

## Directors Message

Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) has shown tremendous improvement in its research potential since its inception as a women university in 2002 and now it's time to organize and translate its research into viable and profitable projects through commercialization and business plans to generate funds and resources for expansion of knowledge by LCWU.



The office of research, innovation and commercialization (ORIC) is to provide strategic and operational support to the University's research activities/programs. The university is now producing large numbers of papers and research work which is cited in many international journals, ORIC helps in patenting and commercialization of these innovative ideas and research. ORIC in close collaboration with financial administration, helps in making business plans to introduce a culture of entrepreneurship in today's students for future businesswomen.

This newsletter includes all the activities and achievements of ORIC for the month of November, 2019.

*Prof. Dr. Farikhanda Manzoor*  
Director ORIC

## ORIC Activities

### External Linkages /MoU's

ORIC has facilitated departments to establish national and International linkages by signing MoU/LOI with other institutes. Following LoIs / MoUs / were signed during this period.

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LoI between International Islamic University Malaysia and Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.

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LoI between SAKANO Lab, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology (TITECH) Japan and Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.

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- 3** LoI between Quezon City Governments (QCG) Philippine School of Business Administration, Manila Philippines and Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.



## Trainings on Entrepreneurship

### British Council DICE grant for Social and creative Incubation Program

LCWU in collaboration with Cranfield School of Management UK, National University for Modern Languages (NUML), Centre for Global Innovators (CGI), and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has won British Council DICE grant for Social and creative Incubation Program. The one year grant has been awarded for capacity building of women entrepreneurs and will support up to 20 start-ups at LCWU. The launching ceremony was held in NUML. Addressing the participants, Prof Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor highlighted the importance of Entrepreneurship in the wake of the escalating crisis of non-availability of jobs for youth in Pakistan. She hoped that this program will encourage, educate and empower young entrepreneurs. She further stated that this program will offer young women multiple opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and diverse talents in entrepreneurship. ORIC in collaboration with Centre of Global Innovators (CGI) initiated the 1st call for startups 2019 at LCWU; 101 teams applied for this programme. After scrutiny, 40 teams were shortlisted and called for parallel presentation/interview on 18th March 2019 at Biotechnology Seminar Room, Biotechnology Meeting Room and Architecture Computer Laboratory. As a result, 20 teams were selected to participate in the Cohort-I of this Programme. After several training sessions, Cohort -I has been successfully completed in September, 2019.

Cohort II has been successfully launched on 10th of October, 2019. It includes different modules regarding entrepreneurship such as leadership, creativity and innovation, social impact and social media marketing. 20 teams will be incubated under this program. The startups selected participated in the demo day organized by PLAN9 and PLANX on 7th November 2019.



## Funding Opportunities

One of the objectives of ORIC is to facilitate faculty and students regarding funding opportunities. Following funding opportunities has been sent to faculty through email:

### **Higher Education Commission Call for Pak-Turk Researchers Mobility Grant Programme 2019-20**

Pak-Turk Researchers' Mobility Grant Program is one of the upshots of Turkish-Pakistani cooperation within the scope of internationalization effort of higher education systems. It is implemented in Turkey by the Council of Higher Education (CoHE) and in Pakistan by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

### **Change Makers Seed Grant Opportunity 2020 Women**

Startups have launched “Change Makers Seed Grant Opportunity 2020” for startups and social enterprises who want to change their community with their innovative business ideas. The aim of the Change Makers Seed Grant Opportunity 2020 is about identifying and promoting the best early-stage business idea of innovators, startups and social enterprises.

ORIC circulated following notices and emails to all departments of LCWU in the month of November:

- ◆ Generation Unlimited Youth Challenge 2.0 launched in Pakistan
- ◆ EHSaaS solution Innovation Challenge
- ◆ Call for Research Proposal - Pak- France PERIDOT Research Program
- ◆ HEC launches roadshow to highlight research & development framework

## Center for Professional Development

Under the umbrella of ORIC, Center of Continuing Professional Development was established in June 2018. Following short courses have been conducted under CCPD:



ORIC in collaboration with ACME Institute of beauty has started three months basic short course on beauty at LCWU. 20 students have enrolled in this program and they are learning beauty techniques such as make up, hair styling etc.



## Awareness Session on Breast Cancer



ORIC-LCWU in collaboration with Chughtai Laboratory organized awareness session on breast cancer on 6th November, 2019. Students from several departments of LCWU have participated in this session. They provided free mammography vouchers for faculty and students.



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