

# ORIC Newsletter

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## CI-UAF CELEBRATES CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Confucius Institute (CI) at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad celebrated Chinese New Year also known as Happy Spring Festival at two-hour long ceremony that brought the different performances of Chinese and Pakistani cultures for the audiences.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Sarwar Khan was the chief guest while CI Chinese Dean Dr Zhou Chang Ming, and CI Local Dean Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir also spoke. The students presented the heart-touching performances that attracted the audience.

Chinese 2025 Lunar New Year ushers in the Year of the Wood Snake, a time filled with deep cultural meaning and significance. In the Chinese zodiac, each year is associated with one of the 12 animals, and 2025 is dedicated to the Snake.

Dr Zhou Chang Ming said that CI language and cultural ties would bring both nations closer that will also help promote scientific cooperation and learn from each other to address the challenges. He said that both countries were enjoying the close friendship. He added that Pak China Economic Corridor would usher a new avenue of development.

Prof Dr Muhammad Sarwar Khan said that the CI-UAF had completed eleven years and it has produced 22200 students so far in Chinese language course. He said China-Pakistan was enjoying time-tested relations that are more strengthened with the China Pakistan



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Economic Corridor. He added that CI has proved a hallmark to strengthen the academia, research ties with Chinese institutions. He called for learning from China experiences in agriculture and economic development. He said that the UAF was enjoying excellent ties worldwide.

Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir said CI UAF was established in 2014 and the first Chinese Language Class was held on January 10, 2015. He added that since its

establishment, it has enrolled more than 22,000 students and organized 152 cultural activities, which were attended by more than 55,000 visitors. He said CI-UAF organized 138 HSK/HSKK examinations, with a participation of more than 11500 students. He added that more than 600 students have successfully obtained various scholarships based on recommendations from CI-UAF. He said that all possible measures were being taken to produce the skilled manpower and to open up new avenues of development.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INSTRUMENTAL ACCESS



Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) has revamped its PSDP Project, "Data Repository of Scientific Instrumentation" vide No. SW(HO)-DRSI/2021, dated, 09-12-2024/8072 and widened its scope for providing Financial Support to the MSc(Hons)/MS/MPhil/PhD researchers and faculty members for analytical testing facilities for their nationally important research projects in the following priority areas:

**Chemical Sciences:** (Pharmaceutical, fine chemicals, raw material etc.)

**Biological Sciences:** (Gene editing, microbial treatments of water/waste water, diagnostic techniques survey and treatment of chronic diseases etc.)

**Agricultural Sciences:** (Food Sciences, Product development & value addition, enhancement of shelf life, herbal products etc.)

**Material Sciences:** (Minerals purification/leaching techniques, precision metals identification techniques, composite and advanced materials etc.)

**Medical Sciences:** (Medicines, Diseases, Drug discovery, Medical Technology, APIs etc.)

### How to apply:

Researchers may apply for the support program by submitting the prescribed form (available on: [www.pcsir.gov.pk](http://www.pcsir.gov.pk)) and other documents to Dr.(Mrs.) Naseem Rauf, Project Director Data Repository of Scientific Instrumentation, PCSIR Head Office, 1-Constitution Avenue, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad (E-Mail; [pcsirdrsi@gmail.com](mailto:pcsirdrsi@gmail.com)), Tel: 051-9225380/9225379

Pakistan Science Foundation through a “Call for Proposals” invited concept proposals for further processing and short listing. ORIC provided technical support to the Principal Investigators (PIs) to harvest this opportunity for the enhancement of search portfolio of the university. After passing through the Institutional Review Board (IRB), a total 42 concept proposals have been submitted for the consideration of PSF authorities. ORIC anticipates for getting a big chunk from the short listed proposals.

### INTERNAL MONITORING & EVALUATION OF ON-GOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) ensures facilitation for the researchers in the main campus as well as its constituent colleges. It also strives hard to promote quality research through multiple approaches including internal monitoring & evaluation of research projects in the University. Next phase of M&E process has been initiated where concerned PIs/PMs/TLs are being not only guided for record keeping, but also being provided hands-on training for maintenance of cash book, Budget Control Register (BCR), stock register, cheque record maintenance and other relevant documentation. M&E report is submitted to the competent authority on fortnightly basis.

### A SERIES OF HANDS-ON TRAINING BY CENTRAL HI-TECH LAB

Under the guidelines of the Vice Chancellor, Central Hi-Tech Lab (CHTL) has announced a series of Hands-on Training for faculty members, students and members of civil society. As per following framework;

Sr. #	Trainings	Duration	Training Charges(Rs) *		
			Students	UAF Faculty	Other Organizations
1.	High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)	1 week	2000	5000	7000
2.	Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS)	1 week	2000	5000	7000
3.	Proximate Analysis	1 week	2000	5000	7000
4.	Gas Chromatograph (GC)	1 week	2000	5000	7000
5.	General Laboratory Equipment	1 week	2000	5000	7000
6.	Spectrophotometer & Zeta Sizer	1 week	2000	5000	7000

The subject training will start from Feb 24, 2025 and conclude on Feb 28, 2025 simultaneously on the various equipment. Registration (Prior to start of training) will start in the 1st week of February 2025 and will continue for two-weeks. Interested faculty members and students may contact Dr. Muhammad Adnan Iqbal, Associate Professor/Officer Incharge Central Hi-Tech Lab., Cell # 0334-4594372, email: [adnan.iqbal@uaf.edu.pk](mailto:adnan.iqbal@uaf.edu.pk) for registration.



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# CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

# NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOR UNIVERSITIES [NRPU] 2024-25 ▶▶

Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan under its National Research Programme for Universities (NRPU), invites faculty members of the public and private sector universities/ degree awarding institutions to submit proposals in basic and applied research.

## Research Domains

- Basic Research Grant: Open Call for all disciplines with maximum duration of 24 months.
- Commission's Strategic Research Grant: Call for Specific Thematic Areas mentioned in the guidelines with maximum duration of 24 months.

## Proposal Submission Guidelines

- Research proposal submission is in two stages (First & Second).
- The research proposal outline submission must be on prescribed proforma through online portal <http://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/universities/nrpu/pages/introduction.aspx>
- Only shortlisted proposal outlines will be invited for detailed proposal submission.
- General information, guidelines, eligibility criteria, research areas and other details are available on <http://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/universities/nrpu/pages/introduction.aspx>

**Project outline submission deadline:**  
**Sunday, February 16, 2025**



**Queries regarding NRPU may be  
directed to: [nrpu@hec.gov.pk](mailto:nrpu@hec.gov.pk)**

NRPU is a flagship Research Programme of HEC for funding high-quality and promising scientific research projects which demonstrate strategic relevance and impact to local industry & society, promoting innovative, interdisciplinary and solution focused research.

Interested faculty members are required to send their requests to Director ORIC along with a synopsis of their proposal for seeking permission of the competent authority after passing through the Institutional Review Board (IRB), before **February 12, 2025** and subsequently, submit their project online before the closing date and share the same at ORIC for record. For further information, please visit ORIC (Dr. Abdul Rashid, Manager Research Management) or call 3606, email: [darashid65@uaf.edu.pk](mailto:darashid65@uaf.edu.pk), Ms. Sajida Perveen, email: [sajida\\_oric@uaf.edu.pk](mailto:sajida_oric@uaf.edu.pk)



## PTSDC HOLDS FOUR WEEK WORKSHOP FOR OFFICERS OF AGRI. DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB

The progressive farmers are getting almost double yield against a farmer with subsistence approach and practice for which agricultural experts should reach out the farming community to disseminate the latest technologies that will ensure food security and make agriculture a profitable profession, said Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Sarwar Khan. He was talking to officers of Agriculture Department Punjab at an inaugural session of the four-week workshop titled Finance, Administration Management and E-governance arranged by Professional Training and Skill Development Center(PTSDC) UAF. It is the 23rd and 24th workshop for the agricultural department officers which is mandatory for their promotion in which around 65 officers are being trained. Director Professional Training and Skill Development Center (PTSDC) Prof Dr Waqas Wakeel, Director Agriculture Extension Dr Muhammad Iqbal Khan Niazi, and Dr Tariq Nadeem, and Dr Nazar Hussain also spoke on the occasion. Prof Dr Muhammad Sarwar Khan said that the agricultural sector was facing challenges comprising low productivity, water scarcity, climate changes and others. He said that progressive farmers were getting more than 65 mound of the wheat per acre. He underscored the need to disseminate the modern agricultural trends in the farming community. He said that the university was making all out efforts to address the agricultural issues at national level with tangible research work, new varieties, outreach and skilled manpower. Prof. Dr Waqas Wakeel said the Continuing Education Department was established in 1963, and elevated to PTSDC in 2023. He added that they were honing skills of the participants of different courses to excel in the respective fields. He added that they were offering 250 short courses skills development with the special focus on agriculture, livestock and rural development. It has produced 11,000 manpower with short courses so far. Dr Muhammad Iqbal Khan Niazi said that renowned resources persons of their field were imparting training to the participants. He urged the participants to devote themselves for leaning new experiences and techniques in this course. He said that the uplift of the agricultural sector was essential for sustainable economic development.



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