

ORIC NEWSLETTER

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International Educational Collaboration and Strategic Academic Partnerships with Paragon Overseas Education



The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), The University of Faisalabad, held a meeting with Mian Abdur Rasheed, President, Task Force and Member, ORIC Steering Committee, TUF, Mr Kaswar Khan, Branch Manager, Paragon Overseas Education, Faisalabad, and Dr Muhammad Nadeem, UK Counsellor, Paragon Overseas Education. The meeting was attended by Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, TUF, to explore opportunities for academic collaboration, international education pathways, and future strategic partnerships.

Meeting on Graduate Program Review (GPR) Preparations for Academic Year 2025–26



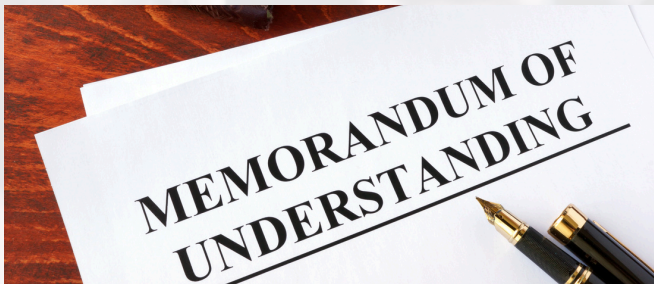
The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) at TUF convened a meeting as part of the preparatory activities for the Graduate Program Review (GPR) for the Academic Year 2025–26. The session aimed to develop a collective understanding of the GPR requirements, documentation procedures, and their alignment with the QAA-PREE standards. Director, QEC, provided an overview of the objectives and significance of the Graduate Program Review (GPR). Dr Abdul Rehman, Assistant Director, Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), explained the major components of the review process, discussed effective methods for preparing the required evidence, and emphasized the importance of teamwork in ensuring a smooth and successful evaluation process.

Training on Preparation of PREE Report for Academic Year 2025-26

The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), TUF, organized a training session for Program Team members to facilitate the preparation of PREE reports for the Academic Year 2025-26. The session aimed to enhance understanding of the updated PREE guidelines and to promote a standardized approach to report preparation across academic programs. Director QEC, emphasized the importance of PREE standards as a mechanism for sustaining academic quality and continuous improvement within the institution. Mr Muhammad Akram, Assistant Director, QEC, TUF, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the PREE framework, provided orientation on the PREE manual, and offered practical guidance for report preparation.



TUF Strengthens Strategic Partnerships to Promote Academic and Clinical Development



The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, (TUF), in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Punjab Institute of Nuclear Medicine (PINUM), Faisalabad. The agreement is aimed at strengthening academic, clinical, and research collaboration between the two institutions. The MoU was formally signed by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, TUF, and Dr Muhammad Babar Imran (T.I), Director AECH-PINUM, Faisalabad. This strategic collaboration is designed to facilitate structured clinical training, research engagement, and professional development opportunities for postgraduate trainees. It will also enhance access to clinical training placements and residency rotations, thereby enriching hands-on learning experiences in specialized healthcare settings.



The Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Test Zone Laboratory, Faisalabad, aimed at strengthening academic and professional collaboration. The MoU was formally signed by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, The University of Faisalabad, along with Mr Faiz Sultan, Director, Test Zone Laboratory, Faisalabad and in the presence of Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director, ORIC Ms Tayyaba Jamil, Department Coordinator. As part of this collaboration, were offered a special discount of 30% on laboratory tests and 10% on imaging services.



Global Academic Engagement at EURIE 2026 through Strategic International Collaboration



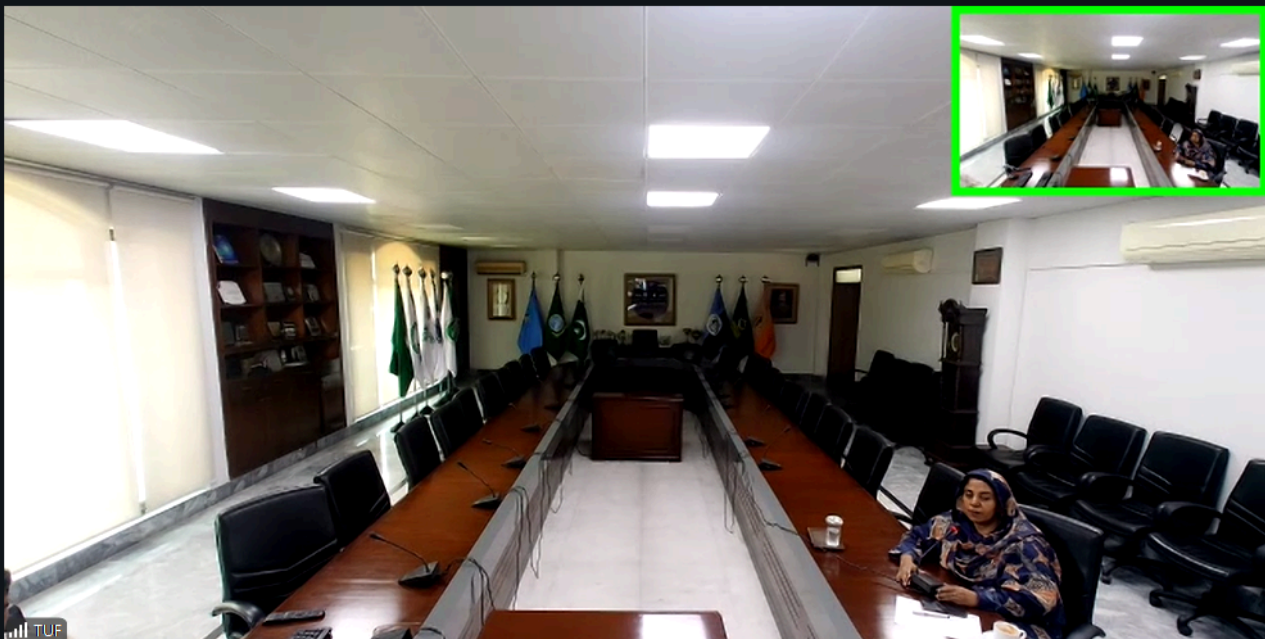
The University of Faisalabad (TUF) demonstrated a strong international presence at the Pakistan Pavilion, organized by the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan, during the Eurasia Higher Education Summit 2026. The summit brought together higher education leaders, policymakers, and representatives from more than 380 universities across 61 countries, providing an important platform for academic networking and global collaboration. Representing TUF, Muhammad Haider Amin, Chairman Board of Governors, along with Dr Zahida Maqbool, Registrar, TUF, participated in a series of strategic meetings and discussions with international academic leaders. These engagements led to the initiation and advancement of several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) focused on academic cooperation, faculty and student exchange, joint research initiatives, and innovation-driven partnerships with leading universities worldwide.

TUF Strengthened Strategic Partnerships with Cyprus International University

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Cyprus International University (CIU), further strengthening its commitment to expanding global academic partnerships. The agreement was formally signed by Mr Muhammad Haider Amin, Chairman Board of Governors, TUF, and Dr Ibrahim Avci from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, representing CIU. The MoU aimed to promote academic exchange, support joint research initiatives, and create collaborative opportunities for students and faculty members of both institutions.



Webinar Series on “Foundation of Medical Editing and Peer Review”



The Dean of Clinical Research, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), TUF, conducted a webinar series titled “Foundations of Medical Editing and Peer Review.” The series was designed to strengthen editorial competence, consistency, and confidence in manuscript handling, peer review, and publication ethics among editorial board members, associate editors, peer reviewers, and managing editors of medical journals. It included three structured sessions covering the editor’s role in scientific publishing with a focus on editorial responsibilities, decision-making, manuscript screening, and bias management; high-quality peer review in medical journals emphasizing structured, constructive, and ethical review practices along with manuscript evaluation; and ethics, integrity, and editorial decision-making addressing publication ethics, misconduct issues, and the management of complex editorial cases through standard guidelines and real-world scenarios.

Concept Proposals Submitted for Industrial Solution Grants for Young Scientists under PSF

Sr #	Department	Name	Title
1	National Business School	Dr Muhammad Saeed Ahmad	Data-driven Framework for Sustainable and Energy-Efficient Textile Production in Faisalabad Industries
2		Dr Samra Subhani	Post Harvest Processing and Branding of Fruits for Export: A Case Study of Mangoes from Southern Punjab
3		Dr Rizwan Chaudhary	Value Addition in Textile Fibers and Its Role in Rural Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Punjab
4	Department of Nutrition and Dietetics	Dr Amber Tehseen	Sustainable Nutrition to Improve Human Health: Valorization of Agro-Food Waste by Developing Functional Foods
5	Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology	Dr Laraib Shoukat	Valorization of Banana Starch for Nanocarrier Production to Enhance Probiotic Viability in Synbiotic Yogurt
6	ORIC	Muhammad Bilal Sarwar	Reinforcement Learning for Real-Time Power Optimization in Hybrid Energy Storage EVs

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT



Dr Aaqib Majeed

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We are pleased to congratulate Mr Muhammad Aaqib Majeed, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics, on being ranked among the World's Top 5% Scientists in the 2025 SciRank Global Registry, a distinction based on rigorous bibliometric analysis. This achievement reflects his sustained scholarly contributions and brings well-deserved recognition to our institution.

30th Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition

Prof Dr Same Ur Rahman, Dean, Department of Law, The University of Faisalabad, represented TUF as an Adjudicator at the 30th Edition of the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition and the International Wildlife Law Conference, held in the United States. The competition brought together participants from 22 countries across 5 continents, making it one of the most prestigious international platforms in environmental law. Prof Dr Same Ur Rahman served as a judge in the international rounds and gained advanced exposure to emerging areas of environmental law, including de-extinction, biodiversity governance, and access and benefit sharing. Notably, TUF served as co-host of the national rounds of this competition for two consecutive years, reflecting the university's growing stature in international legal academia.



Professional Training on Urban Flood Management Practices



Dr Shaista Shafique, Head, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, TUF participated in a two-day training organized by Farmers Development Organization (FDO) on Urban Flood Management. The training brought together representatives from various government bodies to address challenges associated with urban flooding. She attended the session as a chief guest and actively engaged in training activities, including group exercises on water management. A proposed project focusing on cities such as Multan, Faisalabad, Hafizabad, and Sargodha was also presented. The participation resulted in the initiation of collaborative engagement with FDO, with potential initiatives discussed for implementation at the TUF campus through ORIC.



Data-Driven Approaches to Strengthening Air Quality Standards and Policy Frameworks

Dr Shaista Shafique, Head, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, TUF, participated in a session titled “Data-driven Skies: Strengthening Air Quality Standards and Policy Frameworks in Faisalabad.” The event was organized with the collaboration of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Pakistan and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC). Muhammad Haroon Younas, Program Coordinator, WWF, highlighted the use of data-driven approaches to improve air quality management and support the development of effective environmental policies. The session focused on the use of data-driven approaches to improve air quality management and to support the development of effective environmental policies. It brought together relevant stakeholders and experts to deliberate on strengthening air quality standards.



Future of Laboratory Medicine at Faisalabad Medical University

Mr Muhammad Noman, Sr Lecturer from the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences, The University of Faisalabad, participated in the seminar titled “Future of Laboratory Medicine”, organized by the Department of Pathology, Faisalabad Medical University on the occasion of World Medical Laboratory Professionals Week 2026. The session was held at Faisalabad Medical University and brought together academic professionals to reflect on emerging trends and advancements in laboratory medicine. The seminar provided a platform for professional engagement and academic discussion on the evolving role of laboratory medicine in modern healthcare practices.



Hands-on Workshop on Mammography and Ultrasound-Guided Biopsy

The Department of Radiography and Imaging Sciences organized a hands-on workshop on Mammography and Ultrasound-Guided Biopsy, bringing together leading experts, students, and healthcare professionals to explore recent advancements in diagnostic imaging. The session featured expert contributions from Prof Dr Asim Shaukat, Dr Awais Bin Qadir, and Dr Hassan Bukhari. The scientific program included key discussions on radiation safety, dose optimization, and emerging trends in CT imaging, along with practical training sessions focused on breast biopsy techniques.



OBE Training Session for Faculty of Information Technology

The Department of Computer Sciences organized an Outcome-Based Education (OBE) Training Session for the Faculty of Information Technology, aimed at strengthening academic practices aligned with modern educational standards. The session featured Dr Rab Nawaz Lodhi, Associate Professor, University of Punjab, as the resource person. Drawing on his extensive expertise in OBE, curriculum design, and research methodologies, he delivered an informative and engaging training session enriched with practical insights.



Awareness Seminar on Cancer Prevention

The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of Living and Learning, organized an impactful awareness seminar at The University of Faisalabad (TUF).

The event was graced by Ms Aneela Malik, CEO and Founder of Falcon Association Pakistan and CEO of Falcon Skills Learning SMC-Pvt Ltd, as Chief Guest. The session also featured Ms Taiba Umar, Clinical Psychologist, Community Researcher, and Site Lead of the Defeat Cancer Campaign, as Guest Speaker. The seminar focused on enhancing public awareness regarding cancer prevention, promoting early understanding of risk factors, and encouraging collective responsibility toward timely intervention and proactive health practices. The speakers emphasized the importance of informed community engagement and sustained awareness initiatives in addressing the growing burden of cancer.



HAVVA 2026: “Honoring Her Journey” – Performing Arts Segment



The Performing Arts segment of HAVVA 2026: “Honoring Her Journey” unfolded as a vibrant celebration of creativity, expression, and storytelling, captivating the audience through performances and artistic excellence. The Performing Arts segment featured impactful performances that explored identity, resilience, and the realities faced by women across different walks of life. A particularly moving tribute honored Palestinian women, highlighting their strength and sacrifices. The segment was graced by Prof Salima Hashmi, a renowned artist and cultural icon, who served as Chief Judge. She appreciated the authenticity and emotional depth of the performances, emphasizing the importance of amplifying women’s voices through art. The discussion was led by an exceptional panel of visionaries representing key dimensions of contemporary female leadership: Barrister Dr Fozia Naseem, a legal expert, Research Consultant, and Human Rights Activist, shared insights on legal empowerment and career navigation, Aaima Azeem Sheikh, Political Activist and Information Secretary (PPP Faisalabad), highlighted the importance of women’s participation in civic leadership and policy-making Sana Umer, Digital Marketing Strategist and CEO of Neoteric Media, elaborated on personal branding and the evolving digital landscape and Dr Ayesha Zubair, Digital Creator, shared her journey of building an authentic and influential global presence through social media platforms.





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— Maiko Nakagaki,
Senior Program Officer



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Develop frameworks to measure connectivity that supports economic, social, cultural, and civic engagement, including emerging technologies like AI and cloud services.



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BETWEEN NSF, SRI LANKA AND PSF, PAKISTAN – 2026

The Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), is committed to promoting scientific research, innovation, and capacity building across Pakistan.

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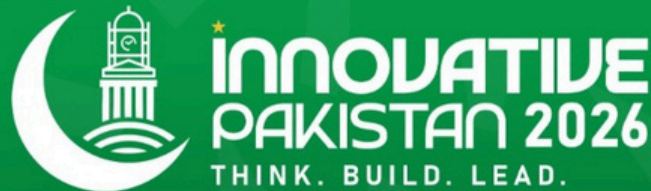


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