

ORIC NEWSLETTER 2026

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Highlights

- **Seminars and workshops**
- **Faculty Achievements**
- **Civic Engagement Events**
- **Research Funding Opportunities**
- **Significant Publications**
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- **Upcoming Event**

International Seminar on Organizational Innovation and Supply Chain Management

National Business School, The University of Faisalabad, organized the International Seminar on Organizational Innovation and Supply Chain Management to promote knowledge sharing on emerging trends in innovation, sustainability and contemporary supply chain practices. The seminar featured speakers, including Dr Luise Porst and Dr Mehwish Zuberi from the Universities for Sustainable Development, Germany, and Prof Dr Irfan Ahmad Baig from Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan. The speakers delivered presentations on organizational innovation, sustainable development, and modern supply chain management, highlighting current challenges and future opportunities in the field.



World Environment Day 2026 in Collaboration with EPA Punjab

The Environmental Society, The University of Faisalabad, in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab (EPA), organized a ceremony to observe World Environment Day 2026 under the theme **"Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future."** The event brought together representatives from government, industry, and environmental organizations to discuss key environmental challenges and sustainable solutions for a greener future. The session featured distinguished speakers, including Mr Mudassir Mumtaz, ADC (F&P), Commissioner Office, Faisalabad, Mr Naveed Akram, Acting President, Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI), Mr Hafiz Asghar, Acting Chairman, APTPMA, and Mr Shakeel Ansari, President, Textile Sizing Association. The speakers emphasized the importance of collective efforts in environmental protection and climate resilience. The concluding remarks were delivered by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, TUF, who highlighted the shared responsibility of protecting the environment and encouraged participants to contribute actively to sustainable development. The event concluded with the signing of an Environmental Protection Pledge, led by the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab (EPA).



TUF Representation at International Conference on Biodiversity and Resilience

Prof Dr Muhammad Ashfaq, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies The University of Faisalabad, served as a Session Chair at the International Conference titled “Biodiversity, Livelihoods, and Resilience in Arid Landscape”, held at MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Pakistan.

The conference brought together researchers, academicians and professionals to discuss contemporary issues related to biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience in arid regions. As Session Chair, Prof Dr Muhammad Ashfaq facilitated scholarly discussions and guided technical presentations during the conference sessions.



TUF and EPA Signed MoU for Environmental Research Collaboration

The Environment Society of The University of Faisalabad (TUF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to facilitate the installation of Anti-Smog Guns in Faisalabad and their use for research purposes by TUF students. The agreement marked an important step in strengthening collaboration in environmental sustainability, research and academic engagement. The MoU was signed by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector TUF, and Dr Imran Hamid Sheikh, Director General EPA, in the presence of Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, TUF, Dr Shaista Shafiq, Advisor Environment Society and Head Department of Biochemistry & Biotechnology, and Engr Usman Azhar, Deputy Director EPA.



HEC Honours TUF Faculty Members on Inclusion in Stanford University's Global Top 2% Scientists List 2025

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) organized a prestigious ceremony at the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology, Punjab University, to honour Pakistani researchers and scientists who were included in Stanford University's Global Top 2% Scientists List 2025.



The University of Faisalabad TUF celebrated the recognition of three of its distinguished faculty members on the globally acclaimed list: Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, Prof Dr Aaqib Majeed, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Physics and Statistics, and Dr Muhammad Jawad, Lecturer, Department of Mathematics, Physics and Statistics. Punjab Minister for Education Rana Sikandar Hayat attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest. He congratulated the awardees and reaffirmed the Punjab Government's commitment to strengthening higher education, advancing research and promoting quality human capital development.

Research Concept Proposals Submitted for National and International Funding Opportunities

The University of Faisalabad continued to strengthen its research and innovation portfolio through the submission of concept proposals to competitive national and international funding programs. The proposals addressed key challenges in sustainable industrial development, smart agriculture, healthcare, digital transformation and economic growth.

Sr No	Department	Name
1	National Business School	Dr Muhammad Saeed Ahmad
2		Dr Rizwan Chaudhary
3	Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology	Muhammad Tjammal Rehman
Agricultural Linkages Program (ALP)		
4	National Business School	Ms Samra Subhani
5	National Business School	Ms Samra Subhani
6	ORIC	Dr Fariha Jabeen
Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG)		
7	National Business School	Dr Muhammad Saeed Ahmad

Faculty Development Workshop Focuses on AI-Powered Research

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, The University of Faisalabad, organized a faculty development workshop on "Artificial Intelligence in Research: From Research Idea to Publication" under the supervision of Dr Wajeeha Sahar. The workshop was facilitated by Dr Fariha Jabeen, Manager Research & Sustainability, ORIC, TUF, who demonstrated the effective use of artificial intelligence throughout the research process. The session covered research idea generation, literature review, manuscript preparation, publication strategies and the ethical use of AI in academic research. The workshop strengthened participants' research skills and reinforced the department's commitment to academic excellence.



Plantation Drive Marks World Environment Day 2026

The University of Faisalabad, through its Environmental Society in collaboration with the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, organized a Plantation Drive to commemorate World Environment Day 2026. The drive held under the supervision of Ms Mahrukh, Advisor of the Environmental Society, brought together society members and faculty members to plant six Cape Jasmine (Chandna) saplings. The initiative reflected the University's commitment to environmental sustainability and encouraged active participation in creating a greener campus.





Higher Education Commission, Pakistan

Call for Research Proposals

PERIDOT MOBILITY GRANT PROGRAMME

Phase-XIII

Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan invites applications from Pakistan's faculty members of public and private universities, for funding under the

PAK-FRANCE PERIDOT MOBILITY GRANT PROGRAMME

PERIDOT is the Franco-Pakistani Hubert Curien Partnership (PHC) Programme, providing opportunities to Pakistani and French researchers to interact for joint research activities. The programme is implemented in Pakistan by HEC and in France, jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Development (MAEDI) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR). The objective of this programme is to develop new scientific and technological cooperation between French and Pakistani higher education institutions (HEIs)/research laboratories by supporting the mobility of researchers from both sides.

Priority Areas

HEC invites joint research proposals for mobility grant from Pakistani faculty members of public and private universities in the following three areas:



Health
Sciences



Sustainable Energy,
Agriculture & Food Security



Economics of
Climate Change

How to Apply

- Applications should reach HEC no later than **September 30, 2026** till **1600 hours** (Pakistan Standard Time).
- Online portal will be open for applications from **July 6, 2026**.
- Please note that a joint application (in collaboration with a French faculty member) that has been submitted to Campus France is a mandatory pre-requisite for applying to this grant.

Any further information about the programme can be viewed at:

<https://www.hec.gov.pk/site/PERIDOT>

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION, PAKISTAN

RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



PAKISTAN'S ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES NEED NEW SOLUTIONS. COULD YOURS BE ONE OF THEM?

Apply for WWF-Pakistan's Small Grants Programme 2026

DEADLINE: 20 JULY 2026

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Researchers and academics
- NGOs and civil society organisations
- Community-based organisations
- Conservation practitioners
- Individuals and groups with innovative environmental solutions

FOCUS AREAS



Wildlife and biodiversity



Forest conservation



Marine and coastal ecosystems



Climate resilience and Nature-based Solutions



Community-led conservation

UNDP GRANTS PROGRAMME 2027

APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Supporting local solutions for a sustainable and resilient future.



UP TO
\$50,000
AVAILABLE

FOR COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROJECTS



EMPOWER COMMUNITIES

Support grassroots initiatives that create lasting impact.



PROTECT THE PLANET

Promote conservation, biodiversity and climate action at the local level.



BUILD RESILIENCE

Strengthen communities and ecosystems for a sustainable future.



INCLUSIVE & EQUITABLE

Ensure no one is left behind. Build a better future for all.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Leveraging IFAD's Rural Sector Performance Assessment for Policy and Investment

Title: Call for Proposals: IFAD Grant to Strengthen Rural Development Policies

Thematic priorities:

- Strengthening rural policy assessment and analysis
- Improving the policy and investment environment for sustainable rural development
- Leveraging IFAD's Rural Sector Performance Assessment (RSPA) for evidence-based policymaking
- Supporting research and policy solutions for rural development across IFAD partner countries

Deadline: September 4, 2026

Apply Link:

<https://opportunitiesforyouth.org/2026/07/14/ifad-announces-us1-2-million-grant-call-for-proposals-to-strengthen-rural-development-policies-worldwide/>



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STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**



**FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT,
AGRICULTURE & CLIMATE
RESILIENCE**



**OPPORTUNITIES
ACROSS MULTIPLE
COUNTRIES & SECTORS**



**FOR STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS,
GOVERNMENTS &
ORGANIZATIONS**



INVEST IN EDUCATION. DRIVE CHANGE. BUILD A BETTER FUTURE.

SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS

Ullah, M. R., et al. (2026). Role of digitalisation and digital capabilities in the non-financial performance of SMEs: A multi-method SEM-fsQCA-ANNs approach. Technology Analysis & Strategic Management. cross IFAD partner countries. **(IF: 3.4)**

Jawad, M., Majeed, A. (2026). Three-dimensional MHD flow and heat transfer analysis of an upper-convected Maxwell nanofluid with bioconvection over a bidirectional stretching surface. Journal of Nanofluids, 15(3), 450 459. **(IF: 2.2)**

Majeed, A. Jawad, M. (2026). Advanced bioconvective hydromagnetic Ree-Eyring nanofluid transport with Cattaneo-Christov heat flux and gyrotactic microorganisms in a Darcy-Forchheimer medium. Discover Applied Sciences. **(IF: 3.8)**

Jawad, M. Majeed, A. (2026). On the effects of heat absorption and chemical reaction in MHD flow of upper-convected Maxwell nanofluid over a bidirectional stretching surface with gyrotactic microorganism: A comparative study. South African Journal of Chemical Engineering. **(IF: 6.3)**

TUF LAUNCHES DIVERSE SHORT COURSES TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) has announced a comprehensive series of short courses designed to equip participants with practical skills, professional competencies and personal development opportunities across a wide range of disciplines. The initiative offers hands-on training and knowledge enhancement for students, professionals and lifelong learners.



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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
FASHION & TEXTILE DESIGN
Create Style, Craft Identity
Develop creative skills in fashion illustration, textiles and design practice

DURATION 5 Weeks

FEE 25,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Creative Design Skills
- Textile & Fabric Knowledge
- Practical Studio Training
- Trend & Brand Development
- Career & Business Growth

The University of Faisalabad
Amin Campus: Canal Road, Faisalabad.

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
ENGLISH 360
Master the Four English Skills
Build confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing

DURATION 6 Weeks

FEE 30,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Speaking Confidence
- Listening Skills
- Reading Improvement
- Effective Writing
- Career Communication

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Jinnah Campus: Jinnah Colony, Faisalabad

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH COMMUNICATION IN THE AGE OF AI
Speak with Confidence, Write with Impact, Communicate Smarter

DURATION 6 Weeks

FEE 25,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Practical Speaking Skills
- Professional Writing Practice
- AI-Aware Communication
- Presentation & Interview Skills
- Career & Global Growth

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
VIRTUAL DRUG DISCOVERY BOOTCAMP
Molecular Docking & AI Tools
Explore Computational Drug Design with Modern AI-Driven Techniques

DURATION 4 Weeks

FEE 10,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Molecular Docking Skills
- AI in Drug Discovery
- Practical Software Training
- Research & Analysis Skills
- Career Ready Bioinformatics Exposure

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
PERSONAL & FAMILY HEALTH CARE ESSENTIALS
Practical Knowledge for Everyday Family Wellness

DURATION 6 weeks

FEE 10,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Basic Health Care Skills
- Family Wellness Awareness
- First Aid & Home Care
- Preventive Health Knowledge
- Practical Caring Confidence

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Soleem Campus: Sargodha Road, Faisalabad.

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
ADVANCED PROJECT MANAGEMENT
A Practical Approach
Build practical skills in planning, execution, leadership, and project delivery

DURATION 3 Weeks

FEE 15,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Project Planning Skills
- Leadership & Team Coordination
- Risk & Time Management
- Practical Industry Approach
- Career Growth Opportunities

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
NATURAL SKIN CARE WITH HERBAL FORMULATION
Learn Herbal Beauty Care, Safe Ingredients & Practical Formulation Skills

DURATION 6 Weeks

FEE 10,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Herbal Skin Care Skills
- Natural Ingredient Knowledge
- Practical Formulation Training
- Safe Beauty Product Awareness
- Career & Business Growth

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ADMISSIONS OPEN '26
SHORT COURSES
HOW TO FLY AN AIRCRAFT SIMULATED TRAINING
Practical Approach
Hands-on Introduction to Flight Simulation and Cockpit Basics

DURATION 5 Days

FEE 5,000

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

- Flight Simulation Skills
- Cockpit Familiarity
- Navigation Basics
- Aviation Safety Awareness
- Career Exploration

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Amin Campus: Canal Road, Faisalabad.

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**ADMISSIONS
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SHORT COURSES

CULINARY ARTS TRAINING

(Practical Approach)
Hands-on Skills for Creative Cooking
and Kitchen Excellence

DURATION
3 Weeks

FEE
30,000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Hands-on
Cooking Skills



Kitchen Safety
& Hygiene



Food
Presentation
Techniques



Career-Ready
Training



Creative Culinary
Development



**ADMISSIONS
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SHORT COURSES

PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

Discover Color, Creativity
& Artistic Expression

Learn basic painting techniques,
color blending and creative studio practice

DURATION
4 Weeks

FEE
15,000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Basic Painting
Skills



Color Mixing
Techniques



Creative
Expression



Practical Studio
Training



Portfolio
Development



**ADMISSIONS
OPEN '26**

SHORT COURSES

BARISTA SKILLS TRAINING

(Practical Approach)

Master the Art of Coffee Making and Café Service

DURATION
1 Month

FEE
30,000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Coffee
Brewing Skills



Espresso &
Latte Art



Practical Café
Training



Career-Ready
Expertise



Customer
Service Skills

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**ADMISSIONS
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SHORT COURSES

HANDS-ON SEO & SMO

Rank Higher, Reach Wider, Grow Faster

DURATION
3 Weeks

FEE
15,000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Practical SEO
Skills



Social Media
Growth Techniques



Website Ranking
Improvement



Digital
Marketing



Brand
Visibility



**ADMISSIONS
OPEN '26**

SHORT COURSES

CULINARY NUTRITION

The Art and Science of Healthy Cooking

DURATION
1 Month

FEE
10,000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Cooking &
Nutrition Skills



Practical Kitchen
Training



Healthy Lifestyle
Focus



High Career
Demand



Professional Skill
Development

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SHORT COURSES

LEADERSHIP

From a Seerah Perspective
Lead with Prophetic Wisdom, Inspire
with Purpose

DURATION
1 Month

FEE
2000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Seerah-Based
Leadership



Moral Decision
Making



Character &
Integrity



Community
Leadership



Purpose-Driven
Vision



**ADMISSIONS
OPEN '26**

SHORT COURSES

APPLYING QUR'ANIC PRINCIPLES To Contemporary Life

DURATION
1 Month

FEE
2000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Deep Qur'anic
Understanding



Practical
Guidance for
Daily Life



Stronger
Moral & Ethical
Values



Inner Peace &
Spiritual
Growth



Positive Impact
in Society

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**ADMISSIONS
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SHORT COURSES

SKETCHING

Learn the Art of Visual Expression

Develop drawing, observation and shading skills
through practical studio practice

DURATION
4 Weeks

FEE
15,000



**WHY
CHOOSE
THIS COURSE?**



Drawing
Fundamentals



Creative
Observation



Practical
Sketching
Training



Shading &
Composition Skills



Portfolio
Development

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UPCOMING EVENT

It is a privilege for The University of Faisalabad to host the National Higher Education Leadership Engagement Series on PSG-2023. The event is being organized in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the Centre of Executive Learning (CEL). We warmly welcome all delegates and participants to TUF for this important engagement on "The Quality Compact", aimed at promoting institutional ownership and building a resilient quality ecosystem in higher education.



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on

THE QUALITY COMPACT

*From Conformity to Ownership:
Empowering Institutions, Building a Resilient Quality Ecosystem.*



16 July, 2026



9:00 AM



The University of Faisalabad,
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