUALITY SEED PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY AT UAF

The President, Islamic Republic of Pakistan has given a formal sanction for execution of the project entitled “Quality seed production and supply to the farming community for ensuring food security in Pakistan” at

UAF. The project would cost Rs. 1202.722 million with a foreign exchange component Rs. 100.00 million in terms of the recommendations of the Departmental Development Working Party (DDWP). The DDWP meeting which was held on December 17, 2021, had already given its nod for execution of the project in 36 months. Like the whole campus community, the Director ORIC Prof. Dr.

Muhammad Jafar Jaskani while describing the approval of the project a landmark achievement congratulated the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan (SI) and

project execution team including Dr.

Irfan Afzal (team lead), Mr. Irfan Abbas (Director Planning & Development) and the supporting team. He hoped that the project would usher a new era of quality seed production in the country and pave the way for sustainable agriculture development and ensuring food security by arresting the growing imports of essential items.

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### 3-DAY CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS



The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Higher Education Department (HED) and ORIC-UAF jointly organized a three-day professional training workshop for the faculty of the affiliated Colleges of Faisalabad Division. The inaugural session was held at Distance Learning Center-II wherein Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani was the chief guest alongwith Mr. Atta-ur-Rehman Consultant Capacity Building, HEC and Mr. Habib Ullah Deputy Director Colleges Faisalabad Division as guests of honor. Addressing the participants Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jafar Jaskani described the workshop a soothing initiative to hone the professional skills of the teachers thereby to enable them communicate and meet the targets effectively. He told that capacity building workshops and visits of foreign delegates at campus are everyday business at campus. He was of the view that organizing such training workshops certainly always play a pivotal role in professional life of the participants. He expressed hope that after completion of the training, teachers would become a beacon of change and cascade the message to their colleagues. He apprised the participants that with the help of Govt. of the Punjab Agriculture Department, a capacity building center is being set up at campus with all modern gadgets and facilities that would help to organize such training workshops in a more effective manner. Mr. Atta-ur-Rehman representing HEC welcomed the participants and underscored the need of effective participation so that they could fully benefit from the learning opportunities and eventually translate the new knowledge into professional endeavors. Mr. Habib-ur-Rehman, Deputy Director Colleges, Faisalabad told that after 3-day training the participants will be assessed and some of them would be further trained as master trainers for rest of the teachers at division level. He told that out of 9 divisions of the province with about 9000 teachers and out of them 3000 are serving in Faisalabad division. Training Coordinator Dr. Abdul Rashid conducting the event, told that UAF had already organized a series of the mandatory training workshops for the officers of the Agriculture Department, Government of the Punjab for their upgradation in their next pay scales. He offered UAF full support to HEC and HED for holding of training workshops adding that ORIC has a list of capable resource persons in almost every field. UAF anticipates that after successful completion of Cohort-2 of this training workshop, knowledge delivery process will be more precise and up-to-date for the new generation.



## NPO OFFERS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Productivity Organization (NPO), Ministry of Industries & Production, Government of Pakistan in collaboration with Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Japan announced opportunities for the citizens of Pakistan through competitive process for the following program:

### **23-RC-16-GE-RES-B: Research on Agile Working Styles for Productivity**

by APO Secretariat, Japan, from 10 May 2023 - 31 December 2023 (Virtual/ Digital Session). Fourteen (14) APO Member countries will take part in this research program. Member countries comprise of Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkiye, Bangladesh, Republic of China, India, Indonesia, and I.R. Iran.

To download the Project Notification, APO Guidelines for Research Proposals, please visit <http://npo.gov.pk/apo/>.

In case of selection, participants will participate the program virtually using their own devices, applications and internet connections, etc. The Selected participant will work under the supervision of Chief Experts provided by APO Japan and conduct research on the subject topic and submit a comprehensive research report to APO Japan within the given time frame. Honorarium will be given by APO Japan to the selected participant upon successful submission and completion of the research.

Nominees fulfilling the prescribed criteria in respective APO Project Notification may apply for the relevant program. Send nominations along with mentioned documents to National Productivity Organization (NPO), APO Liaison Department, 11th Floor, Shaheed-e-Millat Secretariat, Nazim-ud-Din Road, F-6/1, and Islamabad, Pakistan.

**Application Form Link:** <http://npo.gov.pk/apo/>.  
**Deadline:** 5th June 2023

## WORLD STARTUP CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

WSC 2023 is a world Startup Championship supported by national and international institutional partners to identify the most innovative startups whose projects help accelerate the achievement of innovation in entrepreneurship. The ultimate goal envisioned by WSC is to showcase startups of dynamic nature with the capacity to create jobs and increase inclusiveness. They are targeting startups from all walks of life, from all over the world and all economic sectors.

The selected Startups will get the opportunity to:

- *Win upto 10,000USD Cash Prize*
- *Showcase their Startups at this Expo*
- *Network with investors, Academics, Government Dignitaries, and leading Industrialists*

The last date for submission of proposal of project/idea is **31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

The Event Date **26 August, 2023**

For More Detail, brochure and time lines

please visit [www.seepakistan.com.pk/registration-form/](http://www.seepakistan.com.pk/registration-form/)



## PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABDULAZIZ INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR WATER

The Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (PSIPW) is an international award with a focus on water-related innovation. It is judged by leading scientists from around the world. Five prizes are bestowed every two years. There are four specialized prizes dedicated to "Surface Water", "Groundwater", "Alternative Water Resources", and "Water Management & Protection". Then there is the "Creativity Prize" that is dedicated to awarding work carried out by multi-disciplinary research teams.

**Specialized Prizes:** Each of the four specialized prizes is worth US\$ 133,000. Individual researchers and research teams nominate themselves for these prizes. The Surface Water Prize covers every aspect of the study and development of surface water resources. The Groundwater Prize awards work related to all aspects of the study and development of groundwater resources. The Alternative Water Resources Prize covers desalination, waste water treatment, and other non-traditional sources of water. The Water Management & Protection Prize addresses the use, management, and protection of water resources.

**Creativity Prize:** Worth US\$ 266,000, the Creativity Prize is awarded exclusively to research teams for cutting-edge interdisciplinary scientific work that can rightly be considered a breakthrough in any water-related field. The work might be a body of research, an invention, or a new patented technology. Universities, research institutes, companies, and agencies can nominate interdisciplinary teams for this Prize. Each prize is accompanied by a distinctive trophy and certificate.

**Deadline:** 31 December 2023

For more information and details, please visit <https://psipw.org/>

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY under COTTON PRODUCTION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM 2023**

**MONTHLY STIPEND Rs 20,000/month lump sum**

**INTERNSHIP PERIOD 3 Months**

**HIRING CRITERIA**

- Students of B.Sc (Hons) Agriculture 7<sup>th</sup> semester completed or enrolled in M.Sc (Hons) 1<sup>st</sup> semester at Public Sector Universities in Punjab with minimum CPGA 2.5.
- Students domiciled from Multan, Bahawalpur and Dera Ghazi Khan Divisions will be eligible to apply for internship.
- 10% positions will be available for Faisalabad & Sahiwal Divisions and Mianwali & Bhakkar Districts (verification through domicile).
- Student should possess valid CNIC, motorcycle (Registration at his name or close aide, driving licensed and android phone (SIM at his own name)
- Female students are also eligible with same requirements, terms & conditions.
- After selection male and female students will work at assigned locations with no transfer at all.
- Applicants having major in Agronomy, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Soil Science, Horticulture, Entomology and Plant Pathology will be given 10% additional marks.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Applications will be scrutinized on the basis of academic qualification, domicile and available vacancies.

**PLACEMENT**

Allocation of district/tehsil will be made as per given priority by applicants. However the department of agriculture reserves the rights to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.

**TRAINING**

Training program for the internees will be arranged by the parent Agriculture university focusing on agronomy and pest management techniques for cotton. However training location will be confirmed to successful candidates later on.

**WORK DESCRIPTION**

He will be work after selection as an extension agent and a team member with field assistant for pest scouting, crop inspection, advisory services and other technical field support services to the cotton farmers.

**MONITORING**

Monitoring and evaluation of extension and Pest: warning activities of selected internees will be evaluated through IT based system and through field teams.

**Last date to apply**  
**June 5, 2023 (Monday 5 PM)**

**Application Form available at:**  
<https://mnsuam.edu.pk/>

**Dr. Muhammad Anjum Ali Buttar**  
Director General Agriculture (Ext. & AR) Punjab, Lahore  
Agriculture Department | ☎ 042-99200734 & 042-99200732



## Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) Agricultural Linkages Program (ALP)



### INVITATION OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER AGRICULTURAL LINKAGES PROGRAM (ALP), PARC

**Batch 10th**

Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) invites Research Proposals (Concept Papers) under 10th Batch of Agricultural Linkages Program (ALP).

#### Research Priority Areas:

**01**

Plant Sciences

**04**

Social Sciences and

**02**

Natural Resources

**05**

Agricultural Engineering

**03**

Animal Sciences

The Research Priorities can be downloaded from PARC/ALP website  
<http://www.parc.gov.pk>, <http://www.alp.gov.pk>

#### Submit: Concept Paper

**Deadline: June 8, 2023 (At ORIC submission deadline is June 05, 2023)**

After getting permission of the competent authority by ORIC, the preliminary proposals (concept papers) are required to be submitted online (<http://111.68.96.148/batch10/>) along with two hard copies of the proposal (one each for ORIC and PARC) be submitted at ORIC for onward transmission to the following address;

#### Executive Director (ALP)

PARC, Plot # G-5/1, PO Box # 1031, Islamabad  
Ph. # 051-9245648, Fax: 051-9202150



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For further details, please visit:

Directorate of Financial Assistance and Univ. Advancement, UAF

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## DAAD Master's Scholarship

### Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS)

Under the Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) programme, foreign graduates from development and newly industrialised countries from all disciplines and with at least two years professional experience have the chance to take a postgraduate or Master's degree at a state or state-recognised German university.



For more information about courses being offered and fields, please visit [daad.de/go/en/stipa50076777](https://daad.de/go/en/stipa50076777)

## RAPID TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER GRANT (RTTG-SECOND CALL)

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has invited Academia-industry collaborative proposals to enhance Pakistan economic capacity through import substitution under the RAPID Technology Transfer Grant (RTTG) programme. Faculty members from public and private sector Universities/ Degree Awarding Institutes are encouraged to submit proposals.

### KEY FEATURES

Project Duration: Six (6) months

Individual Grant Value: PKR 05 - 20 million

Co-financing (minimum 15% cash contribution, along with in-kind contribution) from the industrial/sectoral partner.

## PRIORITY AREAS

Health & Pharma

Textile

Agriculture & Food Security

Material Sciences

Information Technology

Environment

Robotics and Automation

Artificial Intelligence

Two copies at ORIC are required for approval of the competent authority till June 05, 2023

The Last date for submission of online applications is 08-06-2023

For further detail please visit: <https://research.hec.gov.pk/>

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