



Academic Planning and External Links

Academic Planning & External Links, established in 2006, is an integral part of the University, working towards achieving its mission and strategic objectives in line with the GCU Vision and Development Strategy (2005-2020). The AP&EL office is primarily responsible for facilitating the development of new academic programmes, disciplines and courses in the University as well as execution and review of on-going academic programmes. For this, it mainly focuses on evaluating the academic system of the University with reference to admissions, teaching and learning environment, assessment and examination system, research activities, etc. and keeps liaison with the office of the Registrar, the Deans, the Chairpersons, Controller of Examinations and Director Quality Enhancement Cell.

Services Unit, Lahore; Institute of Molecular Science and Bioinformatics Lahore, Centre for Social Justice (CSJ), Lahore; Shafi Reso Chem Ltd., NovaMed Pharmaceutical (Pvt) Ltd., Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission, Karachi (SUPARCO), Pakistan, National Institute of Laser and Optonics (NILOP), Islamabad, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Pakistan and Punjab Forensic Science Agency, Lahore and other such organizations. The subjects of agreement include exchange of teaching and research staff; exchange of students, short and long term visits, collaborative research projects, sharing of resources, joint seminars, conferences and workshops etc. GCU University Lahore is keen to strengthen existing links and seeks to develop new linkages with well-reputed foreign



In this era of internationalization of higher education, GCU believes in collaboration and networking to cope with the global academic environment. For meeting the challenges of highly competitive academic world, GCU has devised a strategic plan for developing and strengthening academic links with the leading national and international universities and research institutions. Our external links strategy focuses on increasing international awareness of students and faculty; strengthening research and knowledge production; and fostering international cooperation and harmony. Since 2002, GCU has established 175 foreign in local linkages with Universities, Industries and organization of repute. These include Tomas Bata University in Zlin, University Sains Malaysia, Sigmund Freud University Vienna, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China University of Geosciences, Wuhan, University of Sofia, Bulgaria, Imam Khomeini International University, Iran; National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC), Rawalpindi, Directorate General of Archaeology, WWF-Pakistan; M/s Urban Sector Planning Management

universities in order to enrich the quality of education and research. We have been receiving quite a positive response for joint research projects, and exchange of students and faculty from various renowned universities of Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Singapore, Turkey, UK, and the USA with whom various departments of the University are collaborating in areas of mutual interest. We are also working ambitiously to establish a strong foundation of linkages between academia and industry. Various departments of the University have established collaborations with well-known industries of Pakistan to strengthen the research partnerships; internship and placement opportunities for students; resource sharing, and faculty exchange, etc. The congenial learning environment of GCU is favourable in establishing/strengthening academic and research partnerships with national as well as international stakeholders.