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HIGHLIGHTS

- Seminars, Workshops
- Strategic Collaborations
- Faculty Participation in Scientific Program
- Civic Engagement Event
- Significant Publications
- Research Funding Opportunities
- Upcoming Event









TUF Achieves Recognition in UI GreenMetric 2026



MoU with ICMA Pakistan to Strengthen Academia–Industry Linkages

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA Pakistan), marking a significant step in strengthening academia–professional linkages and creating valuable opportunities for students and faculty in education, professional development, career support, and industry engagement. The MoU was formally signed on behalf of TUF by Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, and Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director, ORIC. The TUF delegation also included Prof Dr Muhammad Ashfaq, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies and Mr Omer Farooq Qureshi, Manager Placement. Representing ICMA Pakistan, the MoU was signed by Mr Abdul Shakoor, FCMA, Chairman FBC, and Mr Shahid Irshad, FCMA, Vice Chairman FBC.



The ceremony was also attended by Mr Muhammad Rizwan, FCMA, Secretary FBC, Mr Nazir Ahmad, FCMA, Member FBC, Mr. Muhammad Sohaib, Member FBC, and Mr Muhammad Usman Siddique, Campus In-charge, ICMA Faisalabad Campus.The collaboration aimed to promote professional education, student development, career opportunities, knowledge exchange, and stronger academia–industry engagement.

MoU with HAAKS Vethum to Strengthen Pharmaceutical Industry–Academia Collaboration

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HAAKS Vethum, marking a step towards strengthening industry–academia collaboration and creating opportunities for students and faculty in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. The MoU was formally signed by Brigadier Shafiq Khan Niazi, CEO, HAAKS Vethum, and Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, TUF. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Mr Zain Ali, Procurement Officer, HAAKS Vethum; Prof Dr Saba Tariq, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr Aamna Habib, Principal, Madina College of Pharmacy and Dr Sadia Rafique, who was also present on the occasion. The collaboration aimed to promote student internships, professional training, knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and practical industry exposure.





Awarded Research Grants to Five Faculty Members under TUF Small Grants Program

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) recognized five faculty members whose research proposals were approved under the Small Grants Program for Pilot-Scale Studies and Prototype Development. The formal presentation of award letters to the selected faculty members marked the commencement of their approved research projects and reflected the university's continued commitment to strengthening its research and innovation ecosystem. The program aimed to support faculty-led research initiatives, encourage innovative ideas, facilitate pilot-scale studies, and promote prototype development.











TUF Advocated Stronger Industry–Academia Linkages for Industry-Prioritized Research and Future-Ready Graduates

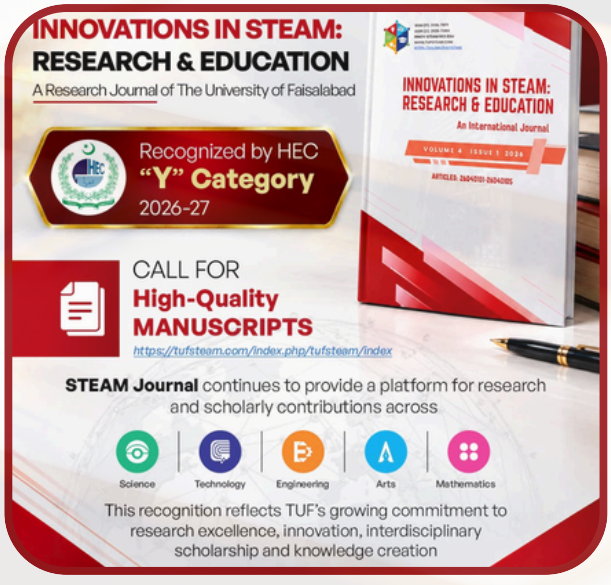
Prof Dr Aman Ullah Malik, Rector, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), participated in a high-level Round Table Conference held at the Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI), which focused on the theme "Industry–Academia Collaboration: Bridging the Gap Between Academia, Industry and the Job Market." The conference was hosted by Mr. Farooq Yousaf Sheikh, President, FCCI, and brought together Vice Chancellors and Rectors of universities in Faisalabad, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Kamalia, the Vice Chancellor of Baba Guru Nanak University, Nankana Sahib, former Presidents of FCCI, and key industry stakeholders.The discussion focused on strengthening industry–academia linkages through collaborative initiatives, practical learning, internships, innovation, and industry-prioritized research. Participants emphasized aligning academic curricula and skills development with industry requirements to enhance graduates' employability and professional competencies.





TUF Journal Received HEC "Y" Category Recognition for 2026–27

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) marked a significant accomplishment as its international journal, Innovations in STEAM: Research & Education, received recognition in the Higher Education Commission (HEC) "Y" Category for 2026–27. This recognition reflected the university's continued dedication to promoting quality research, academic excellence, innovation, and interdisciplinary scholarship. The journal provided a platform for researchers, academicians, and scholars to share their research findings, exchange ideas, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge across Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).



Presentation on Climate Change Research at Columbia University

Prof Dr Muhammad Ashfaq, Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), visited Columbia University, New York, USA, where he delivered a presentation titled “Climate Change and Research Conducted on the Issue in Pakistan.” The session brought together faculty members, students, and climate change experts from various universities, who participated both in person and online. The invitation from Columbia University provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen academic engagement and further advance institutional collaboration between TUF and other academic institutions.









10th International Symposium on Light Matter Interaction (ILMI–2026)

Dr Bushra Sana Idrees, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Physics and Statistics, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), participated as an invited speaker at the 10th International Symposium on Light Matter Interaction (ILMI–2026), held at the National Centre for Physics (NCP), Islamabad. The symposium brought together researchers and experts in atomic physics, laser physics, and optical sciences. She delivered an oral presentation on the integration of Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy (LIBS) with machine learning for biomedical research and diagnostic applications, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary research and innovative scientific approaches.



Hands-On Workshop on Vitamin C Serum Formulation

TUF Skin Care Club, in collaboration with the TUF Pharma Sphere Club, organized a hands-on workshop on Vitamin C serum formulation and preparation for students. The workshop provided participants with practical exposure to cosmetic formulation, ingredient handling, and the step-by-step preparation of Vitamin C serum under proper guidance. The activity enabled students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical setting while enhancing their understanding of cosmetic product formulation and development.





Startup and Entrepreneurship Awareness Session in Collaboration with NIC Faisalabad

Department of Computer Sciences, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), in collaboration with the National Incubation Center (NIC) Faisalabad, organized a Startup and Entrepreneurship Awareness Session to introduce students to the opportunities, resources, and support available within the startup ecosystem. The session covered startup incubation, eligibility criteria and application procedures, training and mentorship opportunities, networking, available facilities, and strategies for transforming innovative ideas into business ventures. Representatives from NIC Faisalabad participated in interactive discussions and a question-and-answer session, where they guided students on entrepreneurship opportunities and startup development.







GitHub Dev Days on AI-Driven Development

The Department of Computer Sciences, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), organized GitHub Dev Days, an event focused on GitHub, AI-driven development, open-source technologies, and emerging technological trends. The sessions featured Ms Aimen Shahid, Program Manager, NIC Faisalabad, who spoke on “From FYP to Scalable Business Model”; Mr Abdul Raheem, GitHub Campus Expert, who discussed “Role of GitHub Copilot in Open Source Contribution” Mr Farhan Ashraf, Consultant AISecOps and DevSecOps, Systems Limited, who presented “Role of AI Agents in Open Source”; and Dr Hammad Armghan, Chief AI Officer and Director, CyberGen, who delivered the keynote address titled “The Most Dangerous Word in AI is Autonomous.” The sessions covered artificial intelligence, software development, cybersecurity, open-source contributions, GitHub, and technology entrepreneurship.





Seminar on Managing Joint Pathologies with Intra-Articular Injections

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, The University of Faisalabad (TUF), organized a seminar titled “Managing Joint Pathologies with Intra-Articular Injections,” featuring Dr Khalid Pervaiz Babar, Professor and Head, Department of Rheumatology, MTH, as the guest speaker. He discussed the clinical indications, contraindications, patient selection, and safety considerations associated with intra-articular injections. The session included a live demonstration that helped students understand the procedure and its clinical applications. Dr Marium Zafar, Head, Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, concluded the session with remarks and thanked the guest speaker for sharing his clinical expertise.







Seminar on Physiotherapy and Cardiovascular Health

Department of Rehabilitation Sciences commemorated World Physiotherapy Day 2026, focusing on the theme "The Role of Physiotherapy and Physical Activity in the Prevention, Management & Rehabilitation of Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke." The event featured Mr Ali Imran Baig, Professional Certified Coach – International Coaching Federation, as the Chief Guest, who shared valuable insights on personal development, mental well-being, communication, and NLP-based coaching. Dr Uzair Asghar, Physiotherapist at Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan Hospital, Faisalabad, joined as the Guest Speaker and highlighted the role of physiotherapy in preventing and managing cardiovascular diseases and stroke, as well as supporting rehabilitation and recovery. In her concluding remarks, Dr Marium Zafar, Head , Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, emphasized the importance of public awareness about physiotherapy and its contribution to functional recovery, disability prevention, and improved quality of life.





Khud Mukhtar Program 2026: Charity – From Awareness to Action

Alpha TUF Welfare Society organized the Khud Mukhtar Program 2026 at The University of Faisalabad (TUF), bringing together members of the university community to promote the values of compassion, charity, empowerment, and social responsibility. The event was graced by Mr Azhar Jawaid, Superintendent, Police, Faisalabad, as the Chief Guest, along with Prof Dr Zahir Ahmad Zahir, Director ORIC, TUF, Mr Hanan Iftikhar, Head of TUF International Programs; and Dr Aamna Habib, Principal, Madina College of Pharmacy. The program highlighted the importance of transforming awareness into meaningful action and emphasized how collective efforts could create opportunities, support underprivileged communities, and contribute to a more empowered and compassionate society.





Empowering Communities Through Charity!

Anti-Drug Awareness Seminar: Building a Drug-Free Future

The Faculty of Law at The University of Faisalabad (TUF) organized an Anti-Drug Awareness Seminar under the theme “Building a Drug-Free Future: Awareness | Prevention | Positive Choices.” The seminar featured Mr Nawaz Natt, Assistant Director, Anti-Narcotics Force, as the Chief Guest, who delivered an insightful talk on the harmful effects of narcotics and substance abuse, the challenges faced by youth, preventive measures, and the importance of making informed and responsible choices. The session highlighted the role of students, educational institutions, families, and society in raising awareness and preventing drug abuse.



Awareness Seminar on Suicide Prevention, Mental Health & Community Support

The Department of Psychology organized an impactful seminar on suicide prevention and mental health awareness, highlighting the importance of early intervention, timely professional support, and community care. During the seminar, Ms Noreena, Lecturer, Department of Psychology, shared insights into mental health awareness, while Mr Zia Razaq, Practicing Clinical Psychologist, delivered an informative session on suicide prevention and emphasized the importance of seeking timely professional assistance.



Awareness Seminar on PCOS and Weight Management

The TUF Women Empowerment Society organized an awareness seminar on “PCOS Awareness and Weight Management” at The University of Faisalabad (TUF) to promote awareness about Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), nutrition, healthy lifestyle practices, and effective weight management. The seminar featured Ms. Tehniat Rehman, Department of Nutrition & Dietetics; Dt. Gohar Rubab, Clinical Nutritionist & Dietitian; and Dt. Amna Naveed, Clinical Nutritionist & Dietitian, who shared valuable, evidence-based insights into PCOS, dietary management, women's health, and practical approaches to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



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.

Research Funding opportunites

Higher Education Commission (HEC)
Islamabad, Pakistan

NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSITIES (NRPU) 2026-27

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Funding is aimed at supporting **high-quality, innovative, interdisciplinary and solution-oriented** research with strategic relevance to Pakistan's socio-economic development, industry, and society.

THE FOLLOWING RESEARCH DOMAINS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR APPLICATION:

- SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, ECONOMIC & HUMAN SCIENCES
- NATURAL / EMERGING SCIENCES
- PRODUCT/ PROCESS / TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **General Information:** General information, eligibility criteria, application guidelines and other relevant details are available on the HEC website: http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/nrpu
- **Two-Stage Submission:** The application process consists of two stages (First and Second Stage). Only shortlisted short proposals of 1st stage will be invited to submit a detailed research proposal (2nd stage).
- **Submission of Outlines:** **Research proposal outlines must be submitted through the online portal:** https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/universities/nrpu/Pages/Introduction.aspx
- **Application Fee:** An application fee of **Rs. 5,000** must be deposited online using 1 link/1 bill service through mobile banking app or internet banking.
- **Important Note:** Universities having **more than five (05) delayed/unsettled** cases are not eligible to apply.
- **Max Duration:** 24 Months

PROJECT OUTLINE SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

NOTE:

Pakistani researchers are encouraged to submit **joint research proposals** in collaboration with researchers and institutions preferably from **KSA, Türkiye, China, USA, UK, European Union, Central Asian states, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, South Korea, Singapore and among other developed countries.** The collaborations should focus on **co-creating innovative, interdisciplinary and solution-oriented research projects** through international research engagements on voluntary basis.

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Humaira Quddus, Director, National Research Program for Universities (NRPU) R&ID,
Higher Education Commission,

Research Funding opportunites





Significant Publications

- Jabeen, F., et al. (2026). Green Banking for Agricultural Sector Development: Economic Performance and Environmental Impact Indicators in Pakistan. Pakistan Journal of Agricultural Sciences. **(IF: 1.3)**
- Jawad, M., et al. (2026). Combined effects of Hall current, porosity, and nonlinear radiation on entropy generation in Reiner–Rivlin tri-hybrid nanofluid flow over a rotating disk. Results in Surfaces and Interfaces. **(IF: 6.2)**
- Saleem, M., et al. (2026). Unveiling how belief and boundary controls shape organizational citizenship behaviors and withdrawal cognitions in government: a test of mediating and moderating effects. Journal of Accounting & Organizational Change. **(IF: 3.5)**
- Jawad, M., et al. (2026). Steady hydromagnetic and entropy analysis of Casson tri-hybrid nanofluid flow in a porous medium incorporating hall and triple radiation effects. Discover Applied Sciences. **(IF: 3.8)**
- Jawad, M., et al. (2026). Heat transfer characteristics of thermally driven bioconvective third grade nanofluid flow with thermal radiation over a stretching cylinder. Discover Nano. **(IF: 6.7)**
- Jabeen, F., et al. (2026). Freshwater contamination from industrial effluent discharge: heavy metal mobilisation, water quality degradation and probabilistic health risk assessment. Marine and Freshwater Research. **(IF: 1.8)**
- Fehmi, A., et al. (2025). Einstein t-Norm and t-Conorm-Based Nonlinear Diophantine Rough Fuzzy Model for fuzzy neural networking. Boletim Sociedade Paranaense de Matematica. **(IF: 0.4)**

Upcoming Event

The University of Faisalabad

4th International Conference on Advanced

STEAM Education

ICASE-2026

STEAM For Future-Ready Societies



CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION

Building on the success of ICASE (2023-2024-2025), The University of Faisalabad (TUF) announces the 4th International Conference on Advanced STEAM Education (ICASE-2026). With the theme "STEAM for Future-Ready Societies," the conference emphasizes the role of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics in shaping future-ready individuals and communities. It will bring together researchers, educators, policymakers, industry leaders, and students to share innovative research, best practices, and collaborative approaches for building sustainable, inclusive, and technologically advanced

CALL FOR PAPERS

Research scholars, academicians, practitioners, policymakers, students, and industry experts are invited to submit original research papers, case studies, review articles, posters, and innovative educational practices related to STEAM education and allied disciplines on educational practices aligned with the conference themes.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ✓ Educators and researchers
- ✓ Graduate and postgraduate students
- ✓ Engineers, scientists and technologists
- ✓ Healthcare and life science professionals
- ✓ Industry professionals and entrepreneurs
- ✓ Policymakers and development experts
- ✓ Arts, humanities and social scientists

THEMATIC AREAS

- Future Skills and Competencies for the 21st Century
- Artificial Intelligence, Intelligent Learning, and Digital Transformation
- Sustainability, Climate Action and Green Innovation
- Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Industry Linkages
- Next Generation Edu-Tech & Ethics
- Equity, Inclusion and Well-being
- Arts, Creativity and Human-Centered Innovation
- Islamic Perspective for Future-Ready Societies
- Policy, Leadership and Governance for Future Ready Societies
- Smart Health Care Systems: Discovery to Practice

KEY FEATURES

- International Keynote Speakers
- Technical Sessions
- Poster Competition
- Networking Opportunities

★ Mode of participation: Hybrid (On-Campus & Online)

IMPORTANT DATES

- 01 SEP,2026 — Abstract Submission Deadline
- 15 SEP,2026 — Notification of Acceptance
- 30 SEP,2026 — Registration Deadline
- 02-03 NOV,2026 — Conference Dates

REGISTRATION

STUDENTS	LOCAL PARTICIPANTS	INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS
PKR 1000 Per Theme	PKR 3000 Per Theme	USD 100 Per Theme

Registration Fee Covers: Access to Technical Sessions | Certificate of Participation | Conference Materials | Tea and Lunch (Students excluded)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Keynote Presentations
- Invited Presentations
- Poster Sessions
- Panel Discussions
- Campus Tour & Cultural Evening

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