



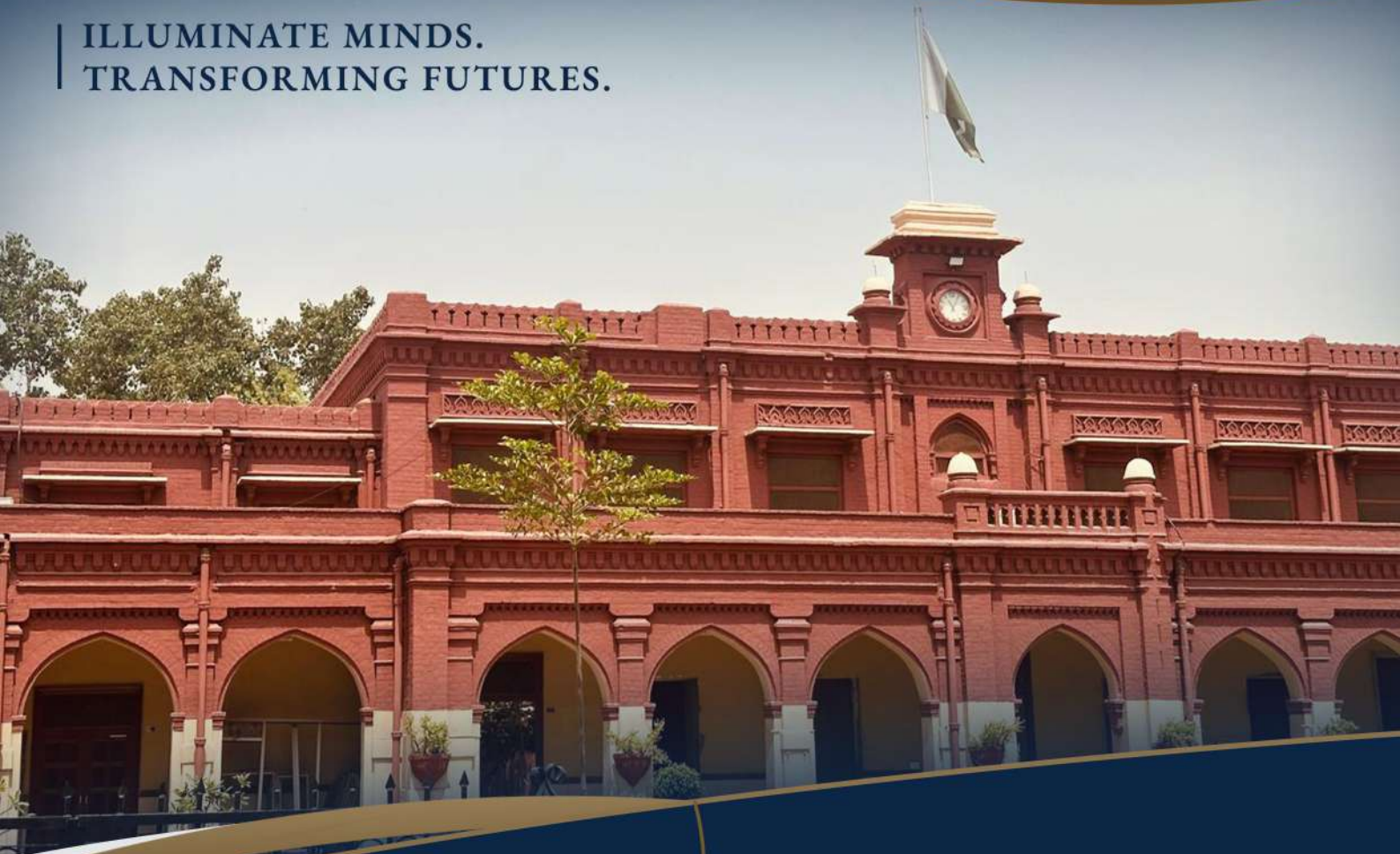
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HEC Honors GCUF Faculty for Outstanding Global Research Impact

In a significant recognition of academic excellence and research distinction, faculty members of Government College University Faisalabad have been awarded the prestigious HEC Certificate of Recognition by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan. The certificates were conferred in acknowledgment of the recipients' global research influence, scholarly excellence, and valuable contributions to the advancement of knowledge in their respective fields. This achievement further strengthens GCUF's growing reputation as a leading research-intensive institution. Notably, GCUF has recently achieved another remarkable milestone, with 54 of its researchers being ranked among the world's Top 2% Scientists, reflecting the University's expanding global research footprint and its commitment to high-impact scholarly contributions. The recognition by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan underscores the dedication, innovation, and academic excellence demonstrated by Government College University Faisalabad faculty members, whose research continues to contribute significantly to national development and international scientific advancement. This honor not only celebrates the individual achievements of the awardees but also highlights GCUF's continued progress in fostering a vibrant research culture and strengthening its position in the global academic community.





ICOR-2026: A Milestone Towards a Sustainable Future

We are proud to celebrate the successful completion of the 1st International Conference on Recycling (ICOR-2026), organized by the University of Kamalia in collaboration with Government College University Faisalabad and GC Women University Faisalabad. The conference served as a dynamic platform for researchers, academicians, industry experts, policymakers, and students to exchange innovative ideas and discuss sustainable solutions for recycling and resource management. Insightful sessions on plastic, food, textile, and agricultural waste recycling highlighted the importance of collective action in addressing environmental challenges and promoting a greener future. This successful event reflects the commitment of our institutions to advancing research, fostering collaboration, and contributing to sustainable development. We extend our sincere appreciation to all organizers, speakers, participants, and partner organizations for making this conference a remarkable success. Together, we continue to inspire innovation, promote environmental responsibility, and build a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for generations to come.





Leadership Insights at NDU

Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam Vice Chancellor, Government College University Faisalabad shared expert insights on “Project Leadership in Complex Environments” at the Project Director Certification (PDC) Program organized by the National Defence University (NDU) in collaboration with the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC). The program brought together senior engineers, project directors, administrators, and professionals from the public and private sectors across Pakistan. During his address, Dr. Rauf-i-Azam highlighted the significance of leadership, strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, innovation, and effective governance in the successful execution of complex projects. He said that project leaders must possess the ability to navigate uncertainty, manage diverse stakeholders, and promote collaboration to achieve sustainable and impactful outcomes. He also shared practical insights drawn from his academic and administrative experience, emphasizing the importance of adaptability and informed decision-making in dynamic environments. The participants appreciated the session for its relevance, practical value, and insightful discussion on contemporary project management challenges.





Launch of Critique: Journal of English Language and Literature

The Department of English Literature, Government College University Faisalabad, proudly announces the publication of the inaugural issue of Critique: Journal of English Language and Literature, an open-access academic journal dedicated to advancing research and scholarly discourse in the fields of English language and literature. The launch of the journal marks



a significant milestone in GCUF's commitment to promoting academic excellence, research culture, and intellectual engagement. The inaugural issue brings together valuable scholarly contributions and reflects the department's dedication to creating a vibrant platform for researchers, academics, and students. Vice Chancellor GCUF, Prof. Dr. Rauf-I-Azam, congratulated the Department of English Literature and the Founding Editorial Collective on this remarkable achievement. He appreciated the efforts of the editorial team and acknowledged their commitment to strengthening the University's research profile through quality academic publications. He expressed confidence that Critique will emerge as a distinguished scholarly platform contributing to national and international academic discourse.



The Founding Editorial Collective expressed its sincere gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for his generous administrative support and encouragement. They also acknowledged the valuable technical facilitation provided by the Director ORIC and extended thanks to the contributors, reviewers, and colleagues whose expertise, dedication, and commitment made the publication of the inaugural issue possible.

RASTA–PIDE Competitive Research Grant

Heartiest congratulations to Dr. Liaqat Ali Waseem Government College University Faisalabad on securing a prestigious PKR 4.0 Million RASTA Research Grant. His research project, “A Geospatial Framework for Deploying Climate-Resilient Peri-Urban Agriculture through Managed Aquifer Recharge Zoning,” has been selected for funding under the RASTA–PIDE Competitive Research Grants Programme. This notable achievement reflects a strong commitment to impactful research, innovation, and sustainable development. We wish him continued success in his academic and research endeavours.



ORIC Achieves 27% Growth in HEC Evaluation

ORIC GCUF has achieved an impressive growth of 27 % in their annual evaluation by Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, jumping to 57 marks out of 100. Among Y category ORICs across the country, this is the highest score. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam heartily congratulated the ORIC team as well as the whole faculty of Government College University Faisalabad whose dedicated efforts, intellectual outputs & innovative ideas made this growth possible.





Prof. Dr. Rauf-I-Azam emphasized strategic planning and directed the concerned departments to prepare comprehensive roadmaps for achieving “W” rankings in all domains during the 2026–27 evaluation cycle. He extended best wishes to the GCUF fraternity and encouraged continued efforts toward excellence, innovation, and institutional growth. Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Tanvir Shahzad is sincerely thankful to the worthy Vice Chancellor's continuous encouragement, visionary and enabling leadership.

GCUF Leadership Shines at the Opening Ceremony of ISCE 2026

Vice Chancellor of Government College University Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, participated as Guest of Honour at the opening ceremony of the International Students Convention & Expo (ISCE) 2026 held at FAST National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences. The ceremony marked the inauguration of a comprehensive industrial, educational, and innovation-driven expo, bringing together leading universities, industry representatives, and students from across the country.





Prof. Dr. Nasir Rasool's Research Product Successfully Commercialized

A research-driven product developed by Prof. Dr. Nasir Rasool (Department of Chemistry, Government College University Faisalabad), successfully commercialized. Those wanting to benefit from this product may contact Business Incubation Center GCUF.





Chairman HEC Pakistan, Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar Visit GCUF

Chairman of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Professor Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, visited Government College University Faisalabad where he attended the Academic Council meeting. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Rauf-i-Azam warmly welcomed the distinguished guest. During the visit, the Chairman was given a comprehensive briefing on the university's overall performance, ongoing academic and research projects, and future objectives. While addressing the Academic Council, Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar engaged with faculty members and spoke about the future of higher education, research development, and educational reforms.





He emphasized that Pakistani youth possess immense talent and are excelling in universities worldwide, and urged the government to increase the higher education budget and introduce comprehensive reforms so that Pakistan can compete with leading nations in the academic field. He further noted that an online system has been introduced for double degrees and for obtaining verified copies of degrees, restrictions have been placed on establishing sub-campus at the tehsil level, and the number of Prime Minister's Scholarships is being increased. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Rauf Azam highlighted the university's ongoing development projects, educational reforms, and research achievements. He shared that GCUF holds a distinguished position in the global ranking between 601 and 800, while standing first in Punjab and second in Pakistan. He also mentioned that 54 researchers from the university are listed among the world's top 2% scientists. The Vice Chancellor reaffirmed the institution's commitment to promoting quality education, advanced research, and industry-academia linkages, with the vision of strengthening the university to global standards so that students are prepared to compete internationally. At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman HEC praised the academic, research efforts of the university, and assured his full support and cooperation.





Congratulations to NRPU Research Grant 2026 Winners

GCUF extend sincere congratulations to Dr. Khalid Mehmood (Department of Physics), Dr. Safdar Hussain Tahir Lyallpur Business School) and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abrar (Department of LBS) on securing the prestigious NRPU Research Grant 2026. These distinguished achievements are a testament to their academic excellence, dedication, and significant contribution to research and innovation. ORIC appreciates his efforts and wishes him continued success in his future scholarly endeavours.



GCUF Renews MoU with 8.2REEP to Drive Skills & Innovation MoU Renewal Ceremony

Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF) has renewed its Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 8.2 Renewable Energy Experts Pakistan (8.2REEP), reinforcing a successful industry-academia partnership and outlining a clear roadmap for advanced skills development and applied research. The CEO 8.2REEP, Engr. Omar Majid highlighted that the MoU builds upon a collaboration initiated in December 2021, which delivered industry-based internships, faculty consultancies, and applied research outcomes, including the successful completion of two PhD and one MS degrees in Electrical Engineering and many student internships. Worthy Vice Chancellor GCUF, Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, appreciated the collaborative efforts of Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology and industry partners, reaffirming the University's full support and willingness to facilitate these initiatives.



He emphasized that such partnerships are vital for producing job-ready graduates, strengthening applied research, and driving sustainable industrial growth.



BIC Pitching Competition 2026

The Business Incubation Center (BIC) at Government College University Faisalabad successfully organized its Pitching Competition 2026 to select startups for the 6th batch of student-led ventures and the 4th batch of faculty-led ventures. The competition was conducted under the supervision of an official Selection Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor in accordance with the guidelines of the Higher Education Commission (HEC). A total of 54 startup proposals shortlisted from various faculties of the university, competed in the final pitching round. The evaluation panel was chaired by Prof. Dr. Sofia Anwar, Dean Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, Other members of the panel included the Dean faculty of Engineering, Director ORIC, Manager BIC, an HEC representative, and a distinguished industry expert. During the event, participating students and faculty members presented innovative business ideas and entrepreneurial solutions with remarkable confidence and professionalism.



The presentations highlighted the growing entrepreneurial mindset within the university community and showcased a wide range of innovative concepts to address contemporary market and societal challenges. Speaking on the occasion, the organizers appreciated the participants' enthusiasm and creativity and emphasized the importance of enhancing innovation-driven entrepreneurship within higher education.



Industry Partners Support Final Year Projects at GCUF

GCUF held a cheque distribution ceremony to support BS Electrical Engineering Final Year Design Projects (Session 2022–26). Industrial partners 8.2REEP and Commander Soap & Chemical Industries funded four shortlisted projects for their innovation and industrial relevance. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam awarded the cheques, commending industry involvement and urging faculty and students to pursue solution-oriented research. The initiative strengthens industry–academia linkages, enhances undergraduate research, and prepares students for professional careers.



Third International Conference on Material Physics and Allied Technologies

Government College University Faisalabad inaugurated the Third International Conference on Material Physics and Allied Technologies (MPA-Tech 2026) along with a hands-on training workshop at the university campus. The opening session of the workshop was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nasir Amin and Incharge Dean Faculty of Physical Sciences Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Khan Khosa were also present on the occasion. Former Dean of Sciences, Government College University Lahore, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad attended the conference as chief guest. Addressing the participants, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam said that material physics and modern technologies have gained vital importance in industrial development, energy, electronics, nanotechnology, medical sciences, and several other sectors. He stated that such international conferences promote research, innovation, and academic collaboration while providing researchers with an effective platform for the exchange of modern ideas and scientific experiences. Earlier, Chairman Department of Physics and Chief Organizer Dr. Ejaz Ahmad Khan briefed the participants about the objectives and themes of the conference and highlighted the university's efforts to promote research culture under the education and research-oriented policies of the Vice Chancellor. The conference featured research presentations by 12 international researchers and scientists along with around 20 Pakistani scientists. International speakers from Singapore, Italy, Saudi Arabia, China, Portugal, Malaysia, the United States, Norway, Canada, and Brazil presented their research papers, while prominent national scientists from Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, and other cities also shared their academic contributions. Students from various universities and colleges participated enthusiastically in the conference and interacted with national and international scientists on emerging scientific and research trends.



Innovation Milestone: Patent Granted to Physics Faculty

Congratulations to Dr. Khawar Abbas, Assistant Professor of Physics, GCUF and Dr. Yasir Javed, Associate Professor of Physics, UAF on the successful grant of their patent “A Novel Process of Preparation of Organo-hybrid Hydrogel”. This achievement highlights their research excellence, innovation, and contribution to intellectual property development, bringing distinction to both institutions and inspiring fellow researchers and students.





GCUF Hosts “Lyallpur Academia Industry Nexus (LAIN 2026)” to Strengthen Academia-Industry Collaboration

Government College University Faisalabad organized two-day mega event “Lyallpur Academia Industry Nexus and Expo (LAIN 2026)” at the Quaid-i-Azam Auditorium, bringing together academia, industry, researchers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and the business community under one roof. The event was jointly organized by the Directorate of Industrial Linkages, Business Incubation Center, Department of Food Science, and Lyallpur Business School with the aim of strengthening meaningful partnerships between academia and industry for sustainable economic and social growth in accordance with the demands of the modern world and technological advancement. LAIN 2026 served as a dynamic platform where innovative ideas met industrial vision, academia connected with industry leaders, researchers and entrepreneurs collaborated with the business community, and students explored future opportunities in startups, innovation, and emerging technologies. The two-day event featured an Industrial Expo, panel discussions, thematic symposiums, startup and innovation opportunities, business networking sessions, and research commercialization forums. Different industrial, food, and manufacturing stalls were also established for students and the general public to showcase products, services, and technological advancements. Vice Chancellor GCUF, Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, while addressing the participants, termed LAIN 2026 a historic initiative for Faisalabad that would bridge the gap between educational institutions and the industrial sector while promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, research commercialization, and economic progress. He further said that universities must play a leading role in connecting academic research with industrial needs to produce practical solutions for societal and economic development. Participants emphasized that strong academia-industry collaboration is essential for preparing students according to modern market demands and global challenges. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the management of Lyallpur Academia Industry Nexus, especially Prof. Dr. Umair Arshad, Director Industrial Linkages, and his team for successfully organizing the large-scale event. Vice Chancellors of various universities, innovators, industrialists, members of the Chamber of Commerce, policymakers, researchers, syndicate members of GCUF, Parliamentarians, and representatives from different sectors participated in the event and appreciated the initiative taken by GCUF for promoting industrial-academic partnerships in Pakistan.





GCUF Strengthens Academia-Industry Collaboration at LAIN 2026

Government College University Faisalabad signed 12 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with leading national and international industries during the mega event “Lyallpur Academia Industry Nexus and Expo (LAIN 2026)” held at the Quaid-i-Azam Auditorium. The MoUs were signed between Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam and chief executive officers and representatives of prominent companies belonging to the food, chemical, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing sectors. The agreements were aimed at strengthening academia-industry collaboration, promoting joint research initiatives, facilitating students’ internships, and aligning academic activities with the emerging needs of modern industries. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that universities must play an active role in addressing industrial challenges through innovation, research, and skilled human resource development. He added that collaboration between academia and industry was essential for sustainable economic growth and technological advancement. The two-day “Lyallpur Academia Industry Nexus and Expo (LAIN 2026)” brought together academia, industrialists, researchers, entrepreneurs, innovators, and the business community under one roof to explore opportunities for cooperation and knowledge sharing. The event was jointly organized by the Directorate of Industrial Linkages, Business Incubation Center, Department of Food Science, and Lyallpur Business School. The initiative aimed to build meaningful partnerships between universities and industries in accordance with the demands of the modern world and evolving technological trends. Participants appreciated the initiative and termed it a significant step toward bridging the gap between academia and industry while creating new opportunities for students, researchers, and industrial stakeholders.





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