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TWENTY-ONE MORE PHD SCHOLARS PRODUCED BY UAF

The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF) has produced twenty-one (21) new PhD scholars, raising the total strength of its PhD alumni to 2,647. On the recommendations of the external examiners and after fulfillment of all prescribed requirements, the Vice Chancellor has been pleased to sanction the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees (2025) in various disciplines to the following scholars: (i) Ayesha Aslam D/O Muhammad Aslam, Reg. No. 2009-ag-2032, Department of Rural Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Rural Sociology– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Utilization of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) graduates: issues and challenges for socio-economic development in central Punjab.” (ii) Zoya Nazish D/O Muhammad Ashraf Zahid, Reg. No. 2012-ag-711, Department of Botany, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Botany– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Invasive success of *Parthenium hysterophorous* L., *Prosopis glandulosa* Torr. and *Dodonaea viscosa* Jacq. From the Punjab, Pakistan.” (iii) Muhammad Nouman Khalid S/O Muhammad Khalid, Reg. No. 2014-ag-5473, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Plant Breeding & Genetics– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Genetic assessment for NaCl salt tolerance in cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.)” (iv) Ayesha Batool D/O Muhammad Raghieb Bashir, Reg. No. 2015-ag-109, Department of Rural Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Rural Sociology– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Socio-cultural determinants of malnutrition and its health implications on mother and child in Punjab, Pakistan.” (v) Hamna Bashir D/O Bashir Ahmad Late, Reg. No. 2015-ag-1297, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Environmental Science– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Nanoparticulate iron oxide minerals for water remediation.” (vi) Muhammad Shakeel Faridi S/O Muhammad Jamil Charagh, Reg. No. 2007-ag-51, Department of Computer Science, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Computer Science– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Trustworthy blockchain assisted interoperability framework for textile 4.0.” (vii) Saddam Hussain S/O Alataf Hussain, Reg. No. 2010-ag-2327, Department of Irrigation and Drainage, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Agricultural Engineering– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Improved surveillance of moisture stress and crop health using remote sensing and modeling approaches.” (viii) Muhammad Tayyab Mehmood S/O Muhammad Tariq Mehmood, Reg. No. 2015-ag-6326, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Soil Science– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Assessing the adaptation of wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) under water stress conditions.” (ix) Fatima Aslam Bhatti D/O Muhammad Aslam Bhatti, Reg. No. 2010-ag-3585, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Soil Science– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Perspective of endophytic bacteria from tree for enhancing cereals productivity.” (x) Sana Mahmood D/O Mahmood Ahmad, Reg. No. 2011-ag-4209, National Institute of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Food, Nutrition and Home Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Human Nutrition and Dietetics– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Design and Bioevaluation of Peptide based Cytotoxins for Breast Cancer Epigenetics” (xi) Mudassar Iqbal S/O Waris Ali, Reg. No. 2001-ag-990, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Plant Breeding and Genetics– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Breeding pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) for improved productivity, powdery mildew tolerance and wide adaptation.” (xii) Muhammad Arif S/O Muhammad Ismail, Reg. No. 2011-ag-9, Department of Physics, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Physics– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Analytical calculation and numerical solution of electromagnetic waves between two dissimilar media” (xiii) Ahmad Mujtaba S/O Ghulam Mujtaba, Reg. No. 2011-ag-3452, Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Environmental Science– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Impact of plant residues and tillage depths on soil nitrogen management using different nitrogen sources” (xiv) Yasir Majeed S/O Abdul Majeed, Reg. No. 2014-ag-4828, Institute of Horticultural Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Horticulture– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Cabbage seed production protocol for subtropical condition.” (xv) Zahid Ali S/O Sardar Ali, Reg. No. 2001-ag-1214,

Department of Physics, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Physics– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Machine learning assisted laser induced breakdown spectroscopy of metallic Alloys” (xvi) Umer Hayat S/O Muhammad Saleem, Reg. No. 2019-ag-2038, Department of Botany, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Botany– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Influence of gamma rays on the developmental patterns, yield traits and genetic variability of quinoa.” (xvii) Lubna Hanif D/O Muhammad Hanif, Reg. No. 2012-ag-989, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Chemistry– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Formulation and characterization of effective nanobiopesticides for eco-friendly management of pests.” (xviii) Rao Aqil Shehzad S/O Rao Munawar Ahmad, Reg. No. 2018-ag-3957, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Chemistry– (2025). The title of his thesis is “Designing of organic functional materials exhibiting singlet fission character for the enhancement of optoelectronic properties.” (xix) Madeeha Kausar D/O Muhammad Younus, Reg. No. 2015-ag-3659, Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Crop Physiology– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Morpho-physiological response and nutritional quality of moringa (*Moringa oleifera*) as influenced by integrated use of organic and inorganic amendments.” (xx) Farwa Tariq D/O Syed Muhammad Tariq Javied, Reg. No. 2012-ag-3885, National Institute of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Food, Nutrition and Home Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Human Nutrition and Dietetics– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Therapeutic potential of *Fagonia indica* against hepatocellular carcinoma in rat model.” (xxi) Zahida Parveen D/O Muhammad Aslam, Reg. No. 2015-ag-995, Department of Botany, Faculty of Sciences has passed the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy–Botany– (2025). The title of her thesis is “Adaptive Components in common bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis* L.) populations from different ecological regions”.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS OUT OF BENEVOLENT FUND PART-II (B-1 TO B-15) FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

Applications on the prescribed form, available at University website www.uaf.edu.pk are invited for the award of Educational Scholarships out of Benevolent Fund Part-II to the children of Serving, Invalid and Deceased University Employees (BPS-1 to 15) provided that:- (i) In case of serving University Employees, Scholarships will be admissible for one child for post-matric classes. (ii) In case of death or invalidation during service and if death occurs within 15 years after retirement, Scholarship will be admissible for not more than 3 children. (iii) The children of University Employees, who have been awarded punishment by the Disciplinary Committees, would not be eligible for Educational Scholarships out of Benevolent Fund. (iv) The adopted sons/daughters, who fall in the definition of family, will be eligible to the grant of Educational Scholarship but that will be confined to only one adopted child of each family. (v) The children of inservice University employees who are working in research projects/development project/DPL/ on per lecture basis etc are not eligible for grant of educational scholarship out of Benevolent Fund Part-II. (vi) The employees BPS-1 to 15 having 10 years' service at their Credit are eligible for availing scholarship for their children. The applications complete in all respects must be submitted to the Deputy Registrar (Admin), H.R Office within the period from 01.02.2026 to 31.03.2026 during office hours either by post or in person. **The Board of Management of Benevolent Fund at its meeting held on 08.06.2020 decided that the applications for educational scholarships received after due date will not be entertained.**

APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS OUT OF BENEVOLENT FUND PART-I (GRADE 16 AND ABOVE) FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

Applications on the prescribed form, available at University website www.uaf.edu.pk are invited for the award of Educational Scholarships out of Benevolent Fund Part-I to the children of Serving, Invalid and Deceased University Employees (BPS-16 and above) provided that:- (i) In case of serving University Employees, Scholarships will be admissible for one child for post-matric classes. (ii) In case of death or invalidation during service and if death occurs within 15 years after retirement, Scholarship will be admissible for not more than 3 children. (iii) The children of University Employees, who have been awarded punishment by the Disciplinary Committees, would not be eligible for Educational Scholarships out of Benevolent Fund. (iv) The adopted sons/daughters, who fall in the definition of family, will be eligible to the grant of Educational Scholarship but that will be confined to only one adopted child of each family. (v) The University teachers who were directly appointed on TTS (not subscribers of the B.F) shall not be eligible for educational scholarships. (vi) The children of inservice University employees who are working in research projects/development project/DPL/ on per lecture basis etc. are not eligible for grant of educational scholarship out of Benevolent Fund Part-I. The applications complete in all respects must be submitted to the Deputy Registrar (Admin), H.R Office, within the period from 01.02.2026 to 31.03.2026 during office hours either by post or in person. The Board of Management of Benevolent Fund at its meeting held on 08.06.2020 decided that the applications for educational scholarships received after due date will not be entertained.

SITUATION VACANT

Applications are invited for 1 post of DPL (as per prescribed rate of UAF) for not exceeding 89 days in the EFS funded project entitled “Development of cost effective wheat rust surveillance system”. The appointment will be on DPL basis. Applications on plain paper along with one most recent attested photograph and attested copies of academic certificates, degrees, testimonials, detailed mark certificates and experience certificates with specific dates should reach in the office of Dr. Zunaira Afzal, Assistant Professor, CAS-AFS, UAF during office hours within 7 days after the publication of this notice. Applications either incomplete or received after due date will not be entertained. The University reserves the right not to fill vacancy without assigning any reason.

SHORT COURSES SCHEDULE OF First QUARTER STARTING W.E.F. 1st January 2026 TO 31st March 2026

The UAF Constituent College Depalpur, Okara is offering the following short courses. Interested students may submit their applications on the prescribed form in the office of the Assistant Professor Dr. Shoaib Ur Rahman, UAF Constituent College Depalpur, Okara. The application should include: These courses will start from February

20, 2026. (i) Original fee deposit slip in the National Bank of Pakistan, UAF Branch (ii) Relevant documents (iii) Recent photograph (iv) Copy of CNIC. **Note:** Employees of the University and other Government Departments should submit their NOC for themselves and their children.

| Sr | Name of Course | Department | Duration | Eligibility | Course Fee (PKR) |
|----|---|---------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|
| 1 | Fruit and Vegetable Preservation for men | Food Science | 02 weeks | Matric | 200 |
| 2 | Mushroom Cultivation | Plant Pathology | 02 weeks | Matric | 200 |
| 3 | Business Taxation Law | Business Management | 02 weeks | Matric | 200 |
| 4 | Agribusiness Management | Social Science | 03 months | Matric | 500 |
| 5 | Tunnel Farming | Horticulture | 06 months | Matric | 700 |
| 6 | Kitchen Gardening | = | 10 Days | Matic | 200 |
| 7 | Improved Crop Production Technology | Agronomy | 02 Weeks | Matric | 200 |
| 8 | Word Processing | Mathematic | 02 months | FA/F.Sc. | 400 |
| 9 | Basic Language | = | 02 months | FA/F.Sc. | 400 |
| 10 | Spoken English | English | 02 months | FA/F.Sc. | 6500 |
| 11 | Laboratory Assistant Course | Physic | 03 months | FA/F.Sc. | 500 |
| 12 | Saline-Sodic Soils Problem and Management | Soil Science | 02 weeks | FA/F.Sc. | 200 |
| 13 | Extension Education Methodologies | Agri. Ext. | 01 week | Matric | 200 |

PLACEMENT OF PhD THESIS FOR PEER REVIEW

The Ph.D. Thesis of Miss Amna Zia, Regd. No. 2021-ag-2357 a student of the Institute of Soil and Environmental Sciences University of Agriculture, Faisalabad will be placed in Director's office for peer review for one week (07 days) after the publication of this notice. The title of her thesis is "Assessment of microplastic in Soil-water Environments and its removal through different techniques". All academic staff/students are welcomed to read/consult and give suggestions so that the thesis will be improved according with incorporation of these suggestions.



PhD THESIS/SYNOPSIS DEFENCE

- Mr. Hafiz Muhammad Bilawal Akram, Regd. No. 2017-ag-1, a Ph.D. student, Department of Agronomy, will defend his Ph.D. thesis on 17 February 2026 (Tuesday) at 11:00 AM in the Library of Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. The title of his thesis is "IMPROVING WHEAT YIELD PREDICTION USING MULTI-SATELLITE DERIVED VEGETATION INDICES AT DIFFERENT SPATIOTEMPORAL SCALES IN PUNJAB-PAKISTAN". All interested persons are invited to participate. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73070289359?pwd=xHEtpkdJJQA7VmQQluBbmWcZ1gwnZh.1>
Meeting ID: 730 7028 9359 Passcode: 3VEg0g
- Mr. Asghar Ali, Regd. No. 2012-ag-2878, Ph.D. Scholar in, Institute of Agricultural Extension, Education and Rural Development, Faculty of Social Sciences, has successfully defended his thesis at the University level on Friday, December 19, 2025, at 02:30 PM in the Seminar Room of the Institute of Agricultural Extension, Education and Rural Development. The title of his thesis is: "Potential Role of Spiritual Leaders in Community Mobilization Regarding Tree Plantation in Punjab, Pakistan".
- Miss, Ramsha Raza, Regd. No. 2016-ag-232, Ph.D. student of the Botany Department, has successfully defended her Ph.D. synopsis at the university level on 14-01- 2026 at 10:30 AM in forestry lecture room (FLR) of the department with minor changes. Title of the synopsis defense was "Enhancing drought resilience of arid to semiarid environment tree species through integrated soil amendments". The supervisory committee and other faculty members suggested some title changes. The newly proposed title of her synopsis is "Enhancing the drought resilience of multipurpose tree species in dryland ecosystem using integrated soil amendments".
- Ph.D. defense of Miss Ashra Khadim Redg. No. 2017-ag-1458. So, Miss. Ashra Khadim Hussain, Regd. No. 2017-ag-1458, Ph.D. scholar of the National Institute of Food Science & Technology, has successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis on 09-02-2026 at 12:15 pm. The title of her thesis is "PRE- STORAGE APPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENT TREATMENTS ON VARIOUS GRAPE VARIETIES FOR SHELF-LIFE IMPROVEMENT".
- Mr. Syed Fazil Bin Farukh, Regd. No. 2021-ag-2772, Ph.D. Physics student of this department has successfully defended his thesis entitled "INVESTIGATION OF ELECTROCHEMICAL ENERGY STORAGE POTENTIAL OF SELENIUM BASED COMPOSITE MATERIALS" as required under the rules on 04.02.2026.
- Mr. Usama Ahmad Regd. No. 2013-ag-3571, is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Plant Pathology, has successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis at University level on 09-02-2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the DLC-2, Faculty of Agriculture, UAF. The title of his thesis is "Exploitation of biochemical and epidemiological factors conducive for citrus scab (*Elsinoë fawcettii*) and its management".
- Miss Warda Mustfa, Regd. No. 2015-ag-274, Ph.D. Zoology, student of this department has successfully defended her thesis entitled "Assessment of predatory beetles' role as biocontrol agent for insect pest

management of Rice and Wheat crops in the rainfed Agroecological zone of Punjab, Pakistan” as required under the rules on 09-02-2026.

ZOOM LINK

As per rules and regulations, it is hereby informed that all PhD synopsis and thesis defense letters submitted for publication in Campus News must include a general Zoom link (open link without password) to facilitate online participation of any interested individual in the seminar. The Zoom link will be treated as an essential requirement for the said publication. Henceforth, any letter without a Zoom link will not be entertained for publication in Campus News. Furthermore, the letter must be submitted to the Directorate of Publications (Ground Floor, SFC Building) at least 10 to 15 days prior to the scheduled defense date.

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| FOR SCHOOL UPGRADATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CAMPUS (O & A LEVEL) | | |
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