

ORIC Newsletter

University of Agriculture, Faisalabad

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QS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2025 PROVES UAF EXCELLENCE



The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad's excellence was highlighted in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025. According to the latest rankings, UAF secured positions in two subjects including Agriculture and Forestry ranked globally 34th best while it stood first in Pakistan in the same category, it was ranked first time in Veterinary Science and stood 84th at global

level and first in Pakistan.

UAF has once again solidified its position as one of the Pakistan's top universities, ranking globally in Top 100 with respect to any subject category. In overall QS World University Rankings 2025, UAF stood at 688th position globally and 5th in Pakistan. In QS South Asian 2025 Ranking, UAF ranked 37th in South Asian Universities and 7th in Pakistan.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Ali while extending his congratulations to the whole campus community applauded the efforts and acknowledged the services rendered by former Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan (HI, SI), Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Jafar Jaskani, incumbent Director Prof. Dr. Muhammad Imran Arshad and ORIC team. He described new ranking a soothing benchmark and inspiration for the whole campus community to move ahead with more vigor and enthusiasm.



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INTERIM PLACEMENT OF FRESH PhDs (IPFP)

PHASE II - BATCH VI



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has launched the Interim Placement of Fresh PhDs (IPFP) programme to create an opportunity for fresh PhDs to obtain an academic experience and mentorship for one year in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Federal / Provincial Government post-graduate degree colleges, prior to their formal entry into the academic job market. Applications are invited for the IPFP programme Phase-II in all areas of study / disciplines for Batch-VI.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1 Pakistani/AJK nationality.
- 2 Must be under 40 on close of application date.
- 3 PhD degree holder from any HEC-recognised university (Pakistani or foreign), which must be completed within two years preceding the advertisement.
- 4 Should have published at least two research publications in HEC recognised or indexed journals.
- 5 Only unemployed applicants are eligible. However, those holding temporary or contract positions (or other sub-optimal jobs) in universities or elsewhere may apply, and if selected, will have to resign and submit a clearance certificate from their previous employer.



PROGRAMME RUNDOWN

- 1 **List Circulation:** HEC will share the list of successful candidates of pre-assessment test with recognised institutions for their 'Consent' to intake suitable candidates as per institution requirements.
- 2 **NFDP:** After an institute has consented to intake a candidate and the consented candidate is also willing to join that institute, he will get an opportunity to attend up-to four weeks of outstanding training (free of cost) under National Faculty Development Programme (NFDP) with a team of highly reputed International and National Trainers. No stipend will be paid during training.
- 3 **Placement at Host Institutions:** HEC will facilitate in placement as an IPFP Fellow at HEIs for a period of one year.
- 4 **Monetary Benefits:** HEC will pay a fixed Remuneration during placement, currently fixed at Rs. 150,000/- per month for a period of 12 months from the date of joining.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 1 Interested applicants are required to apply online through HEC E-Portal <http://eportal.hec.gov.pk/ipfp> for **IPFP Phase-II Batch-VI** on or before **April 15, 2025 at 1600 hours**.
- 2 Scanned copies of HEC-attested PhD degree, and/or an equivalence certificate issued by the HEC Equivalence Section must be uploaded together with the application.
- 3 Deposit slip (cash counter receipt, Online or ATM Transfer receipt) of **Rs.3000/-** (non-refundable) as application processing fee in favor of Director Finance, HEC in the **Account Number 1742-79001334-01, Habib Bank Limited**, shall also be required to upload.
- 4 Applicants are required to post the hard copy (printed application form) along with the requisite documents, photograph and original fee deposit slip at the address given below.
- 5 Hard copy must be bounded and flagged properly or it will not be entertained.
- 6 Eligible applicants will be required to appear in mandatory pre-assessment test. The test will be held on **Sunday, May 11, 2025**.
- 7 Top applicants who obtain a minimum score of 50% in the pre-assessment test will attend the mandatory training under NFDP, followed by an evaluation test to become eligible for placement at Higher Education Institutes (HEIs).
- 8 Selected candidates shall be required to provide all required documents before the training. Successful completion of NFDP is mandatory for the placement at Host HEIs as commencement of 'IPFP Fellow'.

IMPORTANT NOTE



- In case of any discrepancy in the record or whatsoever, HEC reserves the right to reject the applicant at any stage.
- For further details about IPFP Phase-II policy and guidance about pre-assessment test and placement procedure, please visit <https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/scholarshipsgrants/IPFP/Pages/default.aspx>



APPLICATION DEADLINE:
APRIL 15, 2025

Project Director, (IPFP)

Human Resource Division, Higher Education Commission, Sector H-9, Islamabad

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ICGEB Research Grants 2025

CRP - Collaborative Research Programme

ICGEB offers a dedicated source of **funding for outstanding projects** in ICGEB Member States, with the goal of promoting collaboration, training of young scientists and the development of research facilities.

The programme provides support for research activities in **basic life sciences, human healthcare, industrial and agricultural biotechnology and bioenergy**.

Applicants should hold positions at **Universities or Research Institutes** in any of the **ICGEB Member States***

A new special category, **Early Career Return Grants**, funds young researchers, who have spent a minimum of 2 years abroad and who have recently returned to an ICGEB Member State to establish an independent laboratory.

Closing date for online submission: 30 April 2025

*ICGEB Member States

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*Laboratories in Italy are excluded from the call

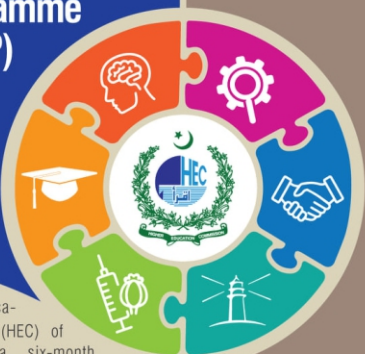
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International Research Support Initiative Programme (IRSIP)

6-Month Research Fellowship Abroad for PhD Scholars



The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan offers a six-month research fellowship abroad to full-time PhD scholars, enrolled in higher education institutions of Pakistan and AJK, under its International Research Support Initiative Programme (IRSIP). The purpose of this Programme is to enhance research capabilities of PhD scholars, and also develop linkages between Pakistani and foreign institutions. HEC receives applications for IRSIP throughout the year, and fellowships are awarded on quarterly basis after thorough evaluation of applications.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



- Full-time PhD scholars, who are Pakistani/ AJK nationals.
- Minimum two years of enrollment in PhD Programme and maximum up to 3.5 years.
- Coursework of at least 18 credit hours.
- He/She must have passed PhD admission test at the time of PhD admission, as per Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's rules.
- He/She must have an approved PhD research topic and synopsis by the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) or Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research (DASR) or equivalent body of the university.
- He/She must have an official acceptance/ invitation letter for research from a foreign university/ institute/ laboratory. The university/ institution must be listed in top 200 universities list as per Times Ranking of World Universities either in general category or in the relevant subject of applicant.
- Foreign Supervisor should not be an ex-supervisor of the Local Supervisor.
- Scholars already availing any other local HEC scholarship are also eligible to apply provided they submit NOC from concerned HEC focal person.

HOW TO APPLY



Applications can be submitted round the year. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as they fulfill the basic criteria. Incomplete applications are not entertained. For details about application procedure and more information, please visit <http://hec.gov.pk/site/IRSIP>

Jehanzeb Khan
Project Director (IRSIP)
Higher Education Commission
Islamabad, Pakistan

MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AT UAF

The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) always strives hard to ensure transparency in the research system at UAF and its Constituent Colleges at Burewala (Vehari), Depalpur (Okara) and Toba Tek Singh. Recently under the directive of the Vice Chancellor, the projects as per detail below were evaluated Technically and Financially. ORIC team comprising Dr. Abdul Rashid Manager Research Management, Mr. Asim Rahil Deputy Treasurer ORIC, and Ms Sajid Parveen JCO advised the PIs to adhere with the UAF system and complete the project documents as per UAF and funding agency requirements. It was found that capacity building of project staff was the dire need as researchers should involve in the financial matter as minimum as they can. The detail report was submitted to the Vice Chancellor for his perusal.

PI Name	PI Department	Funding Agency	Project Monitoring date
Dr. Saqib Ali	Department of Computer Science	HEC under NRPU	27-01-25
Dr. M. Khalid Bashir	IARE	NSFGChina	4-2-25
Dr. Allah Rakha	NISAT	HECNRPU	7-2-25
Dr. Rizwan Maqbool	Dept. of Agronomy	NSLRPSF	11-2-25
Dr. Aftab Ahmad	Biochemistry	PSF	13-2-25
Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad	IHS	HECNRPU	20-02-25
Dr. Jam Nazir Ahmad	Entomology	HECNRPU	26-02-25
Dr. M. Iqbal	ISIS	HECNRPU	4-3-25

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