EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR HEC RESEARCH AWARDS
Award Category: Best Young Researcher

Applications for HEC Research Awards under the **Best Young Researcher** category will be assessed by review panels/ expert evaluators based on the following **Evaluation Criteria**. The reviewers will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the application against each criteria and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**. An overall score will also be assigned to the application on the grading scale:

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria for Evaluation	Weightage	Score (1-7) *(Refer to Grading Scale)*
Quality of Application/Written Statements • Is the application well written and understandable? • Does the statement of contributions and citation draft explains why the applicant is worthy of award and clearly outlines the research contributions with demonstrated impact • Are relevant information/ documents such as research articles, books, patents and any other material, to attest the quality of work and to support the applicant's claim, have been provided	10	
Endorsers Standing and Recommendations • Does the endorsers, supporting the applicant for the award, have professional standing in the relevant field to judge the research contributions of the applicant • Does the endorsers clearly explain major research contributions of the applicant and present a compelling case providing sound reasons in support of the quality and impact of the applicant research work that merit the award?	15	

Quality of Research Contributions
• Does the research contributions on the applicants credit be regarded of exceptional quality keeping in view the following indicators:
  - the quality of the journal (HJRS rank and score) in which research articles have been published
  - Research articles published in W category journals
  - no of citations of research articles by others
  - prestige of the publishers as defined by HEC where the scholarly books have been published
  - Patents that have been commercialized
  - Conversion of policy recommendations
• Does the publication contributed to innovative research that is relevant to the national needs of Pakistan or world at large
• What are the specific highest quality and excellent research contributions
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Impact towards Intellectual Development • Does the applicant's work contributes the most to the intellectual development i.e., improve understanding of important research questions, filling important research gaps, enhancing existing body of knowledge, opening up a new area of research, and stimulating other work that leads towards the resolution of social challenges.	20	

Socio-Economic Impact
• Does the applicant's work demonstrate high impact with regard to socio-economic development indicating;
    - the resolution of a problem facing society
    - Creation of a product, process, procedures, application or policy papers that benefits society, community, industry, government, or end user;
    - Creation of new markets and improvement of economy
    - Technology transferred to industry
    - Policy formulation based on research findings/ recommendations
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Future Potential for Innovation • Does the applicant's contributions exhibit the most promise of stimulating further research, addressing or resolving social problems, and enhancing the quality of research in Pakistan	10	

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7	Outstanding
6	Excellent
5	Very Good
4	Good
3	Average
2	Weak
1	Poor