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A Success Journey of PEEF

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) has achieved landmark of 370,000 scholarships in the year 2018-19.

The PEEF scholarships are awarded in order to recognize academic excellence of the deserving students.

Punjab Educational Endowment Fund | Government of Punjab's initiative for Meritorious & Deserving Students

ALHAMDULILLAH!
Till date
370,000 Scholarships have been awarded with a cost of Rs. 19.4 Billion

Punjab Educational Endowment Fund provides scholarships from Matric to Ph.D.

Endowment Fund 13 Billion Rupees

For more information and guidance:
Punjab Educational Endowment Fund
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The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) was established with the vision of providing financial assistance to talented Pakistani youth from less privileged background; contributing towards economic and social development to realize the dream of a moderate, progressive and prosperous Pakistan. PEEF was launched on January 17, 2009 with the endowment fund of Rs. 1 Billion which has now been raised to Rs. 13.50 Billion. Being the non-profit public limited company PEEF is registered under section 42 of the Companies' Ordinance 1984.

PEEF began its operations with the proactive methodology of selection of students for scholarships and disbursement of scholarship stipend; ensuring merit, transparency and efficiency. With more than 370,000 scholarships awarded worth Rs. 19.4 billion in a period of ten (10) years; the figure speaks for themselves. Each scholarship awarded has a tremendous impact on the lives of deserving and talented students along with their families.

For information and update please visit:

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PEEF's CMMS Scholar Honored

I am Muhammad Usman Maqbool Bhutta. I was selected for Chief Minister Merit Scholarship (CMMS) Program for PhD (Foreign). CMMS scholarship enabled me to pursue my PhD at The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST) in Robotics.

I would like to say thanks to Government of the Punjab for providing such a prestigious opportunity for studying at the world's top university. My university is ranked top 17th in Engineering and Technology in the World Ranking. It changed my life and career. During my study at The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST), I have some achievements I want to share with you.

1. Won Ram-Lab Annual Award at Shangri-La Shenzhen, China
2. Won Best Student Paper Finalist Award at IEEE-CYBER 2018



Muhammad Usman Maqbool Bhutta
PhD Scholar



Ram-Lab Annual Awards at Shangri-La Shenzhen, China



Best Student Paper Finalist Award at
IEEE-CYBER 2018



Vice-Chancellors Conference at Governor House

Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Universities across Punjab was held at Governor's House, Lahore. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar presided over the conference. While addressing the conference, he said "Universities should pay special attention on research, the Government will fully assist and support the universities in this matter". He also praised transparent and proactive operations of PEEF. Dr Amjad Saqib, Vice Chairman PEEF also addressed the conference and gave a detailed introduction of PEEF, its methodology for ensuring merit and transparency. The



provincial Higher Education Minister Raja Yasir Hamyun also addressed the conference, he said; "Government of the Punjab has decided to form a committee which will present its recommendations regarding issues of universities". "I'm fully convinced that the committee will come up with practical recommendations and the issues of universities will be sorted out on preferential basis"; the minister said.



Bahria University Rector visited PEEF

Rector Bahria University (BU), Islamabad Vice Admiral (R) Muhammad Shafiq HI(M) visited Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) office on 24th June, 2019.

During his visit, Dr Kamran Shams Chief Executive Officer (CEO) PEEF briefed him regarding PEEF objectives, scholarship methodology and award procedures. Vice Admiral (R) Muhammad Shafiq appreciated education friendly efforts of PEEF providing congenial opportunities for talented and deserving students of Pakistan.



MEETINGS

Budget Committee Meeting

1 4th meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF), was held on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019, at PEEF office, Link Wahdat Road, Lahore.

Dr Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Vice Chairman PEEF presided over the meeting. Dr Kamran Shams, CEO PEEF gave an overview of annual scholarship disbursements to the Members. While highlighting the operational performance of PEEF, it was explained that the following audit exercises have been regularly carried out in PEEF to ensure transparency in PEEF operations.



- Annual audit and half yearly review by the External Auditors.
- Scholarship (Batch) Audit for selection, award and disbursement of PEEF scholarships.
- Audits conducted by Auditor General of Pakistan on annual basis.
- Continuous process of 100% Internal Audit of PEEF scholarships.
- Quality Management System Audit “ISO-9001:2015”.

Budget & Finance Committee approved the recommended budget of YDC, CMMS, DFID & PEEF to present the same before the Board of Directors for final approval.

Audit Committee Meeting

3 3rd Audit Committee meeting of the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF), held on Wednesday, 27th March, 2019, at PEEF office, Link Wahdat Road, Lahore.

Dr Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Vice Chairman PEEF presided over the meeting. In the meeting, Internal Audit Reports were presented and discussed. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the participants .





Conference on Children Literature

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Academy Adbiyat-e-Atfal and Monthly ‘PHOOL’ organized a one day National Writers’ Conference on Children Literature on Sunday, May 05, 2019 at a local hotel.

Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr Amjad Saqib presided the session on “Importance of Reading in Childhood”. Speaking on the occasion he said; “Children are our future, we should use the children literature in educating our children to protect their future”.

While addressing, he said; “Children’s literature offers many insights in life, it informs and moulds an entire generation’s way of thinking, and greatly influences children’s world-view”. He concluded the session and said; “A generation fueled by a diet of literature can be the change-agent, inspiring and building global confidence

and instilling mankind’s faith, once again, in humanity”.

PEEF set up awareness stall at conference to showcase its performance and role of PEEF scholarships in developing human capital. At the end of the event, honorary shield were presented by Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr Amjad Saqib for their efforts in promoting education among masses. A large number of poets, writers, thinkers and intellectuals from all over Pakistan who create children content attended the conference.



Training Workshops at YDC, Murree

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) organized training workshops at Youth Development Centre (YDC), Murree. These workshops took place from March 2019 to May 2019 for PEEF scholars. Personality grooming, team building, leadership and communication skills were the key contents of these training sessions.

Summary of Training Workshops are following:

- In March, 54 participants participated in trainings held from 2nd to 31st March.
- In April, 59 participants attended trainings held from 6th to 30th April.
- In May, 75 participants were the part of trainings held from 3rd to 27th May.



Participants' Comments:

• I would like to say thanks to YDC for such a great and fantastic learning and a great hospitality.

(Danial Ijaz)

• YDC is a noteworthy initiative by Government of the Punjab. Other provinces should follow it.

(Samina Ahmad)

• The knowledge gained will be actively used in practice.

(Nabi Muhammad)

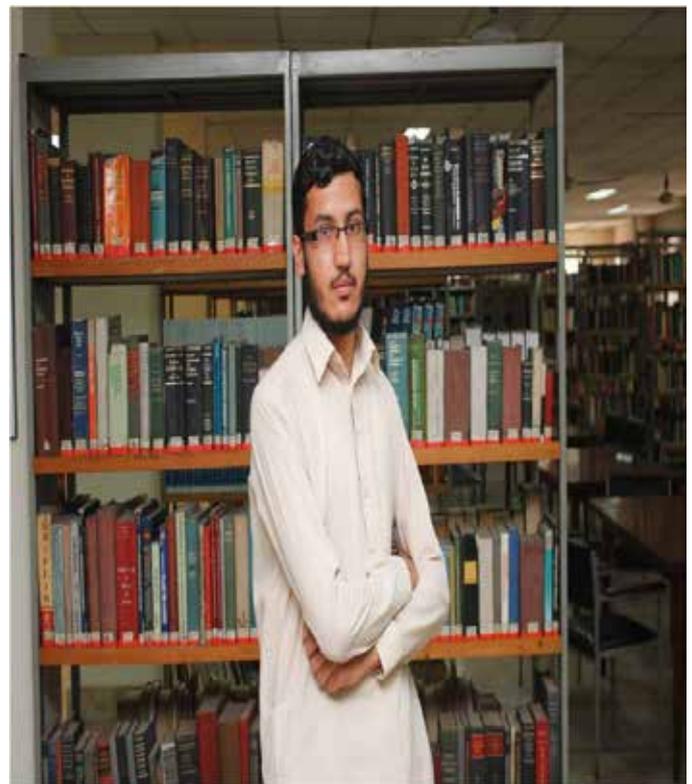


SUCCESS STORIES

“You have not failed until you quit trying, that is why I kept on studying harder everyday to acquire high grades” Jamshaid Sami

I am Jamshaid Sami from Swat district of KPK. I belong to a family who has limited financial resources. My father works as a labourer, he sell sweets for children on pushcart. I belong to a family who does not have financial resources for higher education of children.

Although it was difficult for me to manage the expenses of my Intermediate education but I jumped every barrier which came in my way. When I was completing my school education my school authorities got acquainted with the fact that I was not able to clear school dues. My teacher supported me and funded my education. I passed my Intermediate with good marks. After completing my Intermediate, higher education was herculean task for me, but I did not lose hope for better future. I knew about PEEF Scholarship program for other provinces. I applied for the scholarship and was selected on merit for scholarship.



Jamshaid Sami
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PEEF scholarship made my engineering possible from UET Peshawar. I acquired mechanical engineering education from one of the best engineering institute of Pakistan.

Now, I am aiming for a prosperous career, to support my family and country. I thank PEEF for financial support for my education.”

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I am Ayesha Jamil. I belong to a lower middle class family. My father is a carpenter. From the minimal wage he receives, he feeds his family of five children (including me) and a wife. My father does not have enough financial resources for my higher studies.

I was worried about my educational expense. One day I was browsing some universities' websites; there I came to know about PEEF-DFID Scholarships offered in LUMS. Scholarship program gave me hope for further studies. So, I prepared myself for test and interview. Fortunately, I passed test and interview successfully for admission in LUMS. My financial burden was shared by PEEF-DFID scholarship program.

I have completed B.Sc. Honors in Economics and Political Science from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). Scholarship enabled me to study in LUMS otherwise my family financial resources could not allow me to even enroll in LUMS.

PEEF scholarship criteria is outstanding, unparalleled to any other such organization existing in Punjab. What I desire in my heart is that a lot of underprivileged students should take advantages of such opportunity and PEEF to continue in aiding them to achieve their goals in life.

I want to work for the welfare of our society and economy. I am confident that I'll be able to achieve my objectives.

Many girls in our society are deprived of the basic education due to which a lot of skills and talents are



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going to waste. I hope organizations like PEEF continue to flourish and help such girls in studies which pave way for their better practical life.

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