Subject: Call for Participation in HEC Outstanding Research Awards 2015/2016

Higher Education Commission has invited applications from scholars/faculty/scientists for HEC Outstanding Research Awards. HEC has initiated this program to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of our researchers in their subject areas and to promote research culture in the country.

Awards have been announced for the following categories:

- Best Research Paper *
- Best Young Research Scholar
- Best Innovator
- Best Book
  * Cash Award for Best Research Paper will be equally distributed among all Pakistani authors of the paper

Above mentioned awards in all categories will be given in the following 9 disciplines:

1) Natural Sciences
2) Biological Sciences
3) Agricultural Sciences
4) Health Sciences
5) Pure Engineering
6) Computer Science/Engineering
7) Social Sciences
8) Management Sciences
9) Arts/Humanities

Eligibility Criteria for applicants is given below:

- Applicant must be resident citizen of Pakistan.
- For “Best Research Paper Award” applicant should be the principal author (first and/or corresponding author).
- In case of foreign collaborative research, affiliation of the applicant on the paper must be with Pakistan.
- For “Best Book Award” applicant must be first or sole author of a Book published by a reputed publisher.
- For Best Book and Best Research Paper Award, the material must have been published in 2015/2016.
- For “Best Young Research Scholar Award” the maximum age is 40 years on the date of submission deadline. Those who have received this award in the last 5 years are not eligible to apply.
- An applicant can’t submit more than one application under the same category.
- An undertaking on stamp paper of Rs.100 duly endorsed by the Head of Institution, ensuring that none of the publications on applicant’s credit is plagiarised as per HEC plagiarism policy, must be attached with application form.

The applicants are advised to download the application form from HEC website: www.hec.gov.pk/site/gra. The deadline for submission of applications is January 25, 2017.

You are requested to please disseminate the above information and encourage your faculty members to apply for the awards.

With Best Regards,

Registrar,
HEC Recognized Universities/HEIs of Pakistan

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Noshaba Awais
Director (R&D)
Call for Research Proposals under PERIDOT Research Program 2017

You will be pleased to know that HEC along with many other initiatives taken for promotion of research, has launched Pakistan – French partnership program named “PERIDOT Research Program”

PERIDOT is the Franco-Pakistani Hubert Curien Partnership (PHC) Program providing opportunities to Pakistani and French researchers to interact for joint research activities. The program is implemented in Pakistan by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and in France, jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MAEDI) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR).

The objective of this program is to develop new scientific and technological cooperation between French and Pakistani higher education institutions/research laboratories by supporting the mobility of young researchers, specially doctoral or post-doctoral students from both sides.

Projects are invited under the following priority areas for 2017

1. HEALTH
2. ENERGY
3. CLIMATE CHANGE
4. ARCHEOLOGY/HERITAGE
5. WATER

The funding for the core research project will be borne by the concerned Pakistani and the French Universities/Labs/Institutes. HEC and the French counterpart will provide funding for travel and living expenses to the researchers involved in the projects.

Partners will have to submit the project simultaneously in Pakistan and France. The project life will be for three years.

The deadline for submission of applications is February 03, 2017. Application form and further details of the program are available at www.hec.gov.pk/site/peridot.

Your good office may disseminate the above information to the quarter concerned and encourage your faculty members to avail this opportunity.

With Best Regards,

Noshaba Awaiz
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