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## ONE DAY INTERACTIVE SESSION ORGANIZED BY QEC UAF

The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) makes all possible efforts to implement the parameters of quality assurance in education and research in letter and spirit at all levels under the guidelines of Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad. QAA-HEC makes regular visits of Universities/Degree Awarding Institutes to ensure the implementation of standards designed by HEC. In this context an interactive session with UAF faculty was organized by Quality Enhancement Cell, UAF.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf(HI, SI) in his address emphasized that for achieving a plausible space of the university through world ranking systems, it was quite important and pre-requisite to implement quality standards/criteria in teaching, education, research and

knowledge delivery system. He appreciated the efforts made by QEC UAF to provide a platform to the faculty for directly interacting with HEC authorities for resolving their issues and providing valuable input for the future strategy. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC discussed research portfolio of UAF and implementation of quality parameters in a research system along with the introduction of new

initiatives by the University for appreciating and promoting research system at campus. Prof. Dr. Amer Jamil, Director QEC highlighted the ongoing process of quality enhancement in the campus and its sub campuses and pointed out some bottlenecks for smooth execution of quality enhancement system. Dr. Nadia Tahir, Managing Director, Quality Assurance Agency, HEC appreciated UAF for organizing the session and discussed all the issues and options of the faculty in detail. She also noted the tricky issues



and promised to resolve them after discussing the higher ups at HEC. She emphasized that being the biggest university, having a sizeable research portfolio, UAF responsibilities enhance manifold under the prevailing system of R&D and Ranking System to meet the challenges. This interactive session ended after question-answer.

## FAO RICE EXPERT VISITS ORIC, UAF



Mr. Bo Zhou, Senior Rice Expert. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations visited ORIC on September 19, 2019. Dr. Irfan Afzal, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy coordinated the visit and presented ongoing developments in the field of Seed Science and Technology in the University. He specially focused on Quinoa Seed Production and its acclimatization under Pakistani Environment along with its commercialization status in the country. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC formally welcomed the guests and presented UAF background, its degree programs, faculty strength and R&D

Developments under arena of Food Security in the country. He also emphasized the entrepreneurial approaches and environment at the campus. He emphasized that honorable Vice Chancellor of the University was striving hard to establish a seed system in the university for helping the farming community with quality seed which was the prerequisite for yield enhancement. Mr. Bo Zhou, appreciated the ongoing research activities at the campus and the contribution of this Institute of Higher Learning in the National Economy.



## REMUNERATION/HONORARIUM TO PIs, CO-PIs AND OTHER STAFF UNDER RESEARCH PROJECTS



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The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31-08-2019 after detailed discussion and in supersession of its all earlier decisions, approved that:-

The PIs, Co-PIs and other staff of the research projects will continue to avail remuneration/honorarium under the provision of the respective project. There will be no restriction for No. of projects.



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USAID Small and Medium Enterprise Activity

## Challenge Fund

3rd round of SME Growth Grants!

The USAID small and Medium Enterprise Activity (SMEA) can support the efforts to expand business through the Challenge Fund

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- Women-led business (from any sector)
- ICT
- Hospitality
- Logistics
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- Light Engineering

**Last Date**  
**October 25, 2019**

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Potential grant funding up to  
**PKR 7.5 million**  
per grant

For more detail: [challengefund@pakistansmea.com](mailto:challengefund@pakistansmea.com)



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

### Research and Development (R&D)/Technical Support Fund for Academia

**Deadline  
October 25, 2019**

The Planning and Development Board, Govt. of the Punjab invites **Concept Proposals** from Academicians and Researchers at HEC recognized Public or Private Sector universities for allocation of Research and Development Funds.

#### Themes

- Establishment of Industry, Government and Academia Linkages
- Conversion of Research into Commercial & Marketable Applications

#### Proposal Guidelines

- Research that contributes to value addition, Export Orientation & Import Substitution will be given preference
- Concept proposals from all areas will be accepted for consideration by the R&D Unit, P&D Board, Govt. of the Punjab.

#### General Guidelines

- Academicians & Researchers may submit concept proposals to P&D Board, Punjab for consideration through ORIC, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- Project Proposals for R&D Fund that can potentially contribute to high level social impact, prototype development or aid in development of policy will be given preference.
- Standardized format for concept proposals may be downloaded from the P&D Board Website (<http://www.ppdunjab.gov.pk/>).



*A Seminar on*

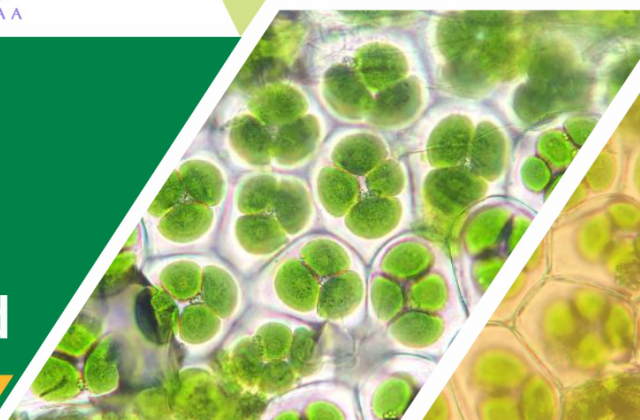
## Slow Pace of Agricultural Biotechnology Adaptability: The Analysis and Way Forward

October 10, 2019 | New Senate Hall, UAF

Organized by  
University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

in collaboration with

Pakistan Biotechnology Information Centre (PABIC)  
International Centre for Chemical & Biological Sciences (ICCBS) Karachi



## Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020 Results:



Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020 has declared University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) 808 best in the world Universities. This year 1396 universities from 92 countries took part in this ranking, which is an increase from last year with 146 universities.

The World University Rankings use 13 performance indicators to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons. The performance indicators are grouped into five areas: Teaching (30%), Research (30%), Citations (30%), International outlook (7.5%) and Industry income (2.5%).

## EXPENDED COLLABORATION BETWEEN UAF AND BAYER CROP SCIENCES PVT. LIMITED



A delegation from Bayer Pakistan Pvt. Limited headed by Mr. Uwe Pluschkell, Head of Agronomic Development-APAC Bayer (Singapore), Mr. Kuku Ambar Waluyo head of field solution and regulatory affairs Bayer (Indonesia), Mr. Saeed ur Rehman, Product Develop Manager Bayer (Singapore)

comprising of Faheem ud Din, Regional Technical Manager, Mr. Muhammad Taufique Siddiqui, Field Solution Manger, Bayer (Karachi), Mr. Kamran Ashraf, Incharge Monsanto Learning Center and Mr. Hammad Ahmad visited ORIC in connection with strengthening the close ties for R&D activities at UAF. Prof. Dr. Zahir Ahmad Zahir, formally welcomed the delegation and presented the success story and future vision of the University. Mr. Uwe Pluschkell appreciated the ongoing R&D activities especially collaborative research activities in collaboration with Monsanto Pakistan Private Limited in the form of Learning Center. He extended the cooperation by Bayer Crop Sciences for further strengthening close ties with UAF in terms of capacity building initiatives, safe use Pesticide Ambassador Program and internship for the outgoing students complemented with practical training.



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