

## **National Research Grant for Universitates (NRPU) Call SOPs 2024-25.**

### **Research Domains**

There are two domains for NRPU call 2024-25 as following:

- a. Basic Research Grant (24 months)
- b. Applied Thematic Research Grant in following areas (24 months)
  - i. Health, Wellbeing, and Biotechnology
  - ii. Digital Technologies and Cyber-Physical Systems
  - iii. Sustainable Energy and Transportation
  - iv. Smart and Sustainable Agriculture
  - v. Climate Change, Environmental Management, and Sustainability
  - vi. Advanced Materials and Industrial Innovation
  - vii. Governance, Policy, and Societal Innovation

**For Details please click the link below:**

**<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/universities/nrpu/Documents/NRPU%20Revised%20Policy%202024.pdf>**

### **Eligibility Criteria.**

- a. The Principal Investigator (PI) must be a faculty member (PhD or FCPS/MCPS/FRCS) working on regular/ contract basis (contract duration must not be less than the project duration) in the Higher Education Institutions (Public or Private) of Pakistan.
  - b. PI can hold only one NRPU grant at a time.
  - c. PI having significant delays in completion of their previous projects are ineligible. (delayed more than two years in addition to actual time-line)
  - d. Project Team& Research Collaboration:
    - i. A consortia of faculty members from multiple university departments and/or multiple universities. For details please click link below.  
<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/faculty/TTSF/Documents/Notification%20-%20Eligibility%20for%20HEC%20Competitive%20Research%20Grants.pdf>
    - ii. Collaboration with industry will be preferred.
- (For Private sector participants; No financial transactions will be made to private collaborators)

## **Short Listening Methodology**

**Two stage mechanism is adopted to ensure the quality and transparency in the evaluation and award process of NRPU. The process will be as follows.**

### **Stage-I**

- a. Open call for Project Proposal Outline submission will be published in national press and HEC website for inviting the research proposal outlines.
- b. Blind review will be conducted through panel of experts/subject specialists to evaluate proposal outlines.
- c. The shortlisted proposals outlines will be considered for Stage-II.

### **Stage-II.**

- a. The PIs/Universities of shortlisted proposals will be requested to submit the detailed project proposals through online portal.
- b. The Complete proposal will pass through a second comprehensive review process by panel of experts for final weighted evaluation.
- c. The leading proposals will be selected for award after administrative approval of the competent authority of the HEC.

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