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RECTOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE-2026

Dear Students, Faculty, and Esteemed Members of TUF Community,

As we welcome the New Year 2026, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and all stakeholders of The University of Faisalabad. The beginning of a new year offers us a valuable moment to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and renew our commitment to excellence. The year 2025 has been one with meaningful progress and collective accomplishments for our university.



Under the dynamic leadership of our Worthy Patron in Chief and Chairman Board of Governors, along with the dedication of our faculty, staff and the hard work of our students, we have strengthened our academic programs, enhanced the quality of teaching and learning, and fostered a vibrant academic environment. During 2025, approx. 3200 students joined TUF, 1805 completed their degrees including 1570 undergrad, 212 Masters and 23 PhDs, showing our growth and success. Our research culture continued to grow, with launching of a new scientific Journal (Innovation in Steam: Research & Education), and organizing several big events including 3rd Int. STEAM conference, Innovative Lyallpur 3.0, and 10th Academic Studies Congress (ASC), along with initiating capacity building series for faculty and increased interdisciplinary research initiatives with a stronger focus on innovation and societal impact. We also took important steps toward expanding national and international linkages, by signing MOUs, and appointing Foreign Professors, as adjunct faculty, reinforcing our vision of becoming a globally connected institution.

High level dignitaries, including Ambassadors from Iraq and Somalia, and 30 Vice Chancellors / Rectors from renowned universities of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries visited TUF to promote educational collaboration. TUF hosted International Students Convention and welcomed over 200 international students from 35 countries. Our students exchange program has significantly grown with more overseas institutions included in the program. TUF world ranking has also significantly improved, and our QEC was recognized by HEC with 96.57% Score. Faculty made philanthropic contribution and TUF Alpha provided help in Flood Relief activities demonstrating a profound sense of social responsibility. In sports, TUF players bagged overall 28 gold 10 silver and 4 bronze medals, showing excellence in games.

These achievements were made possible by teamwork, resilience, and a shared belief in our collective strength. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of everyone who contributed to advancing the mission of the University of Faisalabad over the past year.

As we step into 2026, we do so with renewed ambitions and hope. The coming year presents fresh opportunities to further elevate academic excellence, strengthen research and innovation, and expand global collaborations with leading institutions and industry partners. Our focus will remain on nurturing ethical leadership, critical thinking, and lifelong learning, ensuring that our graduates are well-prepared to contribute positively to the society at both national and international levels. I am confident that 2026 will be a year of even greater accomplishments (In Sha Allah).

Let us move forward together with confidence and determination, guided by our shared values and a clear vision for the future. I wish you all a peaceful, healthy, prosperous, and successful New Year.

Happy New Year 2026.

Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik

Year- End Note From Director ORIC

As we welcome the New Year, I extend my warm greetings to the faculty, researchers of The University of Faisalabad. The year 2025 has been one of consolidation, learning, and visible progress for the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), strengthening the foundation for the journey ahead.



During the year, ORIC focused on consolidating the University's research ecosystem through targeted capacity-building initiatives, policy development, facilitation of external funding, and promotion of innovation and intellectual property protection.

A series of specialized workshops on research proposal development, project execution, high-impact scholarly writing, entrepreneurship, consultancy, and intellectual property management enhanced faculty engagement and research readiness across disciplines. Interdisciplinary research culture was strengthened through weekly PhD faculty research presentations held on both campuses, fostering collaboration, improving awareness of available facilities, and stimulating joint research ideas and grant proposals. To recognize research excellence, ORIC announced several incentives such as Top-cited paper award, reimbursement of publication charges, and incentives on impact factor publications.

A major academic highlight of the year was ORIC's coordination of the 3rd International Conference on Advanced STEAM Education (ICASE-2025). The conference attracted over 2,800 participants from 100 national and international organizations, featuring 21 keynote talks, 25 invited speakers, and more than 170 scientific presentations. ORIC played a central role in academic coordination, stakeholder engagement, and post-conference reporting. The event significantly enhanced TUF's national and international visibility and resulted in the signing of MOUs with Universiti Sains Malaysia and Selçuk Üniversitesi, Türkiye. Pre- and post-conference seminars by international experts further enriched faculty and student engagement.

In the area of innovation and commercialization, ORIC facilitated the registration of six national and international trademarks and successfully steered the approval of key institutional policies, including the TUF Commercialization and Intellectual Property Policy, Small Grant Program, and several SOPs, laying a strong foundation for transparent and sustainable research governance.

On the funding front, ORIC facilitated submission and approval of multiple research proposals to HEC and other funding agencies, leading to completion of funded projects and securing over PKR 7.6 million in R&D funding, including an international collaborative project with the United Kingdom.

As we move into the New Year, ORIC remains committed to impact-driven research, innovation translation, industry engagement, and international collaboration. With shared vision and collective effort, we look forward to transforming research into meaningful societal impact. I extend my sincere appreciation to the University leadership, faculty, researchers, and ORIC staff for their continued support and commitment.

Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir ^{FPAS}

Scientific Poster Competition on Research Design and Presentation

The Department of Dermal Sciences, The University of Faisalabad organized a Scientific Poster Competition titled Design. Collect. Present. The Art of Research. The event provided a platform for students and researchers to present research work in the Health and Sciences category.



The University of Faisalabad Strengthens Academic-Clinical Collaboration with Sundas Foundation

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Sundas Foundation to enhance collaboration between academic learning and clinical practice. The agreement was signed by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector TUF, while Mr Rao Saleem, Administrator, Sundas Foundation, represented the Foundation. The partnership established a framework for joint initiatives aimed at clinical exposure, capacity building and community-oriented healthcare services, contributing to improved healthcare outcomes in the region.



Entrepreneurial Ideas Competition 2025



The NBS Entrepreneurship Society organized the Entrepreneurial Ideas Competition 2025, bringing together 27 teams from various departments to present innovative and creative business ideas. The competition provided a platform for students to demonstrate entrepreneurial thinking and practical problem-solving skills. In addition to the internal jury, Mr Hafiz Muhammad Zaid, National University of Modern Languages (NUML) evaluated the projects, contributing feedback with professionalism and enthusiasm.



REHAB SPEAKS'25: Stories that Move and Motivate

To commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) the Rehabilitation Society, TUF organized an event titled Rehab Speaks 25: Stories that Move and Motivate. The event featured three distinguished speakers Dr Anwar Ali, Asian Record Holder in Paragliding and former member of the Pakistan Blind Cricket Team, shared how blind cricket builds resilience and inclusivity. Yasir Naveed, Pakistan's Wheelchair Handball Champion, presented his journey emphasizing discipline, training and overcoming physical limitations.

Moiz Shaukat, Social Activist and Founder, Moiz Shaukat Humanities Initiative, spoke on promoting empathy, equality and humanistic values. The Chief Guest, Ms Rubin almtiaz, Chairperson, Occupational Therapy and Speech & Language Therapy Department, PSRD, emphasized inclusive rehabilitation practices and the importance of joint institutional efforts to reduce barriers for differently-abled individuals. The event motivated students to support advocacy-based rehabilitation and social inclusion initiatives.



Promoting Skin Health Through Science and Creativity

The Dermal Sciences Consortium Club, Department of Dermal Sciences, organized a Skin Health Awareness event that highlighted student-led chart displays and model presentations. The activity aimed to enhance awareness and understanding of essential skin health practices while encouraging creativity among students. The event was graced by Dr Amna Habib, Principal, Madina College of Pharmacy and Ms Sadia Sajjad, Coordinator, Dermal Sciences, along with faculty members who evaluated the presentations and encouraged the participants.



The Art of Expression: Model Exhibition

The Department of English Language and Literature organized a model exhibition titled The Art of Expression: Model Exhibition in English Language and Literature. During the exhibition, students presented their models and interpretations of key concepts in English language and literature. The displays illustrated linguistic theories, literary movements and the diverse role of language in expression, demonstrating students' academic understanding, analytical ability and originality.



Dangerous Consequences of Drugs

The University of Faisalabad, in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Rights, organized a seminar titled “Dangerous Consequences of Drugs” to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse. The seminar featured presentations by Mr Shahzad Ahmad Khan, Director of Human Rights, who highlighted national and international human rights obligations, Dr Muhammad Arshad, Assistant Professor, Human Rights, who discussed the role of academia in youth empowerment and Mr Muhammad Yosuf, Senior Deputy Director, Human Rights, who addressed the severe consequences of drug use. The session guided students on preventive measures, emphasized the protection of youth from substance abuse and the significance of human rights in building a safe and responsible society.



Emergency Awareness Seminar and Mock Drill: Be Aware, Be Prepared, Be Safe

The University of Faisalabad, conducted a Seminar and Mock Drill on Emergency Awareness under the theme Be Aware, Be Prepared, Be Safe. The session was attended by distinguished representatives from key departments, including ASI Muhammad Afzal, Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), Chief Instructor Muhammad Shakoor, Department of Civil Defense, Muhammad Shakeel, Rescue 1122, Qaiser Javed Gill, Special Branch, Inspector Imran Javed Basra, Police Department and Head Constable Arslan, Elite Force. A comprehensive mock drill was conducted in which the Department of Civil Defense demonstrated the proper use of fire extinguishers and essential emergency response techniques.



Research Funding opportunities

Title: eMobility Innovation Awards Program 2026

Thematic priorities:

- Advance circular economy principles in mobility
- Promote resource efficiency and waste reduction
- Introduce sustainable policies, technologies, or operational models
- Demonstrate long-term environmental responsibility

Deadline: Feb 8, 2026

Apply Link: <https://www.emobilityworldcongress.com/awards/call-for-awards-application/>

Title: Graduate Research Grant Program

Thematic priorities:

- Promoting independence through housing and living supports
- Enhancing continuing education and employment opportunities
- Developing interventions for later-life challenges
- Strengthening family and caregiver support systems

Deadline: Feb 2, 2026

Apply Link: <https://researchautism.org/researchers/graduate-research/>

Title: VinFuture Prize Nomination

Thematic priorities:

- Breakthrough research that improves the quality of human life
- Technological innovations
- Promoting global equity
- Sustainable solutions for future generations

Deadline: April 17th, 2026

Apply Link: <https://vinfutureprize.org/vinfuture-prize-nomination/>

Title: Applied Research Competition

Thematic priorities:

- Gender, Reproductive, and Sexual Health
- Improving Access to and Effectiveness of Existing Systems and Services
- Intersectionality, Equity, and Diversity
- Mid-life and Older Adults
- Physical Health and Mental Health

Deadline: March 16, 2026

Apply Link: https://researchautism.smapply.org/prog/2026_applied_research_competition/

Several funding opportunities are available for faculty members and students at The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). kindly explore these opportunities

Link: <https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/>

Research and Development

Top-11 global university professor resigns after AI-generated fake citations

Professor Paul Yip Siu-fai of the University of Hong Kong has stepped down as an associate dean after the school found a paper he co-authored contained fake AI-generated references.

HKU, ranked 11th globally in the QS World University Rankings 2026, confirmed on Wednesday that "certain citations" in a paper by Yip and his doctoral student Bai Yiming included non-existent publications generated by AI.

Yip apologized on behalf of himself and Bai, saying the lead author had used AI to assist with referencing but failed to verify the citations, and that he only learned of the issue after the allegations circulated online.

Yip has also stepped down as associate dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and withdrawn from research committees at both the faculty and university levels.



Significant Publications

- Aliya F (2025).Einstein t-norm and t-conorm-based nonlinear diophantine rough fuzzy model for fuzzy neural networking.Boletim da Sociedade Paranaense de Matematica ´43(3): 1-24. **(IF 0.4)**
- Aliya F (2025) Vikor Method Based Supplier Selection Under Nonlinear Diophantine Rough Fuzzy Environment.Boletim da Sociedade Paranaense de Matematica ´ 43(3): 1-24. **(IF 0.4)**

Upcoming Event

CAREERLINK26

TUF Career Link 2026 brings together 150+ national and multinational companies, offering jobs, networking, panel discussions, and breakout sessions. Employers connect with skilled candidates, while students and graduates gain career guidance, industry exposure, and opportunities to secure competitive positions.

**EVENT
DETAILS**

**12th
FEB**

SALEEM CAMPUS

TIMING

**09:00 AM
03:00 PM**






HAPPY

New Year

2026



On behalf of the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), The University of Faisalabad, we extend our warmest New Year greetings to all esteemed faculty members, researchers, innovators, staff, students, and valued partners.

As we step into the New Year, may it bring renewed hope, good health, and abundant opportunities for academic excellence, impactful research, innovation, and meaningful collaborations. The past year has witnessed commendable efforts by our research community in advancing knowledge, strengthening industry linkages, and contributing to national development goals. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and commitment.

In the coming year, ORIC remains committed to facilitating quality research, innovation and commercialization, enhancing grant acquisition, and strengthening academia–industry linkages in line with national and international priorities.

We look forward to your continued cooperation and active engagement as we collectively strive for excellence and impact.



**WISHING YOU A PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS, AND
SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR**

