Welcome to the University
Government College Lahore began its journey on January 1, 1864, with a class consisting of nine students. It was twelve years later with 115 pupils, a staff of able scholars, painstaking tutors and prescient educationists having a vibrant vision for the future, that GC was shifted to its present location in Anarkali. This institution takes pride in being the oldest educational institution of higher learning in Pakistan. With over 7647 students and 431 members of teaching faculty, it is a centre of academic excellence and intellectual development. Our graduates continue to be leaders in all walks of life, steered by three basic guiding principles: efficiency, relevance and quality. From scientists to litterateurs, from philosophers to bureaucrats, and from poets to politicians, GCU continues to produce Ravians in search of newer, higher and challenging venues.

The academic programmes at the University aim at imparting interdisciplinary knowledge, a broader vision and a critical awareness of current issues. Students at GCU discover new insights and employ logical approaches to solve problems. We educate our boys and girls to sparkle in the field of research and all other areas of professional practice.

The University provides instructions in the English language in all major disciplines of the faculties of Science & Technology; Engineering; Arts & Social Sciences and Languages, Islamic & Oriental Learning. At undergraduate level, the University offers 4-year BA/BSc (Hons) Degree Programme in 22 disciplines and BSc Applied Management, BS Computer Science and BSc Electrical Engineering. At postgraduate level, the University focuses on the following programmes: MBA, EMBA, MS Computer Science, MS Clinical Psychology, MS Banking & Financial Economics, MS Entrepreneurship & SME Management, MS Forensic Chemistry, MS Pharmaceutical Chemistry, MS Electrical Engineering, MPhil and PhD Programmes in various disciplines.

All departments are well equipped with the necessary resources required for research work. Computer labs., Internet facility, multimedia, overhead projectors, a massive collection of books, journals, professional periodicals, digital library, research labs and seminar rooms are available to our scholars.

The University is a liberal, co-educational institution, providing a congenial atmosphere to students to study and conduct research in areas of their choice. In recent years, it has taken great strides in the development of physical facilities and improving the level of discipline, the quality of instructions and the research conducted on the campus.

GCU has long established traditions of consistent, first-rate academic and co-curricular activities and has made the life at GCU quite colourful and vibrant. The University takes pride in its pioneering work in histrionics under the GCU Dramatics Club, its inspiring orators from the Debating Society, its galaxy of respected editors of the prestigious publication The Ravi, editorial boards of The Gazette and The Scientific Ravi, its sports galas, and of the other bustling co-curricular activities round the year. The University thus provides ample opportunities to its students to discover themselves, to realise their potential and prepares them for the challenges of life.

GCU expects from its students a commitment to excellence in all activities, and to make untiring contribution to the society.
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**GCU Vision**

GCU Lahore is a modern, demand-driven, futuristic, quality conscious and affordable public university. The University wishes to build its future through internationally recognised research work, scholarship and learning within a distinctive scholarly environment.

We are committed to be a research led institution that values knowledge and learning for their own sake, as well as for the cultural, social and economic benefits it offers. We are committed to the dissemination of knowledge and learning in an environment in which leading academicians engage their pupils in rigorous intellectual activity. We focus increasingly on the “learner-centred” approach to education and the promotion of research activities. Our plans embrace three additional strategic directions: institutional collaboration, international links and open-learning to increase flexibility and interaction. We aim to extend the University’s reach and its capacity for research pursuits. We believe in creating an environment in which academic excellence can be combined with opportunities for personal development, enabling individuals to make their own future. We respect the academic freedom of all staff members and students. These are the best means of promoting creativity and generating innovative solutions to problems.

GCU seeks to recruit staff members and produce students of high quality. We ensure that our activities are carried out ethically. GCU believes in pluralist diversity, and is committed to provide best possible opportunities to all staff members and students.

Guided by this vision, we attempt to ensure three aspects in our Academic Programmes: (i) assurance of quality teaching; (ii) high standards of research and (iii) organisational and managerial efficiency. In order to convert our vision into a reality, we create research groups within disciplines, design new curricula and thus ensure the quality of our graduates.

**Development Strategy (2005-2020)**

In pursuing the GCU vision, we focus on achieving the following aims:

- To achieve research excellence in all academic areas.
- To increase the number and proportion of Postgraduate research students.
- To continue to recruit, develop and retain staff members of high quality.
- To develop and implement a sustainable Infrastructure Development Programme across the University.

**Development Plan for new Campus of GCU at Kala Shah Kaku (KSK)**

Government of the Punjab has provided 367 acres of land for the GC University Lahore to build a New Campus at Kala Shah Kaku (about 19 km from the existing Campus).

We plan to provide nation with scientific base, innovation and work force in the emerging and demand driven disciplines. The University is planning to introduce the following School/centres at KSK:

Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Psychology, Engineering, Economics, Accounting & Management, Law, Media & Communication, Performing Arts, Oriental & Modern Languages and Mathematical Sciences. The vision entails to compete with world in 21st century for a prosperous future of the nation with educational excellence, quality research and outreach in these selected areas of endeavour.