



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE



No. REVIEW OF FOREIGN TRAININGS/(TRG AND DEV SECTION)-0001/96499-R

Islamabad, the 31st August , 2026

From

Syeda Huma Bukhari
Secretary Training & Development

To

1- All Officers, Federal Board of Revenue,

SUBJECT: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF US-PAKISTAN KNOWLEDGE CORRIDOR FOR PH.D STUDIES IN TOP 100 QS RANKED U.S UNIVERSITIES

I am directed to enclose Higher Education Commission (HEC) letter Ref No: /HRD/HEC/USPK/2026 dated 12.08.2026 on the above noted subject for information of all officers of FBR regarding “**PhD Scholarships for 2027 Admissions**” under **US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor** – a flagship scholarship initiative of the Government of Pakistan designed to support outstanding Pakistani students in pursuing PhD studies at the top 100 QS world ranked U.S. universities. Applications for **Spring/Summer 2027** and **Fall 2027** are currently open at HEC Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarship.hec.gov.pk/>).

2. Officers intending to apply shall obtain prior permission/NOC from the competent authority in accordance with Delegation of Administrative Powers notified vide Board's Notification No. I(14)S(T&D)/2021/89581-R dated 01.06.2023. The officers posted in field formations may seek initial NOC from their respective Head (Chief Commissioner/Chief Collector/Director General), and upon final selection, shall obtain final NOC/sparability from Admin/HR Wing, FBR (HQ), Islamabad. Whereas, officers posted at FBR (HQ) shall forward their application for initial NOC to Training & Development Section.

3. **No financial assistance** shall be provided by FBR, and selected officers shall not be entitled to claim any expenditure in this regard from FBR. The conditions contained in Training & Development Notifications dated 12.10.2021, 13.02.2023 and 14.09.2023 shall also apply.

Encl: As above.

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31/08/26

Syeda Huma Bukhari
Secretary Training & Development



HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

H-9, Islamabad, Pakistan, Website: <http://www.hec.gov.pk>
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Director General

Ref No: /HRD/HEC/USPK/2026

August 12, 2026

Subject: CALL OF APPLICATIONS OF US-PAKISTAN KNOWLEDGE CORRIDOR FOR PH.D STUDIES IN TOP 100 QS WORLD RANKED U.S UNIVERSITIES

Respected Sir/Madam,

US Pakistan Knowledge Corridor is a flagship scholarship initiative of the Government of Pakistan designed to develop a highly qualified pool of human resource. Through this program, outstanding Pakistani students are supported in pursuing PhD studies at the top 100 QS world ranked U.S universities. Currently, the applications intake for Spring /Summer 2027 and Fall 2027 are open (<https://scholarship.hec.gov.pk/>). HEC requests to support dissemination of information regarding this scholarship opportunity.

2. By helping HEC to reach outstanding candidates from diverse backgrounds, Pakistan's brightest minds can gain access to exceptional academic opportunities in U.S, that will ultimately benefit country's higher education system and long-term national development. Aligned with the vision of Government of Pakistan, upon returning, graduates are expected to strengthen Pakistan's academic institutions, contribute to innovation, support evidence-based policymaking, and help uplift the country's scientific and technological capacity.

3- For queries, please reach out to Mr. Rao Muhammad Azhar, Project Director (maakhana@hec.gov.pk);

Yours sincerely,

Aayesha Ikram
(Aayesha Ikram)

Director General HRD/
Global Engagement

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- The Secretaries, All Ministries and Divisions, Islamabad/Rawalpindi
- Chairman Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad
- The Auditor General of Pakistan
- Director General, Civil Services Academy, Lahore
- Directorate of Public Instruction (Colleges), Punjab
- Director General Colleges, Sindh
- Higher Education Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- Higher & Technical Education Department, Balochistan
- Directorate of Higher Education, Gilgit Baltistan
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PhD Scholarships for 2027 Admissions

U.S. – Pakistan Knowledge Corridor



TOP 100 QS WORLD RANKED U.S. UNIVERSITIES

- ▶ The scholarship is only for the PhD Program and does not include Masters/MS Leading to PhD.
- ▶ Preference shall be given to applicants having admission in preferred subject areas as mentioned on HEC website: <http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/US-PAK-KCSA>
- ▶ Applications for scholarship shall be submitted online through HEC scholarship portal at: <https://scholarship.hec.gov.pk/>

Applicants are strongly encouraged to secure university's funding to meet any differential amount if may occur.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Pakistani/AJK nationals
- Minimum 4 years Bachelor's degree (BS/BSc. /BE/16 years formal education)
- No 2nd or 3rd Division in entire academic career for category – I & II scholarship.
- Maximum age on the closing date shall not exceed:
 - 40 years in case of regular Government employees/regular faculty members of public sector universities & Government colleges/regular researchers of approved R&D organizations.
 - 35 years in all other cases.
- Must not be availing any other scholarship.

SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CATEGORY I

TOP 50 QS WORLD RANKED US UNIVERSITIES OVERALL RANKING

- Tuition Fee as per University Invoice
- Stipend \$19,200 per annum
- \$2000 Health Insurance per annum

The prospective applicants must have:

- Secured admission in top 50 QS World Ranked US University
- Valid GRE – General Score (Minimum 300 in total) OR HEC HAT Score (Minimum 60%)

CATEGORY II

51-100 QS WORLD RANKED US UNIVERSITIES OVERALL

- A tuition fee of up to USD 12,000/- per annum
- Stipend \$19,200 per annum
- \$2000 Health Insurance per annum

The prospective applicants must have:

- Secured admission in top 51-100 QS World Ranked US University.
- Valid GRE – General Score (Minimum 300 in total) OR HEC HAT Score (Minimum 60%).

SPRING/SUMMER
2027 INTAKE

30 OCTOBER
2026

FALL 2027
INTAKE

30 MARCH
2027



For more details,
please visit HEC Website
[www.hec.gov.pk/site/
US-PAK-KC](http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/US-PAK-KC)

IMPORTANT NOTE

- Applications for scholarships are invited from those prospective applicants who satisfy both general and specific eligibility criteria.
- There will be no binding on HEC to provide scholarships to all selectees. HEC will select only best of the best among this lot on merit.
- The latest QS Ranking (2027) shall apply. www.topuniversities.com website will be used as a reference for QS Ranking.
- Applications must be submitted on the HEC online portal



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