



HEC RESEARCH AWARDS 2026-27

CALL *for* APPLICATIONS

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) invites Pakistani researchers/ scholars to submit applications for HEC Research Awards competition. The objective of these Awards is to recognize excellence in research, contributions to intellectual development and promote high impact publications.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The awards will be given in the following three categories:



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

General Eligibility

- The applicant must never have been blacklisted by HEC
- The applicant/publication must not have received the same award earlier
- None of the publications on Applicant/Authors' credit is plagiarized as per HEC plagiarism policy

a) Best Researcher

- The applicant must have been a resident of Pakistan for at least three years on January 01, 2026

b) Best Young Researcher

- The applicant must be under **40 years** of age on **January 01, 2026**
- The applicant must be a resident of Pakistan for at least one year on January 01, 2026

c) Best Publication

- The publication must be a scholarly book or journal article
- The publication must not be more than three years old before January 01, 2026
- The publication must be written by no more than three authors
- All authors must be residents of Pakistan for at least three years on January 01, 2026
- Research article must be published in a HEC recognized W-category journal
- Research article must have a minimum citation count of 100
- A publication (including extended version of a paper) that have previously been submitted for the same category of award is not eligible for re-submission
- Book must be published by a recognized/renowned academic press



How to Apply

- Application forms must be submitted to HEC via online portal:
<https://research.hec.gov.pk>
- Incomplete or late applications will not be entertained.

Deadline: **Saturday, October 31, 2026**

For Further Information and application submission please visit:

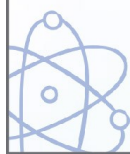
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