INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS FOR AU STUDENTS & FACULTY MEMBERS

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Erasmus
Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Introduction:
Capacity building in higher education (CBHE) is a research grant by Erasmus. It supports international cooperation projects based on partnerships between organizations active in the field of higher education. It supports programs for socio-economic recovery, growth and prosperity and reacting to recent trends, in particular economic Globalization. The action is expected to contribute to the overarching priorities of the European Commission: the Green Deal (including climate change, environment and energy), digital transformation and data technologies, Alliances for Sustainable growth and jobs, migration partnerships, and governance, peace and security and to the external dimension of EU internal policies in the field of education.

What is Erasmus?
Erasmus is a European Union (EU’s) program to support education, training, youth and sports. It includes funding of programs, projects and scholarships, high quality, inclusive education and training, as well as informal and non-formal learning, ultimately equip young people and participants of all ages with the qualifications and skills needed for their meaningful participation in democratic society. Its structure includes four key actions
- Key action 1: Learning mobility of students
- Key action 2: Cooperation among organizations and institutions
- Key action 3: Support to policy development and cooperation
- Jean Monnet Actions

CBHE comes under the umbrella of Key Action 2

Objectives:
Following are the core objectives of CBHE
- Improve the quality of Higher Education and enhance its relevance for the labor market and society
- Improve the level of competences, skills and employability potential of students in HEIs by developing new and innovative education programs
- Promote inclusive education, equality, equity, non-discrimination
- Enhance the teaching, assessment mechanisms for HEI staff and students, quality assurance, management, governance, inclusion, innovation, knowledge base, digital and entrepreneurial capacities
- Foster cooperation across different regions of the world through joint initiatives

Project strands:
In order to respond to the various challenges in the third countries not associated to the program, the CBHE action is Composed of three specific Strands

**Strand 1 - Fostering access to cooperation in higher education**
This Strand is designed to attract less experienced HEIs and small-scale actors to the CBHE action to facilitate access to New comer organizations. This Strand will finance small-scale projects to reduce the internationalization Gap among HEIs from eligible third countries not associated to the program, from the same country or Region
**Duration:** 24-36 months
**Funding:** 200.000 – 400.000 Euros

**Strand 2 – Partnerships for transformation in Higher Education**
This Strand will address the different state of advancement and challenges of HEIs located in eligible Third countries not associated to the program. They shall introduce new approaches and initiatives in higher education, based on peer learning and transfer of experience and good practice affecting not only the institutions but also the society at large.
**Duration:** 24-36 months
**Funding:** 400.000-800.000 Euros

**Strand 3 – Structural Reform Projects**
Projects under this Strand shall support efforts in third countries not associated to the E+ program to develop Coherent and sustainable systems of higher education to meet their socio-economic needs and broad ambition to Create a knowledge-driven economy. It ensures to increase the employability of graduates, widen the access to Higher Education to people with fewer opportunities and to strengthen the links between, education, research and innovation.
**Duration:** 36-48 months
**Funding:** 600.000- 1000.000 Euros

**Who Can Apply?**
Any public or private organization defined as higher education institution and recognized by the competent authorities of the country where it is located.
Any public or private organization, with its affiliated entities (if any), active in the labor Market or in the fields of education, training and youth located in EU Member States or Third countries

**How to Apply?**
- Applications must be submitted through the European Commission’s Funding and Tender Opportunity Portal (FTOP) using the portal submission system [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/)
- Then applicants will have this type of Call ID : (ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CBHE)
• Then applicants must select their topic ID that could be
  ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CHBE-STRAND -1
  ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CHBE-STRAND -2
  ERASMUS-EDU-2024-CHBE-STRAND -3

• You have to see your proposal falls under which strand then you have to select that topic id

• For further guidelines about the application process you may go through this document by visiting the following link

Deadline:
8th February 2024 17:00
Similar deadline every year

Useful Links:
http://www.ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/
Pak-France PERIDOT Research Program
Introduction:
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 HEC and in France, jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Development (MAEDI) and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESRI).

What is Hubert CURIEN Partnership? (PHC)
It is a partnership consists of a research project jointly developed by two research teams, one French and other that once get approved. It is co-funded by two partner institutions.
The aim of PHCs is to develop scientific exchanges and exchanges of technologies of excellence between research centers that belong to two scientific communities, thereby giving priority to new instances of cooperation. All public and private research centers with links to higher education institutions, research organizations, or private companies are eligible for PHC partnership funding.

Objectives:
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 researchers from both sides.

Areas of Research:
Following three are the research areas of this program
- Sustainable Energy, Environment and Climate change
- Agriculture, Food Security and Health
- Humanities & social sciences

Funding:
- Funding is granted on an annual basis, for 2 or 3 (consecutive) years
- The funding only covers the mobility of researchers between the two countries
- The funding (for mobility) will be shared equally by the HEC and French counterpart.
  
  THE HEC Pakistan will cover
- Travel expenses of Pakistani Researchers to foreign: round trip including inland travel: @Rs.280,000 plus
- Living allowance in France for Pakistani Researchers
  € 125 per Diem for short stay <= 10 days
  € 65 per Diem for long stay > 10 days up to 1.5 months

Eligibility criteria:
- Applicant must be a regular faculty member (PhD or FCPS/MCPS/FRCS) of the Higher Education Institutions (public and private) or hold a contract equivalent to the length of project duration.
- They must be the nationals of Pakistan or France to receive this grant

**How to Apply?**
Applications can be submitted via online portal [https://research.hec.gov.pk/#/auth/login](https://research.hec.gov.pk/#/auth/login)

**Opening and deadline of Applications**
Program application opening is 7th October

**Deadline:**
18th November
Same date every year
**ERC Grant:**

**Introduction:**
The European Research Council is a Research Grant that supports experimental research, cross disciplinary proposals and advanced ideas in new and emerging fields which introduce unfamiliar and innovative approaches. The ERC’s mission is to encourage the highest quality research in Europe through competitive funding and to support investigator-driven experimental research across all fields of research, on the basis of scientific excellence.

**What are the main ERCs principles?**
- 1 researcher, 1 host institution, 1 project, 1 selection criterion and scientific excellence
- Applications can be made in any field of research, including social sciences and humanities
- Independent researchers from anywhere in the world, of any age and career stage can apply
- Host institutions must provide conditions for the researcher to direct the research and manage its funding
- Research must be carried out in one of the EU member states or associated country

**Types of grants that ERC funds:**
- ERC Starting Grant for young, early-career top researchers (2-7 years after PhD) – up to 1.5 million euro for 5 years
- ERC Consolidator Grant for already independent excellent researchers 7-12 years after PhD) -up to 2 million euro for 5 years
- ERC Advanced Grant for senior research leaders with significant research achievements in the last 10 years – up to 2.5 million euro for 5 years
- ERC Proof of Concept Grants for ERC grant holders who want to check the market and/or innovation potential of research results from ERC-projects – lump sum of 150,000 euro for 18 months
- ERC Synergy Grants to address ambitious research questions that can only be answered by the coordinated work of a small group of 2-4 principal investigators – up to 10 million euro for 6 years
**Areas of research:**
ERC funding is awarded to individual researchers to develop research projects in any discipline
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Humanities

**Eligibility criteria:**
To be eligible for this grant, you must:
- Present a project which is conducted in a public or private research organization. This could be where the applicant already works, or any other host organization located in one of the EU Member States or Associated Countries
- Researchers from anywhere in the world can apply for ERC grants provided the research they undertake will be carried out in an EU Member State or Associated Country.
As Pakistan comes under the umbrella of associated countries so Pakistani nationals are eligible for this grant

Please see the [European Research Council](#) website for further details

**Grant value:**
The total value of this research grant is approximately up-to $4,000,000
How to Apply?
Before you apply:
1. Find out which ERC grant and which call is suitable for you
2. Identify the host institution and team members you would like to work with (see the online research partner search services)
3. For enquiries contact the Research Enquiry Service and Participant Validation.

Please visit the following link for further information regarding the application process https://erc.europa.eu/funding/starting-grants

Deadline:
12th December
Same date every year
Cultivating the Humanities and Social Sciences
Research Grants (CHSS)
CHSS Grant:

Introduction:
Cultivating the humanities and social sciences is a research grant that comes under the Association for Asian Studies (AAS). This grant aims at enhancing the research capabilities of scholars and local institutions, especially in post-conflict and conflict areas. The CHSS program encourages both individual and group projects (such as those bringing senior and junior scholars together) that will explore the subjects of Democracy, Human Rights, Gender studies and Environment.

What is AAS?
The Association for Asian Studies is a scholarly, non-political and non-profit professional association focusing on Asia and the study of Asia. It is based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States. The grant to AAS is part of Sweden’s regional development cooperation in low income countries and regions of Asia to support local research and research capacities of relevance for poverty reduction and sustainable and inclusive societies.

Eligibility:
- South and Southeast Asian nationals holding a Ph.D. or Master’s degree or equivalent who are or will be engaged in the academic profession in South and Southeast Asia.
- Scholars, students, independent researchers, and public intellectuals, who are based in low- and lower medium-income countries such as Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam as well as from less economically advantaged countries and areas of South Asia (such as Bangladesh, Pakistan and India).
- Those who may be living in post-conflict areas or areas where conflicts are still ongoing.

Grant Duration/Value:
- The grants are available for research projects from two to 12 months that advance the fields of the humanities and social sciences
- CHSS grants range from 2,000 USD to 12,000 USD.

How to Apply?
All applications must be submitted through https://www.asianstudies.org/grants-awards/cultivating-the-humanities-social-sciences-initiative/
Your application should include
- A cover letter outlining: 1) how the research grant will be used 2) how it will contribute to the applicant’s professional development and academic career 3) how this will contribute to the field of South or Southeast Asian studies in general.
- A proposal of 800-1,000 words on the research project
- A budget, detailing anticipated project expenses
• A sample of the applicant’s work. (No minimum length, but ideally 2,000 – 2,500 words)
• Two recommendation letters by referees, who are familiar with the applicant’s field of research. Preference will be given to applicants who have never received a research grant in the past and/or who are based in an under-resourced institution. Please contact the Grants Manager at grants@asianstudies.org if any difficulties arise on this step.

Deadline:
30th September every year

For further queries please visit the following link
DAAD
(Short Term Research Grant)
Introduction:
DAAD is a research grant program that offers you the opportunity to complete your doctoral degree in Germany. This program provides funding for a research project of continuing scientific education at a state of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany.

Objectives:
The primary aim of this grant is to promote research projects within the context of doctoral program. The scholarships are funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Areas of research:
- Language and cultural studies
- Law, Economics and Social Sciences
- Mathematics/Natural Sciences
- Medicine
- Nutritional Science
- Engineering
- Art, Music, Sport

Who can Apply?
You can apply if you have the mentioned qualifications
- You are doing your doctorate
- You completed your Master's degree in exceptional cases a Bachelor's degree, at the latest by the time the funding period begins
- You have already completed a PhD (postdoc)

How to Apply?
- Register in the DAAD portal (Read notes about registering in the portal)
- Request recommendation form
- Applying online in the DAAD portal
- Sending application documents by post

Duration of grant:
• Funding is provided for one month to a maximum of six months.
• Please indicate in your application how long you wish to receive funding.
• The funding period will then be determined during the selection process by a selection committee. The committee takes into account your work plan.

The grant is non-renewable.

Grant value:
Depending on academic level, monthly payments of euros 1,300 for doctoral candidates and postdocs.
Euros 934

Deadline:
March every year

Do visit the following link for further information: https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?detail=57140602
Introduction:
Innovative & Collaborative Research Grant (ICRG) supports research partnerships between Pakistani and UK universities, research bodies and existing centers of excellence that focus on any of the emerging disciplines/priority areas.

Objectives:
To support collaborative research between Pakistan and UK for cutting-edge research and innovation in emerging disciplines of knowledge

Areas of research:
- Medical and allied health sciences
- Energy (generation, distribution and conservation)
- Climate Change
- Artificial Intelligence
- Robotics
- Nanosciences
- Big Data – Cloud Computing
- Social Sciences

Eligibility criteria:
- The principal investigator (PI) should be at a professional level of independence (i.e., a faculty-level academic appointment). The collaborators must be located in at least 2 different countries
- Principal Investigator (PI) must be a faculty member of Higher Education Institutions (public and private) in Pakistan collaborating with U.K partner institution and non-academic partner.

How to apply?
Joint proposals by Pakistani and UK partners can be submitted in response to a call for proposals. Submission must be made to the HEC and British Council through online portal http://eportal.hec.gov.pk/

Grant value:
Up to Rs. 50 million

Maximum project duration:
3 Years

**Deadline:**
19th December every year
Research Grants on Education: Large

Introduction:
The Large Research Grants on Education Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education. This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location.

Objectives:
- The goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.
- It seeks to support scholarship that develops new foundational knowledge that may have a lasting impact on educational discourse.

Areas of research:
- Education (social sciences)
- Anthropology
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Pociology
- Law
- Economics
- History
- Neuroscience

Eligibility:
- Proposals to the Research Grants on Education program must be for academic research projects that aim to study education. Proposals for activities other than research are not eligible.
- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Large Research Grant on Education must have an earne doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field, or appropriate experience in an education research-related profession. While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal.
- The PI must be affiliated with a non-profit organization or public/governmental institution that is willing to serve as the administering organization if the grant is awarded.
How to apply?
1. The application process begins with an Apply form online
2. Once submitted, you will have access to the Full Proposal application in the online portal.
3. Apply forms will be due by 12:00pm Central Time on the deadline date.

Grant value:
$125,000 to 250,000
$250,001 to $375,000
$375,001 to $500,000

Deadline:
18th March

For further guidelines please visit the following link
Largegrants@spencer.org
Introduction:
The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is a Canadian federal Crown corporation. As part of Canada’s foreign affairs and development efforts, IDRC champions and funds research and innovation within and alongside developing regions to drive global change. IDRC invests in high-quality research in developing countries, shares knowledge with researchers and policymakers for greater uptake and use, and mobilizes global alliances to build a more sustainable and inclusive world.

Objectives:
- The main objective is about investing high-quality research and innovation
- Sharing knowledge
- Mobilizing alliances for more sustainable, prosperous and inclusive societies

Research areas:
- Climate-Resilient Food Systems
- Democratic and Inclusive Governance
- Education and Science
- Global Health
- Sustainable Inclusive Economies

Eligibility criteria:
Applicant must be from developing countries

Grant value:
CA$20,000 each

How to apply?

Deadline:
13th May 2024
Same date every year
CPEC- COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANT
Introduction:
The CPEC-Collaborative Research Grant (CPEC-CRG) is recently launched HEC initiative namely "Academic Collaboration under CPEC Consortium of Universities. The CPEC-CRG is anticipated to support promising research partnerships between Pakistan and China, aiming at finding solutions to CPEC-related problems through joint research by the universities of Pakistan and China.

Objectives:
The overall objective of the said project is to understand and respond to the historic global geo-strategic and geo-economic transition and its impact on the region in general and Pakistan in particular, keeping in the view the broad Chinese Belt and Road Initiative and its Pakistan-specific component – CPEC

Research Areas:
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Health and Wellbeing
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Poverty Alleviation
- Science & Technology for Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Cultural Harmony between Pakistan and China
- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Infrastructure

Eligibility:
Principal Investigator (PI) must:

Be a faculty member (PhD or FCPS/MCPS/FRCS) working on regular/contract basis (contract duration equivalent to project duration) in the Higher Education Institutions (public or private) of Pakistan that are members of CPEC Consortium of Universities, as per list provided on HEC Website (https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/cpec-crg/Documents/CPEC-Consortium-Members-Universities.pdf)

Project Team:
Must include at least one academic partner as Co-PI from Chinese HEIs that are listed as Members of CPEC Consortium of Universities.

May include at least one academic partner as Co-PI from Pakistani HEIs that are not included in the list of Members of CPEC Consortium of Universities.

May include consortia of faculty members from multiple university departments and/or multiple universities.

May include: private sector participants, particularly when they bring prior IP or capability to the consortium and/or significant deployment, implementation, or scale up capability.

International collaborators from countries other than China are also encouraged particularly when they bring a unique added value to the project team.

The detailed eligibility criteria of Institutions are available in the link: https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/TTSF/Documents/Notification%20Eligibility%20for%20HEC%20Competitive%20Research%20Grants.pdf

**Funding Details:**

- Budgets for CPEC-CRG awards will range up to Rs. 50 Million, with a maximum project duration of 3 years.
- In exceptional cases, budgets may go up to Rs. 100 Million.
- Principal Investigators are encouraged to seek co- and complementary financing from the project collaborators from China.
- The PI may cover cost of Chinese research partners and other international collaborator(s) under the Short Term Consultant budget head. All the budget requests should be consistent with HEC financial rules for Competitive Research Grants available in the link: https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/TTSF/Documents/Eligibility%20for%20HEC%20Competitive%20Research%20Grants.pdf

**How to apply?**

Applications can be submitted through HEC-R&D online portal https://research.hec.gov.pk/#/auth/login

Submissions through any other medium (email, hard copies etc) will not be considered.

**Deadline:**

The deadline for submission of application is 31st March (11:59 PM PST) every year.
The Sumitomo Foundation | Grants for Japan-related research for Asian researchers
Sumitomo Foundation Research Grant

Introduction:
The program aims at enhancing mutual understanding between Asian countries and Japan through promoting research projects in the field of the social sciences or humanities that are related to Japan.

Basic Purpose:
By supporting research related to Japan (Japanese studies, comparative research that includes Japan, international relations research, exchange history research, etc.) by researchers from each country, mainly targeting East Asian and Southeast Asian countries, they will support each of these countries.

Areas of research:
Any research project to be carried out by individual or a group in the field of the social sciences or humanities.

Eligibility:
Researcher shall be of Southeast or East Asian (Non-Japanese) nationality, living outside Japan. Awarded researcher must conduct the proposed research by himself or herself.

Grant Amount:
- Budget Total: ¥50 million
- Grant Amount for Each Project: Maximum ¥2.0 million
- Number of Projects: Approximately 70
- Grant Period: One year (April 2024 through March 2025), but can be extended to total two-year maximum if required with specific reason after starting research subject to the approval of The Sumitomo Foundation

How to Apply?
Applicants must apply by following link https://grant.sumitomo.or.jp/gaicul/login/en/

Deadline:
13th October every year