



# MONTHLY CONNECT

# APRIL 2026

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# Highlight of the Month



## Career Connect 2026

Career Services Office organized its flagship Career Connect 2026 connecting students with employers to explore career pathways, and provide them with internships and job opportunities. 90+ companies from different sectors engaged with students, addressed their queries, connected them with recruiters and provided information on roles and requirements. Burhan Ahmad, Partner PwC Pakistan; Usman Akber, Founder & CEO PureLogics; Rooman Burana, Additional Secretary Home Department; and Mehwish Khan, General Manager Integrated Marketing, Beaconhouse Group graced the event as chief guests.







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## Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards 2026

University of Central Punjab's Faculty & Staff Excellence Awards 2026 recognized dedication, achievement, and innovation across the institution. The event honored employees with over 20 years of service, alongside recipients of the Best Teacher and Best Researcher & Innovator awards.



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## Forensic Pharmacy in Pakistan: Legal Responsibilities, Ethical Challenges, and Public Safety

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences' panel talk featuring Dr. Muhammad Sohail, Dr. Qalandar Khan, Dr. Munawar Hayaat, and Dr. Rana Abdul Mateen moderated by Rabia Saleem focused on the role of pharmacists under the Drugs Act 1976, DRAP Act 2012, and related rules, covered frameworks, compliance and practice. Students, faculty and professionals from industry and regulatory sectors were in attendance.

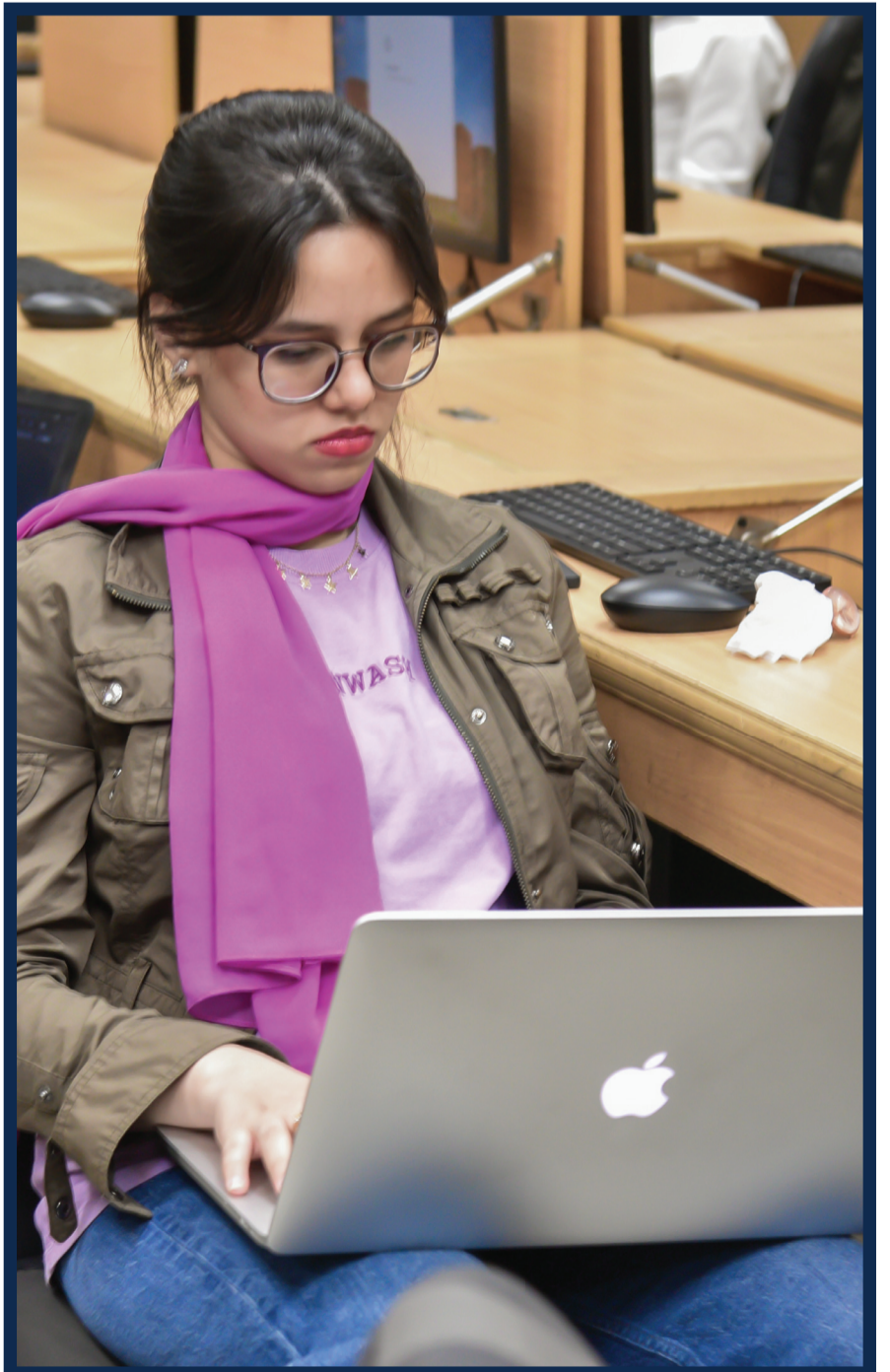
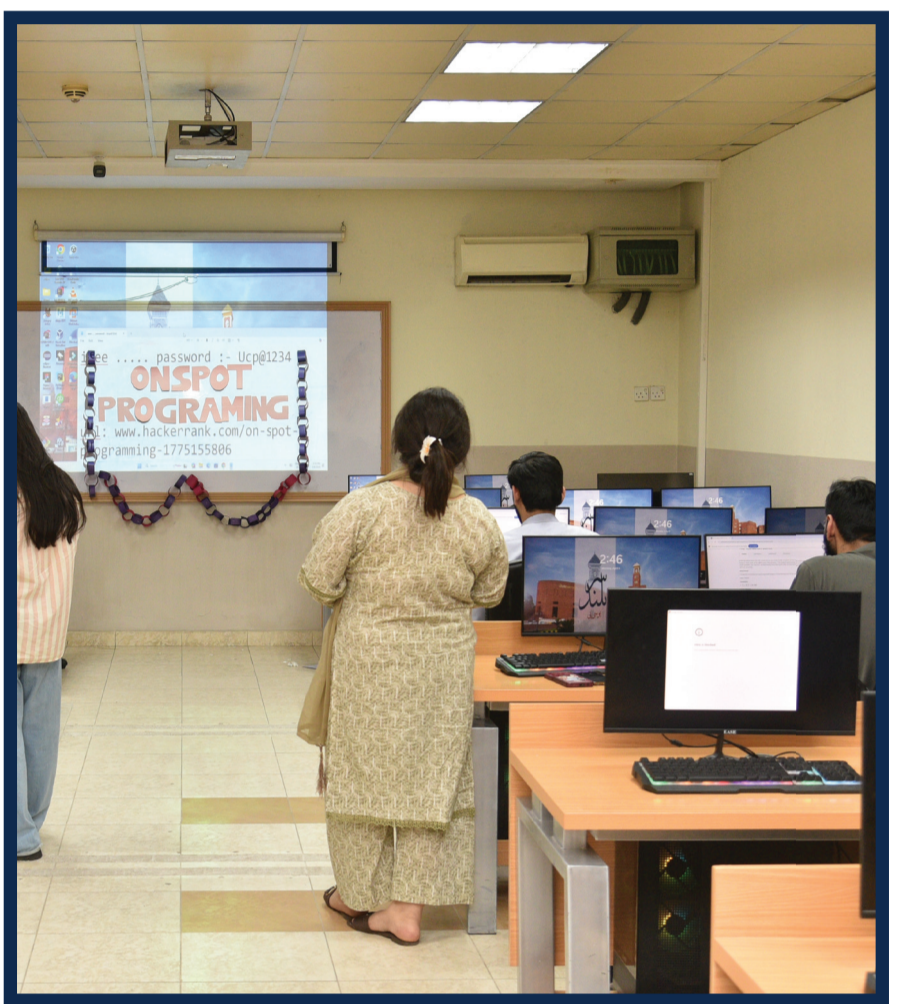
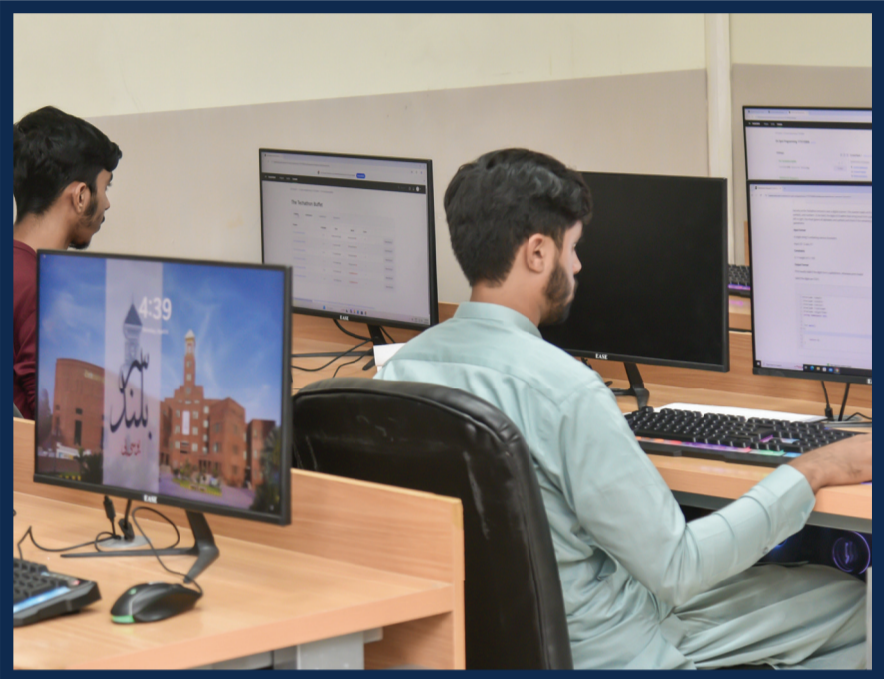


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## Tecathon 2.0

IEEE UCP Student Branch's 3-day Tecathon 2.0 centered on technical problem-solving and innovation. It covered software through On-the-Spot Programming, Vibe Coding, and Web Coding, as well as hardware with Speed Wiring, Robotics Without Boundary, and RC Cars. The event also featured AI Innovation Arena, AI Beyond Limits, and Techpreneur, where participants showcased AI-based projects, demonstrated prototypes, and presented business models. The competitions tested technical skills, problem-solving, and teamwork across multiple challenges, and the event concluded with a closing ceremony where shields were awarded to winners and runners-up.



## Workshops & Seminars

### Great Power Rivalries

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences' "Great Power Rivalries," featuring Dr. Bilveer Singh, National University of Singapore expanded on global power competition and contemporary geopolitical dynamics, drawing their relevance to political studies. The session opened the floor for academic discussion among students and faculty, and concluded with a question-and-answer round.



### The Role of Artists & the Presence of Socio-Political Content

Faculty of Languages and Literature's The Role of Artists & the Presence of Socio-Political Content featured Dr. Maria Eleonora Hebisz, University of Lodz, Poland. Her research on the role of the artist and the presence of socio-political content drew its relevance to language and literature studies. The seminar provided a platform for scholarly engagement and cross-cultural exchange among students and faculty, concluding with a Q&A session.



### How AI Can Revolutionize Your Creative Process

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication's "How AI Can Revolutionize Your Creative Process," as part of its Alumni Mentorship Program, was conducted for MS (Advertising & PR) students. Ms. Hina Fatima, Co-Founder of Klick Digital Marketing and FMMC alumna shared industry insights on how AI is transforming the advertising landscape.



### Awaami Bethak Session 9

ICC-UCP's Awaami Bethak Session 9 "Iran-US-Israel Conflict After the Ceasefire: Pause or Path to Peace?," centering on global power dynamics, regional tensions, and geopolitical realities. The session opened the floor for dialogue among participants on the implications of the ceasefire and the road ahead.



### From Research to Revenue: Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Engineers

Faculty of Engineering's "From Research to Revenue: Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Engineers" featured Dr. Yaqoob Javed, an alumnus of EE-UCP. He discussed how engineering and robotics students can convert academic research into market-ready innovations and startup ventures.



### Critical Thinking & Creativity

Literary Society's "Critical Thinking & Creativity" was conducted by Mr. Muhammad Hamid Hassan, featuring discussions and activities with participation from attendees.



## Transforming Ideas into Research Papers with AI

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication's "Transforming Ideas into Research Papers with AI" was conducted by Dr. Farahat Ali, Assistant Professor at Beaconhouse National University. The session covered the use of AI tools for academic writing, research paper structuring, idea generation, and improvement of scholarly work.



## Social Media Marketing & Performance Advertising

UCP-CPE's Open House "Social Media Marketing and Performance Advertising Program" featured Provost Muhammad Yaqoob and the CPE team. They briefed attendees on practical training in managing and optimizing digital campaigns, including Meta advertising, TikTok ads strategy, brand positioning and growth, and digital analytics for performance optimization.



## University Events

### 60 Seconds: Pitch and Connect

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Club's "60 Seconds: Pitch and Connect", where students across departments shared ideas through 60-second pitches. The session included a networking activity where students wore headbands displaying their name, ask, and give to facilitate conversations. The networking round involved rapid interactions, with each exchange documented through a selfie.



### The Power Within: Values, Behavior & Personal Identity

Rotaract Club's Project Elevate's "The Power Within: Values, Behavior & Personal Identity," was facilitated by Mr. Syed Ahsan Raza Kazmi. The session centered on self-awareness, personal values, and their role in shaping behavior, growth, and decision-making, engaging participants through discussions and activities on personal development.



## شخصیت اور پیغام

Department of Student Affairs organized شخصیت اور پیغام, featuring Zulfiqar Ahmed Cheema, Former IG Police and Chairman Allama Iqbal Council, Islamabad. He presented the philosophy of Allama Iqbal and its relevance in shaping individual character, moral responsibility, and collective progress. The session encouraged students to reflect on personal growth, societal responsibilities, and their role in national development through knowledge, integrity, and leadership.



## Ramadan Dastarkhwan Closing Ceremony

Ramadan Dastarkhwan Closing Ceremony by RIZQ UCP Chapter recognized volunteers through the distribution of shields and certificates. Ms. Aqsa Sarfaraz, Deputy Director SSC/DSA, attended the ceremony and interacted with participants.



## Survey Camp Certificate Distribution

Department of Civil Engineering's Certificate Distribution Ceremony for the Fall 2023 batch recognized the completion of Survey Camp 2025. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rizwan Shad, Dr. Muhammad Babur and senior faculty members attended the ceremony. Mr. Khalid Bashir, General Manager Coordination at SMEC, also participated, distributed certificates among students, and addressed them on industrial challenges and professional requirements.



## The News Cycle: Ethics & Journalism

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication, in collaboration with CSO, organized "The News Cycle: Ethics & Journalism". Baker Atyani and Palwasha K. Marwat addressed journalistic ethics, responsible reporting, and storytelling, with participation from students and faculty. The guests also toured UCP TV Production House and FM Radio 92.6.



## Music Hour

UCP Music Society's Music Hour brought together acoustic and live music performances by participants from across campus.



## TAAKRA 2026 Closing Ceremony

Closing Ceremony of TAAKRA 2026, hosted by the Department of Student Affairs, recognized the contributions of organizers, event heads, and core team members through the distribution of shields and certificates. Provost Muhammad Yaqoob attended the ceremony.



## Harassment Committee Training 2026

Dr. Hadia Awan and Dr. Mazhar Iqbal conducted a training session for the Harassment Committee, centered on the Harassment Free Workplace Framework. The session covered institutional protocols, complaint handling procedures, and measures to ensure a secure working environment.



## Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Age of AI: Insights from an Islamic Perspective

Faculty of Management Sciences' "Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Age of AI: Insights from an Islamic Perspective," featuring Ahmed Asad covered experiences and perspectives on aligning innovation with purpose and ethics in an AI-driven landscape.



## AI Content Creation in Marketing & Advertising: From Ideas to Impact

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication's alumnus Mr. Mustafa Imran, Video Editing Instructor at NAVTTC and Technical Coordinator at BNU, for a talk with BS students titled "AI Content Creation in Marketing & Advertising: From Ideas to Impact." The session covered AI tools, workflows, and digital storytelling.



## Personal Crisis Management in an Overwhelming World

Islamic Guidance Club's "Personal Crisis Management in an Overwhelming World" featured Dr. Ali Waqar. He guided students on embracing patience, strengthening faith, and refocusing on priorities.



## Robotics Design & Creativity

Department of Electrical Engineering's "Robotics Design and Creativity" for the Fall 2024 batch, led by Dr. Sadaf Zeeshan. Students presented robotic projects based on course concepts, demonstrating the application of coursework through project-based learning. Faculty members reviewed the projects and interacted with students. Certificates were awarded to the top three projects.



## Esaar E Ramadan Closing Ceremony

Esaar-e-Ramadan 2026 closing ceremony, hosted by UCP Welfare Society, marked the end of Ramadan activities centered on service and community support. Certificates and shields were distributed among volunteers in recognition of their efforts.



## YLP Intra (Youth Leadership Parliament) 1st Edition

ICC-UCP's 1st Edition of YLP Intra brought together students in a one-day simulation of the Pakistan National Assembly. Participants stepped into the roles of policymakers, engaging in debates and voicing perspectives on national issues, contributing to dialogue on matters of public concern.



## Muhammad Shahid's PhD Open Defense

Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organised PhD Open Defense of Mr. Muhammad Shahid, who defended his dissertation titled "Urdu News Document Classification: Corpus and Methods," supervised by Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal. The defense panel comprised Dr. Muhammad Aasim Qureshi from NUCES and Dr. Jawad Shafi from COMSATS Lahore Campus as External Examiners, and Dr. Abbas Khalid as Internal Examiner. The session concluded with a Q&A.



## Department of Advanced Studies and Research

### 31st Meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research

University of Central Punjab's 31st Meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research was chaired by Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed, with attendance from internal and external members, including external expert Dr. Syeda Shahida Batool from Government College University. The meeting addressed key academic matters, including approval of MS/M.Phil. and PhD degrees and confirmation of admissions. Dr. Hammad Naveed acknowledged the efforts of the Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research in supporting academic processes and maintaining quality in research programs.



## Faculty Achievements

### Faculty of Science and Technology's Participation in ISO Lead Auditor Training Course

Department of Food and Nutritional Science participated in the ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor Training Course conducted by the Punjab Food Authority. Certificates were distributed by DG PFA Mr. Muhammad Asim Javed. Head of Department Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan attended the certificate distribution ceremony, where she was also presented with a shield by Director Operations Mr. Muir Chopra.



## Sabiya Azam's PhD Synopsis Open Defense

Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research organised PhD Synopsis Open Defense of Ms. Sabiya Azam (Biotechnology), under the supervision of Dr. Hira Mubeen. The scholar confidently presented and defended her research proposal before the committee.



## Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt Represented UCP at Turkish University Fair

Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt attended the Turkish University Fair on the invitation of H.E. Eymen Şimşek, Consul General of Türkiye, and took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside the Minister of Education, the Consul General, and Vice Chancellors of participating universities. Meetings with university rectors and international office representatives resulted in the signing of MoUs with Fırat University and Adıyaman University, covering academic collaboration, joint research, and faculty and student exchange programs. Draft MoUs were also exchanged with Anadolu University and Fenerbahçe University, with finalization expected following approval, further expanding UCP's international linkages.



## Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh's Participation in LCCI Standing Committee Meeting

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC and Research, participated in a Standing Committee meeting on Industry-Academia Linkage organized by the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, chaired by LCCI President Mr. Faheem Ur Rehman Saigo and convened by Mr. Umer Saleem. Participants discussed strategies for strengthening collaboration between industry and academia, including practical opportunities for students, joint research initiatives, and alignment of academic programs with industry needs. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh underscored the importance of sustained engagement between universities and industry to promote applied research and equip graduates with relevant professional skills.



## UCP Awards IRGP Research Grant for Preventive Healthcare Innovation

University of Central Punjab awarded a PKR 1.142 million research grant under the second call of its Internal Research Grant Program (IRGP), facilitated through the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), to support Dr. Huma Hameed and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh's project titled "Development and Commercial Translation of High Demand Nutraceutical Products for Preventive Healthcare in Pakistan" focusing on developing market-ready health products to strengthen preventive healthcare, innovation and commercialization for national impact.

**Internal Research Grant Program (IRGP)**

**Project Title**  
**Development & Commercial Translation of High Demand Nutraceutical Products for Preventive Healthcare in Pakistan**

**Amount**  
**PKR 11,42,000/-**

**Principal Investigator**  
**Dr. Huma Hameed**  
 Associate Professor  
 Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Co-Principal Investigator**  
**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh**  
 Professor  
 Head of Department  
 Basic & Applied Chemistry-FOST

## Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan's Participation as the Chief Guest & Chair at Pak Pharma & Healthcare Expo

Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan served as Chief Guest and chaired a scientific session at the Pak Pharma & Healthcare Expo 2026, hosted by the University of Lahore. A delegation from UCP's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, comprising Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Majeed, Dr. M. Shafeeq Ur Rahman, Dr. Nadeem Alvi, Dr. Hafiz M. Shoiab, and Dr. Muhammad Zaman, attended the event. Dr. Muhammad Zaman delivered a keynote speech on trends and developments in pharmaceutical sciences.



## UCP Awards IRGP Research Grant for Smart Campus Innovation

Jalil Asghar Mirza, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering, and Yasir Amir Awan, Director of Innovation at Takhleeq, awarded a research grant of PKR 6,00,000 by the University of Central Punjab under the second call of the Internal Research Grant Program (IRGP). facilitated through the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization, to support their project titled "Classroom Power Management System (CPMS)," which aims to develop an automated solution for optimizing energy use and enhancing campus operations.



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Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization

### Internal Research Grant Program (IRGP)

Project Title

## Classroom Power Management System (CPMS)

Amount

# PKR 6,00,000/-



Principal Investigator  
**Jalil Asghar Mirza**  
Assistant Professor  
Faculty of Engineering



Co-Principal Investigator  
**Yasir Amir Awan**  
Director Innovation  
Takhleeq

## UCP Awards IRGP Research Grant for AI-Driven Agricultural Innovation

Dr. Muhammad Umair, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, and Dr. Muhammad Kamran Saleem, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering, awarded a research grant of PKR 6,75,000 by the University of Central Punjab under the second call of the Internal Research Grant Program (IRGP), facilitated through the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), to support their project titled "A Deep Learning-Based Satellite Remote Sensing Framework for Intelligent Crop Health Monitoring and Stress Detection," which aims to develop an AI framework for monitoring crop health and detecting environmental stress using satellite data, with the goal of enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability.



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Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization

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Principal Investigator  
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Associate Professor  
Department of Computer Science (FOIT&CS)



Co-Principal Investigator  
**Dr. Muhammad Kamran Saleem**  
Associate Professor  
Electrical Engineering (FOE)

## Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh's Participation in LCCI and HEC Leadership Meeting

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh participated in a meeting at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry with LCCI President Mr. Faheem ur Rehman Saigol and HEC Chairman Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar. Discussions focused on strengthening academia-industry linkages, aligning academic curricula with market demands, and equipping youth with skills.



## 3-Day OIC-COMSTECH Certificate Course

Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dr. Faheem Ahmed Siddiqui, and Dr. Ayesha Asif completed the 3-day OIC-COMSTECH Certificate Course on NMR Spectroscopy. The training covered analytical techniques in support of research in chemical and biomedical sciences.



## How AI is Transforming Drug Design and Discovery

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed's session titled "How AI is Transforming Drug Design and Discovery" at Government Islamia Graduate College Civil Lines, Lahore. The discussion centered on the role of AI in drug design and discovery, with participation from students.



## Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt Represented UCP in Regional Workshop on Environmental Management for Geopolitical Stability, Sri Lanka

Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor represented University of Central Punjab at the Regional Workshop on Environmental Management for Geopolitical Stability, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The workshop was organized by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in collaboration with the Regional Center for Maritime Studies, bringing together regional experts on the topic.



## University Achievements

### Dr. Maria Eleonora Hebisz Presented Memento to Pro-Rector

Dr. Maria Eleonora Hebisz presented a memento to Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed during a meeting at the university, marking a step toward academic cooperation and international scholarly relations between the two institutions. The gesture reflects the commitment of both parties to collaborative research and knowledge-sharing partnerships.



## Faculty of Science & Technology's Students Participated in Pakistan Chemical Forum 2026

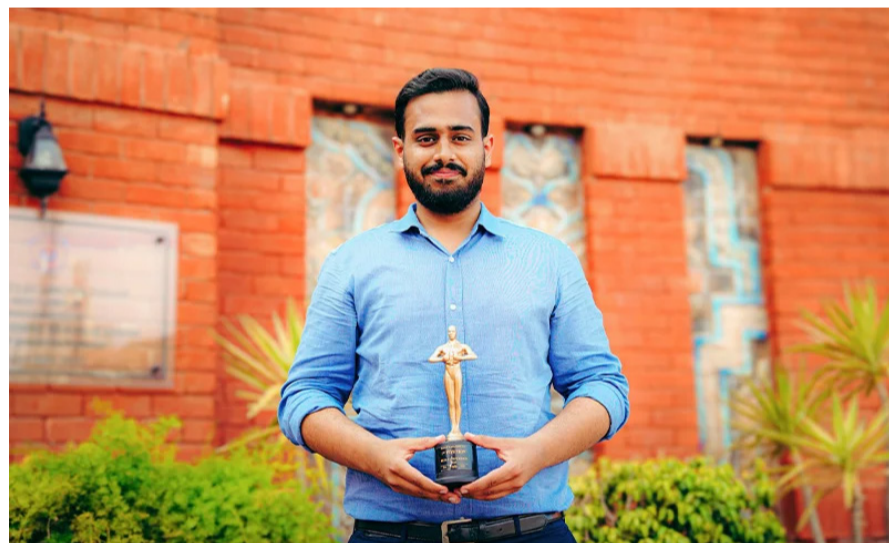
Faculty of Science and Technology participated in the Pakistan Chemical Forum Conferences and Seminars, where faculty, ORIC staff, and students from the Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry promoted academic programs, research culture, and facilities to students and professionals nationwide. The delegation comprised Dr. Muhammad Pervaiz, Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, and ORIC members Dr. Faiza Anum and Mr. Abdul Rahim. Dr. Muhammad Pervaiz was also invited as a speaker and presented his research titled "Development of a Novel Cooling and Cleaning Paint for Climate Change," for which he received a souvenir and certificate of appreciation from Bin Rasheed and B2B representatives.



## Students Achievements

### UCP Students Secured 1st Position in Reel Competition at Media Karwan 2.0

Haider Ali secured 1st position in the Reel Competition at Media Karwan 2.0, an inter-university event hosted by Kinnaird College.



### UCP's Students Secured Silver Position at Pakistan Chemical Forum 2026

Faculty of Science and Technology's students secured a silver position in the Poster Competition, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh.



## Career Services Office

### Career Services Office Open House 2026

Career Services Office conducted an Open House session for the upcoming Career Fair 2026, where students engaged with information on career opportunities, employer expectations, and preparation strategies. The session focused on building readiness for industry engagement.



### FMMC X JAF Perfumes Recruitment Drive

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication, in collaboration with Career Services Office, organized a recruitment drive with Lonewolf Studio and JAF Perfumes. Ms. Sadiqa Liaqat, HR Manager, conducted on-the-spot interviews for positions including Videographer, AI Video Editor, and Marketing Associate. Students from the 7th and 8th semesters participated, engaging directly with industry representatives and exploring employment opportunities.



## Sports Achievements

### University of Central Punjab won All Pakistan Inter-University Kabaddi Championship

University of Central Punjab secured first place in the All-Pakistan Inter-University Kabaddi Championship, held under the supervision of the Higher Education Commission.



## Learning Innovation Centre

### Academic Voice & Influence

Learning Innovation Center hosted Ms. Judith Ravin, a former U.S. diplomat with two decades of international experience, for a masterclass on "Academic Voice and Influence". Ms. Ravin introduced the concept of "Concentric Circles" in leadership, explaining how communication within the university extends to broader global impact. Discussions covered persuasive storytelling, critical thinking in a changing job market, and maintaining clarity and consistency in communication.



## Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization

### LCCI Visit to UCP

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization hosted a delegation from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry to explore industry-academia collaboration. Chaired by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed, the meeting brought together LCCI's Founding Convener Mr. Umer Saleem, Vice Chairman of Entrepreneur Council Pakistan Mr. Faisal Iqbal Sheikh, and Ms. Aimen, alongside Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh and Dean FST Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar. Discussions covered research commercialization, industrial partnerships, and long-term collaboration. The delegation toured UCP's innovation facilities and proposed a technology exhibition at LCCI, MoU renewal, and linkages with sector-specific committees. Support was also extended for the 3+1 model for BS Chemistry, placing students in industry for one year of practical experience.



## Interdisciplinary Research Meeting

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization's series of interdisciplinary research group meetings brought together faculty and researchers to promote collaboration and advance commercialization across biomedical sciences, AI-driven robotics, and sustainable industry partnerships. The meetings featured the Pharmaco-Molecular Research & Innovation Group, led by Amina Arif, and the Cognitive Robotics Group, led by Syed Tanweer Shah Bukhari, with a focus on aligning research with industry needs and exploring market-oriented solutions. The series was coordinated by Malik Abdul Rahim.



## UCP Multi-Satellite Ground Station and Aviation Data Hub

Pro-Rector and the ORIC team visited the Space Research Center at UCP, where they were briefed on research and development activities and observed a demonstration of the UCP Multi-Satellite Ground Station and Aviation Data Hub. The system integrates NOAA satellite reception for weather data from 900 km altitude, an educational satellite system operating within a 1 km range for student experiments, and an ADS-B system with 200 km coverage for aircraft tracking, alongside Flight Radar data connectivity for aviation data integration. Further integration and upgradation of the system are in progress for research and monitoring applications.



## Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh's Participation in Envion 2026

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh participated as a panelist at Envion 2026, Superior University, presenting nanotechnology-based solutions for environmental sustainability. The session covered the deployment of a 500 LPD wastewater treatment plant at UCP using nanomaterials for water purification, alongside strategies for pollution and smog control through applied nanotechnology research.



## MoUs

### UCP X University of Lodz MoU

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences signed an MoU with the University of Lodz, Poland, covering academic collaboration, research partnerships, and student and faculty exchange programs. The agreement opens avenues for joint research, academic exchanges, and knowledge-sharing sessions with experts from Lodz. The MoU was signed by Dr. Maria Eleonora Hebisz on behalf of the University of Lodz, and by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed and Dean FOHSS Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt on behalf of UCP, with a souvenir presented to Dr. Hebisz as a token of appreciation.



### UCP X Treet Corporation MoU

University of Central Punjab signed an MoU with TREET Corporation to establish academia-industry collaboration. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Tariq Hussain, CHRO TREET, Mr. Umar Farooq Kokher, Group Head HR TREET, Dr. Athar Siddiqi, and Dr. Farrukh Akhyar, along with faculty members. Discussions covered alignment of academic activities with industry requirements, including TREET business verticals, student internships, and research and development operations.



### UCP X Circle Women Association MoU

Faculty of Languages and Literature, in collaboration with Takhleeq Business Incubator, signed an MoU with Circle Women Association. The partnership covers joint activities, training sessions, workshops, awareness campaigns, and entrepreneurial initiatives, providing students and faculty with learning opportunities while fostering inter-institutional collaboration on empowerment, innovation, leadership, and professional growth.



## UCP X PEC MoU

Faculty of Engineering signed an MoU with the Pakistan Engineering Council to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. The partnership covers the organization and delivery of Continuous Professional Development activities for engineers and industry professionals, with a focus on skill enhancement, professional growth, and alignment with industry standards.



## Faculty Visits

### Prof. Dr. Rizwan Shad Visited University of Engineering & Technology as an External Examiner

Prof. Dr. Rizwan Shad served as External Examiner for a PhD Viva Voce examination in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Engineering and Technology. He evaluated a doctoral candidate's research on the experimental optimization of biodiesel derived from feedstock materials.



### Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed visited University of Haripur as an External Examiner

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed visited the University of Haripur as an External Examiner for the evaluation of a PhD thesis in Medical Laboratory Sciences. His participation reflected a strong culture of academic collaboration and a shared commitment to advancing scientific scholarship in Pakistan.



## Prof. Dr. Rizwan Shad's Visit to Pakistan Engineering Council

Prof. Dr. Rizwan Shad was appointed by the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) as Convener to lead the re-accreditation visit to QUEST Larkano Campus, covering its Electronics, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering programs. Under his leadership, the visitation team carried out a comprehensive evaluation of campus facilities and laboratories and reviewed course folders along with other essential academic documentation. The team also interacted with faculty members, students, alumni, and industry employers to assess the quality of the curriculum and the effectiveness of the learning process. Such accreditation visits, conducted by PEC through panels of experts from diverse professional backgrounds, play a crucial role in promoting best practices and enhancing the standards of engineering education across the country.



## Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt's Visit to University of Sri Jayewardenepura

Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt visited the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Colombo, where discussions were held on a draft MoU for academic collaboration, set to be signed soon.



## Industry Visits

### Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Visit to Genetics Pharmaceuticals

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, including Dean Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Majeed, Dr. Muhammad Zaman, and Dr. Huma Hameed (Resource Person), visited Genetics Pharmaceuticals to strengthen academia-industry linkages. The meeting provided a productive platform for discussions on potential collaboration, with both sides expressing strong interest in formalizing a partnership through a proposed MoU between Genetics Pharmaceuticals and UCP. The delegation also invited Genetics Pharmaceuticals to participate in the upcoming UCP Career Connect 2026, which was warmly received.



### FOPS' Industry Visit to Punjab Drug House

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences visited PDH Pharmaceuticals to strengthen academia-industry linkages. The delegation comprised Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Majeed, Dr. M. Zaman, Dr. M. Nadeem Alvi, Ms. Tehseen Riaz, Ms. Ambreen Ishaque, Ms. Tooba Mehboob, Ms. Rabia Aslam, and Ms. Naila Tabassam. Discussions covered collaboration, knowledge exchange, and future partnerships, with a focus on joint initiatives, industry-oriented learning opportunities, and research collaboration in the pharmaceutical sector. The visit also underscored the need to connect academic learning with industry practices to better prepare graduates for professional requirements.



### Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences' Industry Visit to Saffron Pharmaceuticals

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences' conducted an industrial visit to Saffron Pharmaceuticals, Faisalabad. Participants observed pharmaceutical manufacturing processes, quality control practices, and regulatory standards, while interaction with industry professionals facilitated discussion on linking academic knowledge with industrial application.



### Faculty of Engineering's Industry Visit to Bulleh Shah Starch Pack Plant

Faculty of Engineering visited the Bulleh Shah Starch Pack plant at the request of Packages Pakistan to inspect structural cracking. The visit was conducted by Prof. Dr. Kafel Ahmed from the Department of Civil Engineering. A visual inspection of cracks was carried out in daylight, covering the water chest and surrounding structure alongside the Packages engineering team. A report was submitted to the Packages Group following analysis.



## Faculty Meetings

### FMMC's Alumni Association Meeting

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication hosted a meeting with elected members of the UCP Constituent Alumni Association, chaired by Prof. Dr. Fawad Baig and attended by Dr. Atif Ashraf, Dr. Fahad Anis, and Dr. Saleem Akhtar. The elected leadership, comprising Mr. Sayed Aal-e-Haider Gillani, Ms. Amina Usman, Ms. Mariya Sohail, Mr. M. Iftikhar Khan, and Mr. Hamza Shaheen, shared quarterly updates and outlined plans to engage alumni in leadership roles, enhance participation, and raise an endowment fund to support students in need."



### 5th Departmental Ethics Review Committee Meeting

5th DERC meeting brought together faculty and researchers to review and approve research proposals, with a focus on ethical practices in studies involving human and animal samples. Ethical approval covered the protection and rights of participants, the treatment of animal subjects, and the integrity of scientific outcomes. Proposals were approved by Dean Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar and Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, reaffirming UCP's commitment to ethical research.



### FMMC's 1st Alumni CEO Focus Group

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication's 1st Alumni CEO Focus Group was chaired by Pro-Rector Prof. Dr. Hammad Naveed and Prof. Dr. Fawad Baig, with participation from more than 30 alumni. Discussions centered on strengthening internship and job placement opportunities for students, and acknowledged the efforts of the Alumni Association in maintaining connections between alumni and the institution.



## UCP X PCMA Strategic Meeting

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization met with office bearers and R&D Committee members of the Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association to strengthen academia-industry linkages and explore collaboration. The session was chaired by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed, while Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh presented the UCP Chemistry Co-Op Education model, covering alignment of academic training with industry needs, research commercialization, prototype development, the Faculty Industry Placement Program, and long-term partnerships. Industry representatives shared insights on research priorities, while UCP faculty presented institutional work and engagement.



## Alumni Office Initiatives

### Alumni Endowment Fund Meeting

Alumni Endowment Fund Committee met to review applications from deserving students, with discussions focused on providing support and facilitating students in continuing their academic journey.



## International Office Initiatives

### UCP International Office's Participation in Trinity School's Career Fair

UCP International Office participated in Trinity School's Career Fair, where representatives connected with students to discuss higher education opportunities and future career pathways.



# Admissions Office Initiatives

## UCP Admissions team's meeting with Interior Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan Sajjid Ali Baig

UCP Admissions team met with Sajjid Ali Baig, Interior Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan, to discuss outreach initiatives and strategies for student engagement in the region, with a focus on expanding UCP's reach and supporting students from Gilgit-Baltistan.



## UCP Admission Team's Outreach Campaign in Gilgit-Baltistan

UCP Admissions team, under Director Admissions Ms. Madiha Qayyum, conducted an outreach campaign across public and private colleges in Gilgit-Baltistan, alongside an open house session for prospective applicants and faculty members. The Interior Minister of Gilgit-Baltistan also visited and acknowledged the initiative.



## UCP's Admission Outreach Campaign in Skardu

UCP Admissions team, under Director Admissions Ms. Madiha Qayyum, conducted an outreach campaign in Skardu, visiting colleges and holding two open house sessions at degree colleges to share information on academic programs and admissions.



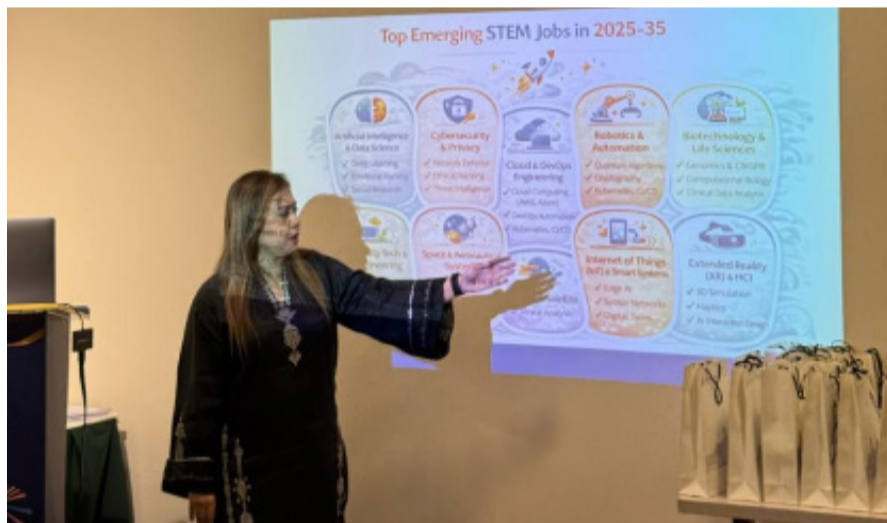
## Career Outreach at The City School

Student Services Centre conducted a session at The City School, Shalimar Campus, engaging O Levels students in discussions on career pathing after graduation. The session focused on guiding students in making informed academic and professional choices and highlighted the skills needed to navigate career landscapes.



## Career Outreach at Beaconhouse, Johar Town Boys Campus

Student Services Centre's session at Beaconhouse Johar Town Boys Campus guided O Levels students on career pathing after graduation and the importance of developing future-ready competencies.



## UCP's Admission Outreach Campaign in Hunza

UCP Admissions team under the leadership of Director Admissions Ms. Madiha Qayyum, conducted an outreach campaign in Hunza, visited four colleges, engaged with students, and held an open house session to share information on academic programs and admissions.









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