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OFFICE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION
(ORIC)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS INCENTIVE AWARD

The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), The University of Faisalabad (TUF), organized the Research Publications Incentive Award Ceremony to recognize faculty members for their outstanding research publications in high-impact, Scopus-indexed journals. The ceremony was graced by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, TUF and Dr Zahida Maqbool, Registrar, TUF, along with respected Deans, Directors, and faculty members from various departments. Their remarks emphasized the significance of research in promoting academic excellence, institutional growth, and international visibility. A total of PKR 1,680,000 in research incentives was distributed among 56 faculty members in recognition of their research publications.

Sr #	Department	Name
1	Biochemistry & Biotechnology	Adil Jamal
2		Prof Dr Tahira Iqbal
3	Mathematics, Physics & Statistics	Aaqib Majeed
4		Aliya Fahmi
5		Muhammad Jawad
6		Bushra Sana Idrees
7		M Rizwan Ullah
8	Optometry	Nimra Gul
9		Shakila Abbass
10	Nutrition and Dietetics	Sana Manzoor
11		Amna Javed
12	Pharmacy	Maham Ashraf



GLOBAL RECOGNITION IN UI GREENMETRIC RANKINGS



TUF Achieves Global Recognition in UI GreenMetric Rankings: 356th Globally, 11th Overall, 6th Among Private Universities

The University of Faisalabad has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing a spot in the prestigious Top 500 universities globally in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings. Ranked 356th globally, TUF has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability, reinforcing its role as a leader in promoting eco-friendly practices and green initiatives across the campus. In addition to its outstanding global ranking, TUF has also excelled within Pakistan, ranking 11th overall and 6th among private universities. This achievement reflects the University's strong commitment to integrating sustainability across its operations, academic programs, and community engagement. The UI GreenMetric Rankings evaluate universities worldwide on key environmental indicators, including energy efficiency, waste management, water conservation, and green infrastructure. TUF's recognition highlights its ongoing efforts to promote academic excellence alongside environmental responsibility.

FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

Faculty members who intend to participate in national and international scientific events are required to comply with the Structured Program for Faculty Participation in Scientific Events, as approved by the University. Participation and funding applications must be submitted strictly in accordance with the prescribed policy and procedures. For detailed guidelines, eligibility criteria, and application forms, faculty members are advised to visit the ORIC TUF website. All approved policies are available for reference and compliance.

Website link: <https://oric.tuf.edu.pk/resource>



PHYSICS PROJECT COMPETITION: PROMOTING APPLIED LEARNING AND INNOVATION

The Department of Mathematics, Physics and Statistics organized the Physics Project Competition, with participation from undergraduate students of Applied Physics. The event was inaugurated and evaluated by Prof Dr Majid Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Information Technology, along with Dr Aaqib Majeed, Associate Professor, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics, who appreciated the students' innovative efforts. More than 50 projects were presented, promoting practical learning and supporting Quality Education (SDG-4) through applied physics and electronics-based concepts.



ANATOMY AND KINESIOLOGY PROJECT

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences organized the Anatomy and Kinesiology Projects Presentation for DPT Semester-I under the supervision of Dr Wajeeha Sahar, Lecturer, TUF, and coordination by Dr Zainab Boota, Lecturer, TUF, and Dr Moater Iftikhar, Lecturer, TUF. Students presented innovative functional models demonstrating strong scientific understanding and practical application of movement analysis. Dr Humaima Saeed, Assistant Professor, TUF, served as a judge and appreciated the students' originality, conceptual clarity, and communication skills.



AVIATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT PRESENTATION

The Department of Aviation Management organized a project presentation for the course Introduction to Aviation, during which students presented their projects demonstrating effective application of experiential and project-based learning principles. The activity enabled students to translate theoretical concepts into practical understanding while enhancing critical thinking, presentation, and teamwork skills essential for the aviation industry. Such academic engagements played a vital role in preparing students for real-world aviation challenges from the early stages of their academic journey.



TUF CELEBRATES COMMUNITY SPIRIT THROUGH GRAND MASS MARRIAGE CEREMONY

The University of Faisalabad, under the patronage of Madinah Foundation, hosted a grand mass marriage ceremony that united 50 couples in a memorable and joyous celebration. Renowned scholar Qari Niaz Ahmed delivered the Khutbah Nikah and offered special prayers for the prosperity and well-being of the newlyweds.

Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector TUF, graced the occasion as the chief guest and congratulated the couples on the beginning of their married lives. He appreciated Madinah Foundation for its noble initiative and highlighted the foundation's generous support in providing dowry packages and essential household items, enabling the couples to begin their new journey with dignity and stability.

The ceremony was attended by more than 2,400 guests and featured a grand feast. Deans, Heads, faculty members, and students from various departments of TUF contributed to the organization and smooth conduct of the event.



AWARENESS SESSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN PAKISTAN “THE TRAP”

The Center of Collective Activities (CCA) Office organized a one-day awareness seminar titled Human Trafficking in Pakistan “The Trap” to educate students about the causes, consequences, and prevention of human trafficking. Mr Hashim Raza, Deputy Director, FIA, highlighted the role of the Federal Investigation Agency in combating human trafficking and shared key achievements, reasons behind illegal migration, and relevant statistics. Dr Jafar Hassan, District Member Anti-Human Trafficking Region Faisalabad, shared real-life cases and explained the severe consequences faced by victims, particularly students. Prof Dr Samee-ur-Rahman, Dean FoL, welcomed the guests and emphasized the importance of awareness among students.



RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITES

Title: 28th Call for Proposals- Thriving Farmers, Resilient Ecosystems, Empowered Communities

Thematic priorities:

- Regenerative agriculture practices and biodiversity protection
- Local value addition with low environmental impact
- Agtech and digital tools for inclusive, sustainable, and transparent value chains
- Women entrepreneurship

Deadline: 1 April 2026

Apply Link: <https://www.common-fund.org/call-for-proposals>

Title: Call for Proposals- IEEE Tech4Good Projects

Thematic priorities:

Technology Impact Category, along with a specific indicator aligned to the relevant Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)

- Agricultural Technology
- Technology to Facilitate and Promote Education
- Technology to Strengthen Resilience to Climate-Related Natural Disasters
- Technology to Reduce the Degradation of Natural Habitats

Deadline: 15 March 2026

Apply Link: <https://ieeet.org/get-involved/funding-opportunities/tech4good/>

SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS

1. Nazir, A. (2026). Genome-Wide Identification and Expression Analysis of the Non-Structural Protein 1 (NSP1) Gene in *Solanum tuberosum* (Potato). *Potato Research*, 69(1), 12. **(IF: 2.1)**
2. Nazir, A. (2026). Unraveling Potato Genotypic Variation Under Smog Stress: A Multi-Trait Study in Central Punjab. *Potato Research*, 69(1), 20. **(IF: 2.1)**

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT NEWS

A 33-year-old patient survived 48 hours without lungs using an external artificial-lung system developed by Ankit Bharat and his team at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, enabling a successful double lung transplant. The patient had acute respiratory distress syndrome triggered by influenza and a drug-resistant infection that destroyed his lungs, causing septic shock and multi-organ failure. Removal of his lungs and support with the artificial system restored heart and kidney function, allowing transplantation. The study was published in *Med A cell Press Journal*.

Link: [https://www.cell.com/med/fulltext/S2666-6340\(25\)00412-X?_returnURL=https%3A%2F%2Flinkinghub.elsevier.com%2Fretrieve%2Fpii%2FS266663402500412X%3Fshowall%3Dtrue](https://www.cell.com/med/fulltext/S2666-6340(25)00412-X?_returnURL=https%3A%2F%2Flinkinghub.elsevier.com%2Fretrieve%2Fpii%2FS266663402500412X%3Fshowall%3Dtrue)



UPCOMING EVENT



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5th International Conference on Dermal Sciences



Wound Management and Skin Repair

Conference Date: 10-11 April 2026



**Important
Dates:**

Abstract Submission Opens: January 1st 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline: March 10th, 2026
Notification of Acceptance: March 30th, 2026
Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 30th, 2026