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TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT RANKING 2021

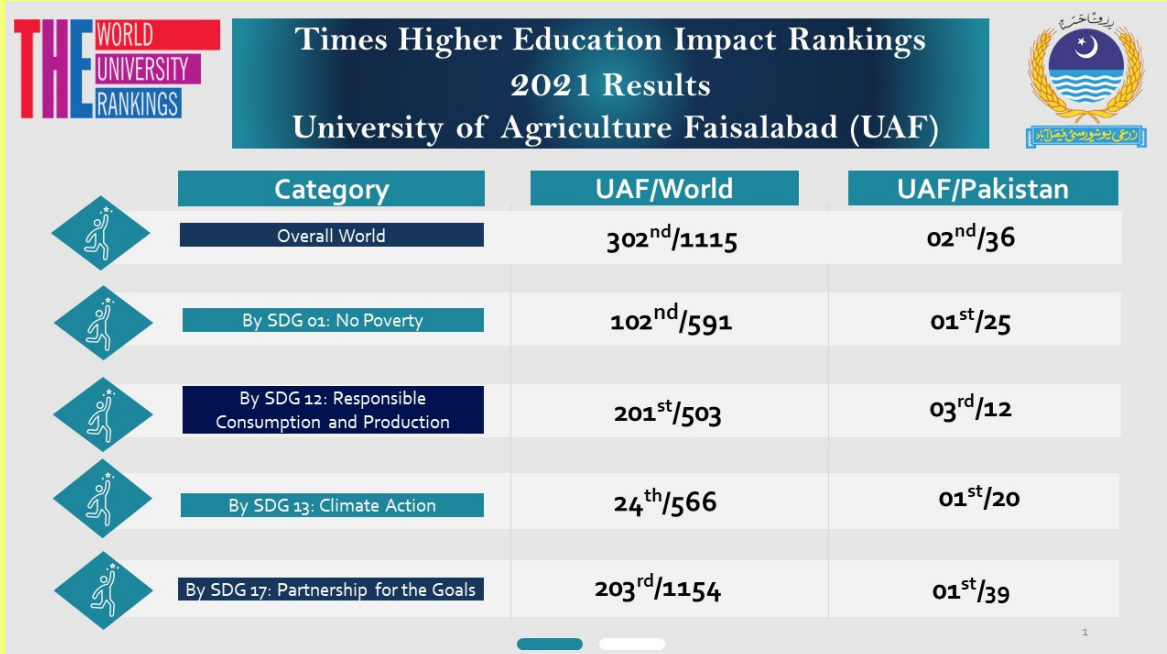
The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings measure global universities' success in delivering the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. There are 17 UN SDGs and the universities' performance was evaluated on all of them in the third edition of the Impact Ranking 2021.






Times Higher Education World University Impact Ranking 2021 reveals the University of Agriculture Faisalabad at a new horizon of success where in multi categories, it was secured 302nd position among 1115 universities of the globe and 2nd at the National ground. It is an immense pleasure to share that for the SDG 01: No Poverty category, the University is at the top out of 25 National Universities in Pakistan which is the biggest achievement adding feather to the cap of the whole town and worldwide standing at 102nd position out of 591 competitors which is also worth appreciating. In SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production category, the University again has beaten the National 12 Universities and with very lean margins, has secured the 3rd position and overall has been marked as 201st among 503 international Institutions. The university came among top 5 institutions of Pakistan in research and it is, undoubtedly, due to the untiring and consistent passionate endeavors of the leadership and the faculty that by SDG 13: Climate Action, the University has made Pakistan proud by raising its flag high among 566 promising universities and has caught 24th position and again 1st among top 20 Country Universities. The faculty and the winners are duly greeted by their very own Institution for their commendable performance elaborated by SDG17: Partnership for the Goals where, globally,

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the University has secured 203rd position among 1154 competitors and in Pakistan, once again brilliantly fostering at the same top 1st position as in previous categories. We pay our homage to all participants and valuable faculty members and facilitators, who collectively made it possible to raise the pillars of the University in different perspectives. We also deliver our best wishes to the entire crew of the Institution to motivate and boost up their courage to bring more fruitful results for the betterment of the Community and the Country worldwide.



	Category	UAF/World	UAF/Pakistan
	Overall World	302 nd /1115	02 nd /36
	By SDG 01: No Poverty	102 nd /591	01 st /25
	By SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production	201 st /503	03 rd /12
	By SDG 13: Climate Action	24 th /566	01 st /20
	By SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals	203 rd /1154	01 st /39

HEC - ISSUES A PUBLIC ALERT

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has issued a public alert to beware of individuals posing as Attestation Agents or offering assistance in getting degrees/transcripts attested.

The Higher Education Commission has advised all concerned to be extremely careful in this regard and requested to follow the prescribed procedure as laid down by the Higher Education Commission for attestation instead of engaging potentially fraudulent agents. HEC will not accept any responsibility for pasting faked HEC Stamps/Tickets on original degrees/transcripts, and all such degrees/transcripts with the fake stamp will be liable to be confiscated when submitted to HEC.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP 2022

The Fulbright-HEC Scholarships are funded and managed by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) for graduate studies in the United States for Masters or

Ph.D. degrees. All expenses including tuition fee, required textbooks, airfare, stipend, and health insurance, etc. will be borne by the sponsoring agency. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is mandatory for all applicants.

For further detail, please visit: www.usefp.org

Deadline: **June 09, 2021**

TWO WEEK EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR FEMALE SCHOLARS

Paiman Alumni Trust Pakistan in collaboration with the Consulate General of United States in Pakistan is offering a two-week exchange program (tentatively in June 2021) for six female scholars (Ulemas) from Punjab to visit some of the US most prominent academic institutions, faith centers, and communities. All program-related expenses will be paid by the program organizer including international and domestic travel, health insurance, lodging, per diem and US visa application fee, etc.

For further detail, please visit: vippp.msu.edu/Pakistan
Email: sajid.pervez@paimantrust.org

1ST WAVE OF SMALL GRANTS FOR UK PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS (UKPHS)

The Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET) has announced the launch of the first wave of Small Grants for UK Partnerships for Health Systems (UKPHS).

Priority Areas:

Grant applications from Health Partnerships are required to address specific clinical and health system challenges through one, or several, of the themes below:

- Innovation
- Gender Equality and/or Social Inclusion
- Climate Change
- Blended and Remote Learning

Eligibility:

Applications must be made by a Health Partnership between a UK health institution and LMIC health institution based on one, or more of the countries identified in this Call. The program also welcomes applications from Health Partnerships involving more than two partners. Partnerships are expected to demonstrate how each of the partners contributes to the project.

Deadline: **May 12, 2021**

For further information, please visit:
https://www.thet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/UKPHS-SG-Call-QA_FINAL.pdf

COMPLEMENTARY CLINICAL TRIALS: EXPANDING ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINES AND RAPID RESPONSE TO CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT GAPS

The Call for funding is now open on the CEPI website, with applicants invited to submit an Expression of Interest, including a description of the current status of the COVID-19 vaccine candidate and an overview of plans for the clinical program.

Priority Areas:

Current gaps in clinical knowledge relating to the specific COVID-19 vaccine; the potential impact of the additional data generated through the research in advancing global efforts to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, the COVID-19 vaccine must have entered the clinical development phase. The call is open globally, however for complete detail of the eligibility of the proposal, kindly visit the given link.

Deadline: **May 28, 2021**

For further information please visit:
<https://cepi.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CEPICfPCallText.pdf>

CONSERVATION, FOOD AND HEALTH FOUNDATION

The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation seeks to protect natural resources, improve the production and distribution of food, and promote public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Priority Areas:

- Conservation: Protection of natural resources.
- Food: Improve the production and distribution of food.
- Health: Promotion of public health in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Eligibility:

The foundation will support

- Non-governmental organizations (NGO)
- Nonprofit organizations
- Civil society organizations
- Community-based organizations
- Colleges, universities and academic institutions
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Deadline: **July 1, 2021**

For further information:
<https://cfhfoundation.grantsmanagement08.com/>

DIRECT AID PROGRAM

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a small grants program funded from Australia's aid budget.

Priority Areas:

DAP projects cover a range of sectors such as:

- Education,
- Health,
- Water and sanitation,
- Environmental protection,
- Women's empowerment and gender equality,
- Supporting people with disabilities,
- Economic livelihoods,
- Human rights.

Deadline: **June 30, 2021**

For further information please follow the given link:
<https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/direct-aid-program/Pages/direct-aid-program.aspx>

CPEC- COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT

The CPEC- Collaborative Research Grant (CPEC-CRG) is one of the key components of the recently launched HEC initiative namely "Academic Collaboration under CPEC Consortium of Universities".

Priority Areas:

- Sustainable Agriculture
- Health and Wellbeing
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Poverty Alleviation
- Science & Technology for Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Cultural Harmony between Pakistan and China
- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Infrastructure

Eligibility:

PI must be a faculty member (Ph.D.) working on a regular/ contract basis (contract duration equivalent to project duration) in the Higher Education Institutions (public or private) of Pakistan that are members of CPEC Consortium of Universities, as per the list provided on HEC Website.

Deadline: 30th June 2021

For further information please follow the given link:
<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/cpec-crg/Pages/default.aspx>

JOINT EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES (JESH) PROGRAM BY AAS

The Austrian Academy of Sciences (AAS) through Joint Excellence in Science and Humanities (JESH) program, is offering substantial mobility scheme to support the promising young scholars in all fields of research. Under the JESH Program, applications are being invited from students of post-doctorates to establish scientific collaborations in Austria and in 55 different focus countries during research stays. The program is open to postdocs who have completed their doctorates not more than 10 years previously. Research stays would be funded for periods from one to six months.

Deadline: May 20th, 2021

For further details please visit:
<https://stipendien.oeaw.ac.at/en/stipendien/jesh/>
 or write to Mr. Johannes Kontny at:
jesh.application@oeaw.ac.at



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has invited research proposals from faculty of Public and Private universities to submit research proposals for HEC funding under the Grand Challenge Fund (GCF). The GCF will support large, multi-sectoral/multidimensional research projects. GCF is focused on supporting research in priority thematic areas of National interest. Projects should include: relevant and cutting-edge research activities and postgraduate student training. The amount of funding for GCF awards is Rs.15-225 million for a maximum project duration of 3 years.

The deadline for online submission is May 23, 2021, while ORIC will process the proposals and complete the pre-requisites till May 17, 2021, including the endorsement by the Head of Institution and Director ORIC.

For further detail please visit HEC website:
<http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/gcf> or
 Email contact info-r&d@hec.gov.pk

9th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE & FOOD

The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, Science & Education Foundation, and Institute of Hydrometeorology, Georgian Technical University Burgas, Bulgaria organizing ninth International Conference on Agriculture & Food, to be held between 16th and 19th August 2021

The participants belonging to various sectors of Agriculture i.e. Plant Breeding and Genetics, Animal Breeding, and Food Production, Climate Change, Food Security and malnutrition, etc. to address recent research results and to present and discuss their ideas, theories, technologies, systems, tools, applications, work in progress and experiences. The papers presented will be published in open-access journal indexed by

AGRIS. The event will be held with both live and online sessions, while observing all applicable safety measures.

Further information is available on <https://sci-edu.org/agriculture> OR Science & Education Foundation, Bulgaria, www.sci-edu.org



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