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**Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization
(ORIC)**

Revised ORIC Steering Committee

The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) at The University of Faisalabad has revised its ORIC Steering Committee to further strengthen strategic guidance for research, innovation, and industry collaboration. The committee comprises senior academic leadership and representatives from industry and professional organizations who contribute to advancing the University's research and commercialization initiatives.

Sr #	Name	Designation
1	Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik	Rector
2	Dr Zahida Maqbool	Registrar
3	Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir	Director ORIC
4	Prof Dr Majid Hussain	Dean, Faculty of Information Technology
5	Prof Dr Muhammad Ashfaq	Dean, Faculty of Management Studies
6	Mr Zubair Naseer	Manager Finance
7	Mr Farooq Yousaf Sheikh	President, Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI)
8	Mr Muhammad Saleem Ahmad Ranjha	Social Entrepreneur
9	Dr Nadeem Tariq	CEO, Microbial Biotechnologies Pvt Ltd and Biotech Fertilizers Pvt Ltd
10	Mrs Rubina Amjad	Founder President, Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FWCCI)
11	Mr Hammad Ismail	President, Faisalabad IT Companies (FITCO)
12	Mr Fateh Ullah Ch	Regional Head, Agri Banking, Habib Bank Limited
13	Mian Abdur Rasheed	Chairman, Task Force, Pakistan Agricultural Scientists Forum
14	Mr Aamir Mehmood	Director Sales and Marketing, Wimits Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd
15	Dr Farooq Islam PT	Program Head, The University of Chenab

Faculty Achievement

Congratulations!

TUF Researchers Recognized Among Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists

The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) proudly congratulates our esteemed researchers on receiving recognition under the Higher Education Commission (HEC) initiative for Distinguished Pakistani Researchers and Scientists. This recognition reflects their outstanding academic contributions and dedication to advancing research and scientific excellence.



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International Higher Education Delegation for Strategic Partnerships

The University of Faisalabad hosted a high-impact collaborative session aimed at bridging the gap between local talent and global opportunities through the visit of a specialized delegation of international higher education experts. The event was organized under the membership and stewardship of Samiullah Sami, Managing Director, Education Scenario International, and featured distinguished representatives including Mr Gurpreet Singh, Regional Manager, International University Malaysia of Computer Science and Engineering (UNIMY University), Malaysia, Mr Shayan Khalid Chawla, Manager, International Office, CUQ Ulster University, Qatar, Mr Abdul Sami, Regional Manager, LANGUAGECERT, Cyprus, Mr Kavilan Mahadhevan, Manager BAC International, Malaysia and Mr Muhammad Hamza Bilal, Country Manager, Expatriot and Fintiba, Germany. The session was attended by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, TUF, Dr Zahida Maqbool, Registrar, TUF, Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, TUF, Prof Dr Abdul Wahid, Director Academics, TUF and all Heads of Departments. During the session, the delegates discussed emerging trends in the digital economy, language proficiency requirements for European visas, and scholarship opportunities available in 2026. The event provided students with direct access to information regarding international admissions, scholarship programs, and study pathways in Malaysia, Qatar, Cyprus, and Germany. The event served as a platform for "Global Education Scenario," allowing students to engage in one-on-one discussions with university representatives.



Seminar on SME Development, Financing and Islamic Banking

The SME Launchpad Session organized in collaboration with State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) was held at The University of Faisalabad and brought together students and aspiring entrepreneurs for a comprehensive learning experience focused on business development and financial literacy.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof Dr Aman Malik, Rector, The University of Faisalabad. Ms Fouzia Aslam, Chief Manager, SBP Banking Service Corporation, Faisalabad. She shared insights on the role of the State Bank of Pakistan in strengthening the SME sector in Pakistan.

Expert sessions were conducted by Mr Ahmad Bilal Arif, Deputy Chief Manager, SBP, who discussed the introduction and economic importance of SMEs. Mr Bakhtawar Abbas, Assistant Chief Manager, SBP, elaborated on SBP initiatives for SME promotion, and Mr Taimur Shahzad, Regional Manager-Credit Review, Bank of Punjab, explained government subsidy schemes and SME banking products. The session covered practical aspects of business, finance, and freelancing. Hafiz Abdul Rahman, Sharia Coordinator, Faysal Islamic Bank Limited, explained Islamic banking principles and their distinction from conventional banking.

Mr Zeeshan Ahmad Mian, Vice President, Mobilink Microfinance Bank Limited, guided participants on building connections with banks, microfinance institutions, and investors. Mr Shahid Irshad, CFO-ChemTex / ICMA, delivered a session on preparing effective business plans and projected financial statements. Mr Ijaz Ahmad (FCMA), Tax Consultant and former Deputy Director, Technical Education, Punjab, provided guidance on company registration procedures and tax matters relevant to SMEs. The concluding session was presented by Mr Nauman Sarwar, Founder and CEO of H3 Solutions & PrimeHRMS and President FITCO 2026, who discussed key characteristics required for becoming a professional freelancer.



Faculty Exchange Program to Türkiye

The National Business School (NBS), The University of Faisalabad, marked a significant step as Dr Maryam Saleem and Dr Muhammad Rizwan Ullah were selected for the Faculty Exchange Program of TUF to Türkiye. During the exchange program, the faculty members visited Kırşehir Ahi Evran University, Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University, and Selçuk University. The visits facilitated academic dialogue, exploration of research collaborations, and discussions on future partnerships aimed at enhancing mutual learning and scholarly cooperation.



Faculty Participated in Training on Islamic Finance Development

Faculty members from the National Business School (NBS), The University of Faisalabad, participated in a two-day training program titled Professional and Faculty Development in Islamic Finance held at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. The participating faculty included Mr Zafar Iqbal, Ms Rabia Lodhi, Ms Rabia Arshad, and Ms Sidra Ghulam Muhammad. The training provided comprehensive insights into the core principles of Islamic banking, Shariah-compliant financial ethics, and risk-sharing mechanisms. Participants examined the practical applications of major Islamic financial instruments, including Mudarabah, Musharakah, Ijarah, Sukuk, and Takaful.



International Seminar on Sustainable Development

The National Business School (NBS), The University of Faisalabad, organized an International Seminar on Sustainable Development. The seminar hosted distinguished speakers, including Mr N.M.K.C. Premarathne and Dr S.M.C.B. Karalliyadda from Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The event brought together diverse perspectives from academia, agricultural economics, environmental sciences, and industry. Experts delivered insights on topics such as climate change, the future of sustainable development, and human ecology. The seminar concluded with an engaging discussion featuring the speakers alongside other experts, including Prof Dr Asghar Ali from University of Agriculture Faisalabad, and Mian Abdur Rasheed, Chairman Task Force, Pakistan Agricultural Scientists Forum.



Hult Prize Finale: Empowering Future Social Entrepreneurs

National Business School, TUF hosted the Grand Finale of the Hult Prize, spotlighting 30 outstanding student-led teams presenting innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. A distinguished jury of industry and academic leaders, including Mr Sohail Khattak, CEO, Lyallpur Galleria, Ms Mamoona Imran, Vice President, Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce, Mr Rafi Shamas, Senior Director, Kamal Mills, and Dr Yawar Abbas and Dr Kashif Hamid, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, evaluated the teams, offering feedback to help their startups thrive globally.



Career Link – Where Ambition Meets Opportunity

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) hosted Career Link 26 Where Ambition Met Opportunity, organized by the Placement Bureau. The event brought together corporate delegations, academic leaders, industry managers, CEOs, and aspiring professionals, creating an atmosphere of momentum and purpose. Over 100 national and international organizations participated, engaging more than 2,500 students and alumni and transforming the campus into a vibrant hub of professional opportunity. The event was designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry. Career Link 26 provided a dynamic platform for talent engagement, recruitment, and professional networking.



Career Link 26 – Where Ambition Meets Opportunity

International Workshop on Ethics and AI in Higher Education

The National Business School, in strategic collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, organized a high-profile international workshop titled Ethics and AI for Improving Quality Education in Higher Education Institutions. The event brought together academic leaders, students, and international collaborators to explore the transformative role of Generative AI (GenAI) in higher education. The workshop featured a keynote address by Dr Sarah Holz, distinguished academician, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. Dr Sarah Holz highlighted the methodological evolution of teaching practices through AI, emphasized the importance of ethical literacy to ensure technology supports authentic learning, and showcased AI-powered tools that enhance research workflows and classroom engagement. The second day of the workshop featured a dynamic panel discussion on “Ethics and AI for Improving Quality Education in Higher Education Institutions,” convened by Mr Sharjeel Yousaf, which explored AI’s opportunities and challenges in curriculum design and institutional policy. The two-day event strengthened academic collaboration, promoted discussion on AI ethics, and provided exposure for participants.



Innovating with Integrity

Kashmir Solidarity Day Seminar

The National Business School (NBS), The University of Faisalabad, solemnly observed Kashmir Solidarity Day through a seminar. The event aimed to raise awareness and express unity with the people of Kashmir. The seminar featured addresses by distinguished speakers, including Prof Abid Mustaan, Islamic Scholar, Quran Academy, Faisalabad, and Prof Riaz Majeed, Chairman, Department of Urdu. The speakers provided a comprehensive analysis of the prevailing situation in Kashmir, highlighting ongoing challenges and emphasizing the importance of continued solidarity and awareness among students.



Awareness Session on Cyberbullying and Online Harassment

The Women Empowerment Society organized an impactful awareness session titled Digital Safety: Standing Against Cyberbullying and Online Harassment. The session focused on promoting responsible digital citizenship and raising awareness about online protection in today's increasingly connected world. The event featured Mr Muhammad Hannan Iftikhar, Head, International Programs, TUF, as the guest speaker, who shared insights into the growing impact of cyberbullying and the importance of proactive digital responsibility.



International Webinar on Spirituality and Nutrition in Ramadan

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics organized an International Webinar titled Spirituality and Nutrition in Ramadan, presenting an integration of spiritual reflection and scientific understanding. Renowned speaker Syed Hanzalah, student scholar, Prophet's Mosque in Madinah, elaborated on the spiritual philosophy of fasting, emphasizing values such as patience, gratitude, and self-discipline. Complementing this perspective, Dr Munawar Abbas, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, APC Microbiome Ireland, University College Cork, provided evidence-based guidance on gut health, balanced nutrition, and overall well-being during fasting.



Awareness Seminar on Cancer Prevention and Tobacco Risks

The Drug Abuse and Tobacco Awareness Society organized an engaging Cancer Awareness Project Display aimed at educating students on cancer prevention and early detection. The display highlighted the risks of tobacco and drug use as major contributors to cancer.



Eilya Ability Day: Promoting Inclusion and Empowerment

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences participated in Eilya Ability Day, organized by the Eilya Care Foundation. Faculty members and students represented The University of Faisalabad and contributed actively to the event's inclusive initiatives. The event, themed "Inclusion," emphasized equal opportunities, accessibility solutions, and empowerment for individuals of all abilities. A range of engaging competitions was conducted, including Short Film, Infographic, Hackathon, and Canvas Art contests. The DPT students demonstrated creativity and innovation, securing Gold Medals in both the Infographic and Hackathon Presentation categories for their impactful ideas on accessibility solutions, assistive technologies, and community-based rehabilitation strategies.



Research Funding opportunities

Title: OIC-COMSTECH Research Grant for Young Women Researchers

Thematic priorities:

- Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Information Technology
- Physics
- Applied Biology

Apply Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/260470565926463>

Deadline: April 06, 2026

Title: ICGEB-COMSTECH Scientific Cooperation Programme – Research Grants

Thematic priorities:

- Basic Science
- Human Healthcare
- Industrial and Agricultural Biotechnology and Bioenergy

Deadline: April 30, 2026

Apply Link: <https://www.icgeb.org/grants/icgeb-comstech-research-grants-2026-crp-collaborative-research-programme/>

Call For Proposals Industrial Solution Grants for Young Scientists

Deadline

31st

**March
2026**

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) is an autonomous body of Ministry of Science and Technology for funding and promotion of scientific research. PSF under its newly launched Programme “Industrial Solution Grants for Young Scientists” invites research proposals from scientists working on various industrial problems and their solutions with engagement of MS/M.Phil. & Ph.D. enrolled students. The proposal prepared in collaboration with relevant industry should focus on the industrial needs and indigenous solutions.

Purpose

- ✓ Encourage young scientists in designing applied and demand driven industrial solutions.
- ✓ Strengthen linkages between academia and industry for development of commercially viable indigenous technologies/solutions.

Focus Areas

- Climate Change • Food Security • Artificial Intelligence (AI) • Textiles • Agriculture-Based Industries
- Pharmaceuticals • Chemicals • Engineering
- Renewable Energy • Emerging Technologies • Chemistry

Who can Apply

Scientists and researchers from any scientific disciplines working on industrial problems above mentioned from HEC recognized Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Centers of Excellences and R&D organizations with participation of their enrolled students (MS/MPhil or

PhD) are eligible to submit the proposals. The proposal must be prepared in collaboration with the relevant industry and the partner from industry as Co-PI/Collaborator will be mandatory.

Requirements

- Enrolled students (MS/MPhil or PhD) is mandatory for proposal.
- The research need of the industry and the research thesis of MS/M.Phil. & Ph.D enrolled students should be at the same path.
- Research grants will be for a maximum period of 02-Years.
- Maximum limit of funding is up to PKR 3 Million per project.
- Industry share for Research in Cash will be preferred and commitment of the relevant industry be ensured with Co-PI from industry.
- PSF has the right to evaluate all proposal and make decision accordingly.

Application Procedure

All applications through proper channel shall be submitted to the Pakistan Science Foundation (R&D Industry Programme) via RGMS portal available at PSF website. (<https://rgms.psf.gov.pk/rgms/login.aspx>). Detailed guidelines of the proposal submission are available on PSF website. www.psf.gov.pk

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Edupro Global Green Talent Awards 2026



Why Participate:

- Winners receive the prestigious Edupro Green Talent Crest
- Global recognition & mentorship
- Stackable credentials from Edupro
- Showcase your green skills & solutions

Understanding the Themes:

- Each team will receive one of the five official GTA themes during Round 1.
- Teams should ensure their ideas are relevant to the theme and contribute to real sustainability impact.

Green Talent Competition Link:

<https://www.eduprouk.com/greentalent>

Deadline: March 31, 2026

Significant Publications

- Idress, B. S. (2026). A comprehensive review on beyond correlation: Deep learning revolutionizes ghost imaging for target recognition and reconstruction through scattering media. *Optics and Lasers in Engineering*, 201, 109695. (IF: 3.7)
- Idrees, B. S. (2026). Efficient target recognition in ghost imaging via optimized 1D convolutional networks at a low sampling ratio. *Applied Optics*, 65(7), 2158–2168. (IF: 1.7)

Upcoming Event

The poster for the 5th International Conference on Dermal Sciences features a central illustration of skin layers with various molecular and cellular structures. The text on the poster includes '5th International Conference on Dermal Sciences', 'Wound Management and Skin Repair', and 'Conference Date: 10-11 April 2026'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Important Dates' with the following information: 'Abstract Submission Opens: January 1st, 2026', 'Abstract Submission Deadline: March 10th, 2026', 'Notification of Acceptance: March 30th, 2026', and 'Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 30th, 2026'.