



PUNJAB HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

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Following its establishment in January 2015, PHEC has carried out desk reviews based on available relevant reports and consultations with academicians, researchers on the status of higher education in Punjab. In order to address the challenges identified and in accordance with the functions enunciated in the PHEC Act 2015, a detailed work plan has been chalked out by PHEC to address the issues identified.

To this end, I am happy to inform you that in the coming weeks my office will be contacting your institution to invite proposals for the various programs that PHEC will be introducing and funding. Focusing on research relevant to the socio-economic needs of the province is a top priority of the PHEC as is capacity building and faculty development programs to improve teaching/research standards. Engaging academia with the industry to collaborate on applied research and revitalizing/re-structuring college education through increased focus on imparting technical skills to create a job-ready workforce are also important goals. Detailed guidelines and procedures for accessing funds for these initiatives will be included in our future correspondence.

I strongly believe that higher education is the single best investment that we can make in our future. As Chairman PHEC, I am committed to fulfilling our vision of building a prosperous and skilled Punjab through providing quality higher education compatible with the imperatives of a knowledge economy. I realize that the challenges are great - transformational and innovative interventions across almost all levers of the higher education sector are the need of the hour. However, I am confident that with the collective wisdom of the Vice Chancellors and senior management we can develop programs to address these concerns and contribute towards strengthening the higher education sector of the province

I look forward to your cooperation and valuable suggestions.

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CC:

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