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STUDY in CHINA for SIX MONTHS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

HEC invites eligible MS/MPhil and PhD scholars to undertake a research placement in China, strengthen Pakistan-China academic linkages, and advance research in national priority and emerging fields.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Pakistani/AJK national.
- ✓ Full-time MS/MPhil or PhD scholar at a recognized Pakistani higher education institution; must remain enrolled during selection and the proposed visit.
- ✓ Proposed work in China must be directly connected to the applicant's degree research and feasible within a maximum of six months.
- ✓ Official acceptance/invitation from a Chinese university, institute or laboratory stating the research area, host supervisor and proposed duration
- ✓ Host university must be a member of the CPEC Consortium of Universities.



FOR PhD APPLICANTS

- ✓ Completion of PhD coursework.
- ✓ Eligible after 18 months of enrolment and up to a maximum of 3.5 years, measured on the closing date.
- ✓ Research topic and synopsis approved by BASR, DASR or equivalent competent university body



MS/MPHIL APPLICANTS

- ✓ Completion of at least 18 credit hours.
- ✓ Must have entered the thesis/ research stage, with the topic approved by the host university/ department.



PRIORITY AREAS

1. **Emerging Technologies:** AI, Machine learning, Data science, Cyber security, Robotics, Automation, And related Disciplines
2. **Water, Environment & Climate:** Water/wastewater treatment, Desalination, Water security, Environmental engineering, Climate resilience and related disciplines.
3. **Energy & Green Technologies:** Renewables, Storage, Smart grids, Green hydrogen, Energy efficiency, Energy security and related disciplines
4. **Advanced Industry & Earth Resources:** Advanced manufacturing/ materials, Minerals, Geosciences, Marine, Coastal technologies and related disciplines.
5. **Agriculture, Food & Biotechnology:** Precision agriculture, Sustainable food systems, Food security, Agricultural biotechnology, Bio-engineering and related disciplines.
6. **Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics:** Bridges/tunnels, Ports, Shipping, Supply chains, Sustainable cities and related disciplines.
7. **Health & Life Sciences:** Biomedical sciences, Telemedicine, Public health, Pharmaceuticals, Infectious disease control and related disciplines.
8. **Society, Economy & CPEC Studies:** Economics, Trade, Chinese studies, Culture, Media, Tourism and CPEC-related social sciences.



HOW TO APPLY

1. For application submission and complete details, please visit the HEC website: www.hec.gov.pk/Site/ACCU
2. Please do not send a printed copy of the online application form. Only shortlisted candidates will be advised to provide a signed printed copy of the online application form along with requisite documents.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

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