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## ORIC & PATTA Organized Training on "Safe Use of Pesticides"

The ORIC-UAF hosted one day training workshop on "Safe Use of Pesticides" organized by Pakistan Agricultural Technology Transfer Activity (PATTA- a USAID funded project). The agricultural professionals from Pest Warning & Quality Control of Pesticides, AARI & Agri Ext.,UAF attended the training Hafiz Muhammad Naeem Chief Executive, Haji Sons Seeds & Rai Zulfiqar Ali, RM-Ali Akbar represented the private sector. Dr. Charles Bruce Williams (PATTA-International Expert) was the resource person. Mr. Fakhar Zaman talked about the objectives of this training. Dr. Abdul Rashid, Assoc. Prof., ORIC in his address thanked the participants especially international resource person Dr. Charles Bruce Williams who traveled a longway to share his experiences with the participants. Training session ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Fakhar Zaman.





## Symposium/Panel Discussion on “Battling Climate Change & Water Crisis – Technology Nexus for the Resonance of Humans and Nature”



The Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences (ISES), in collaboration with Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), University of Agriculture Faisalabad organized a Symposium/ Panel Discussion on 29 October 2018 “Battling Climate Change & Water Crisis – Technology Nexus for the Resonance of Humans and Nature”. State Minister for Climate Change, Ms Zartaj Gull graced the event as Chief Guest. She stressed that a comprehensive and viable policy was necessary to address the challenges related to changing climate and water issues.

The minister said that previous governments failed to facilitate the public, resultantly, all the sectors of economy especially agriculture sector failed to mitigate the emerging problems of water shortage and climate change. She added that the present

government was keen to make Pakistan Clean and Green. She told that the south Punjab was already facing shortage of water and the availability of good quality, arsenic-free water was also declining each day. Notably, the minister appreciated that the scientists of UAF had made sound discoveries about arsenic treatment of drinking water and safe reuse of wastewater.

Regarding water issues, she said with concern that Pakistan had a storage capacity of 30 days as against the benchmark of 1000 days.

Earlier the Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal while addressing the participants stressed the need to sensitize people to conserve water. Prof Dr Javaid Akhtar, the Director ISES welcomed the minister



alongwith participants and elaborated status of water declining and contamination in Pakistan while Dr Irshad Bibi, Assistant Professor of ISES presented the current scenario of water scarcity and quality situation globally with a special focus on Pakistan. Prof Dr Ashfaq Ahmad, Chair Climate Change, USPCAS briefly informed about the climate situation in Pakistan and how it was affecting the population and efforts for food security.

Ms Zartaj Gull, the State Minister for climate change finally thanked the VC, Director ISES, Dr Ashfaq Ahmad and Dr Nabeel Khan Niazi alongwith other organizers of this excellent and marvelous event on such a burning issue of Pakistan.



## Projects under National Research Programme for Universities (NRPU)

Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad introduces innovative programs to facilitate the researchers in universities/ Degree Awarding Institutes (DAIs) like Social Integration Outreach Program, Technology Development Fund (TDF), Startups grants and National Research Programme for Universities (NRPU). During the year 2018, ORIC feels elevated to announce that so far 25 projects amounting to Rs. 82.99 million under

NRPU have been won by the faculty members at UAF while other short listed projects are at different stages of approval. ORIC congratulates all the project winners under NRPU and anticipates that in the upcoming years faculty members will not only maintain this tempo and even explore new avenues for research funding from the diversified sources.

Well-done UAF researchers, keep it up.



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## USAID Small and Medium Enterprise Activity (SMEA)



Grants available in the following sectors:

- ICT
- Hospitality
- Logistics
- Textiles (excluding spinning)
- Agri-Business & Processing (off-farm only)
- Light Engineering

Potential grant funding of up to **PKR 6.5 million** per grant

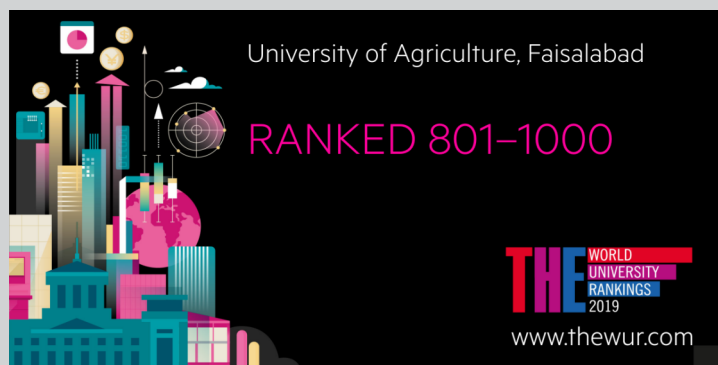
Last date to submit applications: **November 29, 2018**

## Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2019 by Subjects

*Victory is always possible for those who refuse to stop fighting...!!*

Heartiest Congratulations to all those, past and present, who have guided, shaped and sustained UAF in its evolution on achieving a new level of success.

- ◆ University of Agriculture, Faisalabad has been ranked at 401<sup>st</sup> out of 963 world universities and best amongst 07 Pakistani Universities in subject **"Physical Sciences"** by Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2019 by Subject.
- ◆ UAF secured 503<sup>rd</sup> out of 751 world's best universities and 2nd out of 06 Pakistani Universities in subject **"Life Sciences"**.
- ◆ UAF stands at 401<sup>st</sup> out of 721 world universities and best amongst 02 Pakistani Universities in subject **"Clinical, Pre-Clinical & Health"**.







# HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR PAKISTANI UNIVERSITIES

**Deadline**  
**December 04, 2018**

Applications are invited for the academic year 2018-19 from Pakistani/AJK faculty members of HEC recognised universities under the Higher Education Commission's project titled Faculty Development Programme for Pakistani universities. The scholarship programme will provide an opportunity to faculty members of public and private universities/Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) to pursue PhD degree at selected HEC recognised Pakistani universities/DAIs. The scholar can avail scholarship for a maximum period of four years including 6-12 months at foreign university.

## Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be Pakistani/ AJK nationals.
2. Must have minimum 18 years of education with MS/MPhil/equivalent degree for PhD admission in the relevant field.
3. Must have two years of consecutive teaching experience in the parent university/DAIs.
4. Must have 1<sup>st</sup> Division (in annual examination system) or minimum CGPA 3.00 out of 4.0 in the final degree and no 3<sup>rd</sup> Division/Grade D in the entire academic career.
5. Maximum age limit on closing date is 45 years.
6. The faculty members who are already enrolled in PhD (beyond Spring 2018) or availing HEC/Government /university or any other scholarship are not eligible to apply.
7. Applicant must be a faculty member of HEC recognised university, and will re-join after completion of studies as per terms and conditions of the scholarship award.
8. Visiting/adjunct faculty members are not eligible to apply.



Applications are required to be submitted online at <http://eportal.hec.gov.pk/fdp>. Hard copy of application and other documents will be required at later stages. Original online deposit slip/ ATM Transfer Slip of Rs. 500/-(non-refundable) as application processing fee in favor of Director General Finance, HEC. Fee can be deposited through any bank in Account Number 1742-79001334-01 Habib Bank Limited.

## Commonwealth Scholarship for PhD in UK 2019 for University Teaching Faculty

The HEC has recently advertised Commonwealth Scholarship for PhD in UK 2019 for University Teaching Faculty (working on full time basis) to apply online at HEC website: <http://eportal.hec.gov.pk/loa> & commonwealth website at: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/eas/applicants/phd-scholarships-low-middle-income-countries/>. All the relevant information (eligibility criteria, qualification & how to apply etc) can be found at HEC website: <http://www.hec.gov.pk/English/scholarshipsgrant/lao/csd/pages/default.aspx>



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