



Higher Education Commission, Pakistan



Call for
Research Proposals

CPEC Collaborative Research Grant (CPEC-CRG) 2021

The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan invites faculty members of public and private sector universities/Degree Awarding Institutions to submit research proposals that can help address issues pertaining to Pakistan's socio-economic development, in general, and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), in particular, through joint research by the universities of Pakistan and China, drawing upon research potential of academia on both sides.

Key Features

The CPEC Collaborative Research Grant (CPEC-CRG) is one of the key components of 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 in specific priority thematic areas of national interest, utilising research potential and past experience of China in resolving national challenges in these areas. The CPEC-CRG awards will be selected competitively using a merit-based, independent, transparent evaluation and selection process based upon international standards. The amount of funding will range up to PKR 50 million, with a maximum project duration of 3 years. In exceptional cases, budgets may go up to PKR 100 million.

Applicant Eligibility

The Principal Investigators (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.

The project team may include researchers from one or more universities and must include at least one Co-PI from CPEC Consortium member universities of China.

Proposal Submission Procedure

Applications on prescribed template along with requisite documents must be submitted via HEC online portal, i.e., research.hec.gov.pk

For further information regarding proposal submission requirements and evaluation process, please see **Call for Proposals Guidance** available on: <http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/cpec-crg>

Deadline for Full Project Proposal Submission: **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**

Queries regarding CPEC- Collaborative Research Grants may be directed to email:
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