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Highlight of the Month



Out of Thin Air 2025: From Concept to Boardgame in 48 Hours

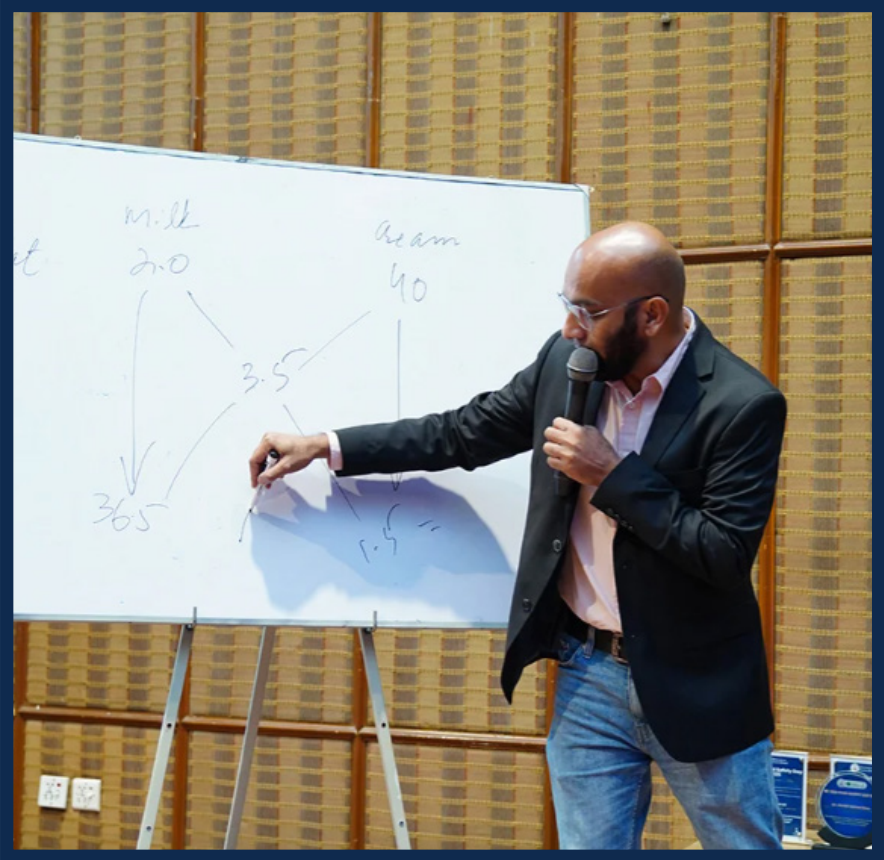
Takhleeq's Problem Solving Institute organized Out of Thin Air (OOTA) 2025, bringing together creativity, collaboration, and innovation under one roof. Over the course of two days, more than 35 teams comprising over 160 students took on the challenge of designing board games from scratch, transforming their abstract ideas into playable game designs. Guided by 15+ mentors from the creative and game development industries, participants experimented with storytelling, design mechanics, and user experience in a competitive environment.

This year's theme, Nostalgia, asked students to dive deep into their childhood memories to generate innovative ideas and showcase them through game design as a storytelling tool. As a result, dozens of personal and imaginative games were made. As a token of appreciation for the participants' efforts, cash prizes were awarded to the top performing teams. These performances were a testament to the collaborative and creative spirit of UCP students, proving that passion and imagination are the ultimate game engines. Out of Thin Air celebrated creativity and collaboration, highlighting UCP's commitment to fostering originality and student led innovation.



Workshops and Seminars

Food Safety: Science in Action



Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences hosted an international conference titled “Food Safety: Science in Action” to celebrate World Food Safety Day. Keynote Speaker, Mr. Shahid Hafeez Khan, Application & Technical Support Manager, Tate & Lyle (Pakistan and Iran), shared information on sustainable ingredients and clean-label trends in the food industry. This session provided students with the opportunity to learn about food safety issues in the real world.

Role of Artificial Intelligence in Facilitating Cross-Linguistic Communication and Bridging Language Barriers



Faculty of Languages and Literature’s workshop on “The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Facilitating Cross-Linguistic Communication and Bridging Language Barriers” featured Mr. Syed Ali Nauman Gilani, Founder & CEO, Skill2Success. He emphasized the significance of AI for students and faculty, explaining how it is transforming language learning.

Enhancing Communication Skills



Faculty of Management Sciences’ workshop on “Enhancing Communication Skills” featured Ms. Uzma Kamal. She shared practical tools and techniques needed to communicate with clarity and confidence. The session gave MBA students the opportunity to learn soft skills and prepare for real world challenges.

PPSC Preparation: A Guide for Civil Engineering Graduates



Department of Civil Engineering hosted a session titled “PPSC Preparation: A Guide for Civil Engineering Graduates.” Guest speaker Mr. Muhammad Faisal Niaz delivered an insightful presentation on the roles offered by the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC), its exam structure, and interview techniques. He also highlighted the departments hiring civil engineers, including the Communication & Works, Irrigation, and Public Health Engineering Departments. This session provided a clear roadmap for securing positions through PPSC.



Leadership and Governance in the AI Era



Faculty of Management Sciences’ guest session on “Leadership and Governance in the AI Era” with Mr. Wasif Waseem Ashraf, Founder and CEO of 360 Degree Corporation (Pvt.) Ltd. bridged industry-academia gap by introducing real-world leadership challenges to MBA students.

Contemporary Journalism Practices in the Post-Truth Era: Ethics, Responsibility, and the Way Forward



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication’s 2nd Media Symposium 2025, titled “Contemporary Journalism Practices in the Post-Truth Era: Ethics, Responsibility, and the Way Forward”, featured keynote addresses by leading media industry experts from Pakistan. Notable speakers included Mr. Ikram Barkat, Director General, PEMRA, Mr. Fahd Husain, President, Aik News Channel; Mr. Habib Akram, Senior Journalist; Dr. Kaiser Rafiq, CEO, Discover Pakistan TV; Mr. Asad Baig, Executive Director, Media Matters for Democracy and Mr. Ajmal Jami, Reporter, Suno News.

The event also welcomed various TV professionals and faculty members from media departments across different universities, including:

- Dr. Tanveer Hussain Labar, University of the Punjab;
- Dr. Salman Amin, HoD, Minhaj University;
- Dr. Abdul Shakoor, Lahore Leads University;
- Dr. Shabana Asghar, LCWU;
- Ms. Pawan Masood, Home Economics University;
- Ms. Sadia Majeed, HoD, University of South Asia;
- Dr. Safa Ilyas, HoD, University of South Asia;
- Dr. Muniba Fatima Zahra, GC University;
- Ms. Behjat Shahid, Home Economics University;
- Mr. Shahid Ali Naeem, FC College University; and
- Mr. Hafiz Naveed Qaiser, Former Controller News, Aik News.

Digital Pakistan Speed Programming Workshop



University of Central Punjab in collaboration with Ignite and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan organized Digital Pakistan Speed Programming Workshop. Industry professionals, academic experts, and certified coding mentors were invited as trainers, providing students from various universities hands-on training to develop coding skills under time constraints that are in high demand in the global software industry. This not only enhanced the participants’ coding speed but also improved their problem-solving techniques and their ability to work under pressure. The event concluded with a competitive programming contest, where students put their newly learned skills to the test and received certificates and recognition.

Thalassemia Awareness Seminar & Free Screening Camp



Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in collaboration with the Punjab Thalassemia and Other Genetic Disorders (PTGD) Research Institute, Government of Punjab organized a Thalassemia Awareness Seminar led by Dr. Yasmeen Ehsaan, Director General, PTGD Research Institute. It was followed by a Poster Competition and a free Thalassemia Screening Camp. The event promoted awareness and highlighted the importance of prevention and support in the fight against genetic blood disorders.

University Events

PLANTASTIC III



Faculty of Management Sciences organized PLANTASTIC III – a business plan competition to evaluate the final project of the Entrepreneurship course. 10 faculty members brought together 20 teams, comprising 150 students, for the event. The first half of the event included an Elevator Pitch session evaluated by our internal judges, Dr. Shahid Mehmood and Dr. Kashif. Following that, the Poster and Prototype Evaluations were assessed by external panelists from Atlas Honda.

UCP x Atlas Honda Organize “Ride with Pride” Training Session



University of Central Punjab in collaboration with Atlas Honda, organized a “Ride with Pride” training session to empower young women through mobility. Participants learned scooty handling techniques and road safety skills, giving them the confidence to navigate roads independently.

Azm-e-Zan



Faculty of Management Sciences hosted Azm-e-Zan —a tribute to the resilience, ambition, and achievements of women throughout Pakistan. Mr. Yaser Amer Awan, Director Takhleeq conducted a practical digital skills workshop titled “Crafting Impactful Content for the Digital World”. It was followed by an award ceremony recognizing exceptional women changemakers, including:

- Farzana Ali – Entrepreneurship
- Bushra Khaliq – Social Impact
- Dr. Salima Ahsan – Education
- Kishmala Talat – Youth Sports
- Afifa Nasar Ullah – Voice
- Dr. Samza Fatima – Leadership
- Prof. Tayyiba Wasim – Health

UCP Radio’s FM 92.6 9th Anniversary



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication celebrated the 9th anniversary of UCP Radio FM 92.6. The event featured a talk on radio’s relevance and cultural roots by one of the guests, Dr. Ahmed Sohail Basra, Station Director, Radio Pakistan. Mr. Khalid Abbas Dar, Radio Broadcaster & Actor, and Mr. Afzal Saahir, Punjabi Poet & Broadcaster, were also invited as guests to the event.



IELTS Preparation Session



Society of Civil Engineers’ session on IELTS preparation supported students in their pursuit of international careers and educational opportunities. A full-length IELTS mock test was conducted under real exam conditions, giving students a realistic experience of timing, pressure, and question patterns. Following the test, a workshop was conducted by Dr. Awais Shafique, an expert in English language proficiency training, who provided strategic guidance on how to achieve high scores. The session concluded with a Q&A segment, where students asked targeted questions about common IELTS challenges and effective preparation strategies.

Transformation from HR to People Analytics



UCP Ulrich HR Club hosted a session on “Transformation from HR to People Analytics” Guest speaker, Aqsa Durrani, HR Manager, Nuclieose discussed how HR is evolving with data and shared her perspective on utilizing analytics for making smarter decisions in HR.

Future of Digital Marketing



UCP Freelance Force UCP in collaboration with Tycoon UCP, hosted a session on “Future of Digital Marketing” featuring Mr. Sheikh Sajawal. He shared his views on emerging trends and strategies, equipping students with the knowledge essential for excelling in the digital era.

UCP Welfare Society’s Participation in Interfaith Conference on Humanity and Blood Donation



UCPWelfare Society participated in Sundas Foundation’s “Interfaith Conference on Humanity and Blood Donation” on International Blood Donor Day. People from various faiths, backgrounds, and communities united in their commitment to the life-saving act of blood donation and the shared values of compassion, service and humanity.



Vision to Execution Workshop



UCP Media Club concluded the final session of its Vision to Execution series through a Content Creation Workshop conducted by Murtaza Babar. The workshop offered participants insights into storytelling and production techniques. Furthermore, attendees gained an understanding of how to turn ideas into meaningful digital content.

DEX 2025: Design Meets Problem Solving



UCP Innovation and Entrepreneurship Club in collaboration with Takhleeq Problem Solving Institute hosted DEX’25 (Design Experiences) a high-impact, five-hour design sprint challenging students to think beyond aesthetics and into the realm of real branding and business problem solving. Participants from diverse backgrounds in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Business, and Psychology were grouped into cross-disciplinary teams and tasked with creating brand identities for actual startups at UCP. Seven finalist teams pitched their brand concepts to a panel of judges, with three winning teams selected for their standout innovation and execution.

Out of Thin Air 2025: From Concept to Boardgame in 48 Hours



How do you design a board game that feels like a childhood memory? Takhleeq Problem Solving Institute’s Out of Thin Air (OOTA) 2025 was a transformative experience in creativity, collaboration and rapid prototyping. This year’s theme, Nostalgia, encouraged students to explore memory, emotion, and storytelling through game design. 35+ teams with over 160 participants guided by 15+ mentors from the creative and game development industries, turned abstract ideas into tactile, playable games that evoked genuine connection and joy.

From Gaza to Iran: Israel’s Expanding Atrocities



UCP Voltaire Society’s seminar titled “From Gaza to Iran: Israel’s Expanding Atrocities” featured student speakers from BS and MPhil International Relations and Political Science programs. It explored the historical and current dimensions of the Israel–Palestine conflict, Iran–Israel relations, and the broader geopolitical implications of recent developments, including Israel’s 2025 “Rising Lion” strike. The event concluded with a symbolic release of white pigeons for peace.

The Role of Legal System in Psychiatric Cases in Pakistan



Department of Psychology’s seminar on “The Role of Legal System in Psychiatric Cases in Pakistan” led by Advocate Zohra Hotiana shed light on how Pakistani courts approach mental health cases, including legally unrecognized disorders and false insanity claims. Students gained insights into the collaboration between psychologists, psychiatrists and the legal system, learning how professional evaluations influence judicial decisions. The interactive Q&A session connected students’ classroom knowledge, especially the APA ethics code, with real-world legal scenarios.

Character Building Society x National Accountability Bureau Essay Writing Competition



UCP Character Building Society in collaboration with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) organized an essay writing competition to promote awareness and ethical reflection among students. The competition featured both English and Urdu categories, judged by Dr. Shafat Yar Khan and Dr. Ilyas Ansari, respectively. Winners in the English category were Kashif Ali (1st), Syed Kazim Ali (2nd), and Fatima Soomro (3rd) from the BS IR program. In the Urdu category, Saad Sabri (BS SWE) secured 1st position, followed by Alham Tariq (BS IR) and Maida Khan (BS Political Science). Ms. Attia Azmat, Additional Director NAB, commended the participants and distributed prizes to the position holders, encouraging continued student engagement in such constructive initiatives.

FOHSS x Japan Socio-Economic Association Career Path Program Initiative



Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in collaboration with the Pakistan Japan Socio-Economic Association (PJSEA) organized an informative workshop to introduce students to job opportunities in Japan. The session was endorsed by Japanese Business Forum and focused on the ‘Career Path Program Initiative,’ which offers thousands of employment opportunities in Japan for graduates holding a six-month Japanese Language Certificate. President, PJSEA, Ms. Sitara Arif, along with her team, briefed UCP students on the application process, program structure, and prospects under this initiative. The workshop marked a significant step in implementing the UCP–PJSEA MOU aimed at enhancing international career pathways for FHSS students.

Speaker of the Year 2025



UCP Debating Society’s Speaker of the Year 2025 brought together powerful voices from across the campus, as participants delivered passionate speeches in English, Urdu, and Punjabi—proving that when language meets purpose, expression truly knows no limits.



Qasim Ali Shah visited



Qasim Ali Shah Foundation visited UCP for a discussion on internationalization and international education. UCP leadership shared ongoing efforts to expand academic connections across countries, create student and faculty exchange plans, and explore joint programs with international institutions. Leadership from CUST and MAJU also joined the session to exchange ideas. With UCP leading the dialogue, the discussion focused on how universities can collaborate to establish a shared path for international engagement.



Prof. Dr. Syed Sohail Hussain Naqvi Visit To UCP



Prof. Dr. Syed Sohail Hussain Naqvi, CEO of Knowledge Streams, was invited to the University of Central Punjab by Prof. Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, and Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, Provost. The meeting focused on joint efforts in skill development and graduate employability. Dr. Naqvi also toured experiential learning facilities and appreciated the university’s progressive approach.

Faculty Meetings

FOMS Student’s Appointment as Executive Member – Youth Parliament Pakistan



Faculty of Management Sciences’ BS Accounting and Finance final semester student, Laraib Nazir is appointed as an Executive Member of the Planning & Development Committee in Youth Parliament Pakistan. She will represent youth voices, contribute to national planning discussions, and promote inclusive development through this platform.

Trash to Treasure



Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry organized Final Year Project Display titled “Trash to Treasure” for 8th semester Environmental Chemistry course students. It provided a platform for students to present creative upcycling solutions by transforming waste products into functional items. Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib and Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman carried out project evaluations followed by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh’s distribution of certificates of appreciation to participants.

Commemorative Ceremony for the Space Research Center’s Success at PinTEX Expo 2025



UCP’s Space Research Center (SRC) competed against more than 600 projects from 70 institutions at the Punjab Higher Education Commission’s PinTEX Expo 2025 and secured first place with their student-built satellite prototypes and a satellite ground station – a testament to STEM education led by Dr. M. Kamran Saleem. Following this victory, an award ceremony was arranged for the distribution of certificates and cash prizes to the SRC team. PKR 500,000 was awarded to individual students and researchers.

Pharm.D. Final Year Students’ Poster Presentation



Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences organized a poster presentation for final-year Pharm.D. students of Clinical Pharmacy. Dr. Waqas Akram and Dr. Ali Akhter led the event under the supervision of Dean, Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean. Students presented posters on a wide range of clinical topics, demonstrating their capabilities in patient-centred care and evidence-based pharmacy practice. The posters were evaluated by external examiners from renowned universities, adding further value and credibility to the students’ academic efforts.

Arm-Wrestling Championship 2025



University of Central Punjab’s Shape up Fitness Club organized the Arm-Wrestling Championship 2025, bringing together students from different categories in three weight categories: 50 kg+, 60 kg+, and 70 kg+. Participants demonstrated strength and technique, with winners and runner-ups receiving trophies and medals for their performances

Olympus Harvard Case Study Competition



Business Entrepreneurship Club’s Olympus Harvard Case Study Competition fostered critical thinking, problem-solving, and presentation skills among participants, enabling them to analyze and present real-world cases. This event empowered future business leaders by providing a platform for skill development and talent showcase.

Student Achievements

Mehwish Zulfiqar’s PhD Synopsis Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research organized the PhD Synopsis Open Defense of Ms. Mehwish Zulfiqar, a PhD scholar in Business Administration. Under the supervision of Dr. Sami Ullah, Associate Professor, UCP Business School, Ms. Mehwish presented and defended her research proposal before the defense committee. The event was attended by faculty members and fellow PhD Scholars and concluded with a Q&A session that highlighted the significance and depth of the scholar’s research topic.

UCP Student Secured Runners-up Position at the Justice Cornelius Declamation Contest



Our student Abdur Rehman secured runner-up spot in the Urdu Category at the First All Pakistan Bilingual Justice Cornelius Declamation Contest held at Lords Law College. Competing against participants from across the country, Abdur Rehman showcased his talent and dedication through an eloquent delivery that led him to his victory at this national event.

UCP Students Secured Runners-up Spot in TechVerse 2025



Several UCP teams participated in University of Management and Technology’s Speed Programming Competition: TechVerse 2025. Muhammad Ali, Arslan Khan, and Ali Usman Khan from UCP Team One secured runners-up spot.

Student Team Makhiz Wins Idea-Pitching Competition



UCP students Muhammad Usama, Abubakar Tahir, Ubaid Ur Rehman, and Talha Saif from the student team Makhiz won the Idea-Pitching Competition hosted by COMSATS, Lahore. Ms. Saira Latif mentored the team throughout their preparation journey to introduce their product, Netlisian, and excel in the contest.

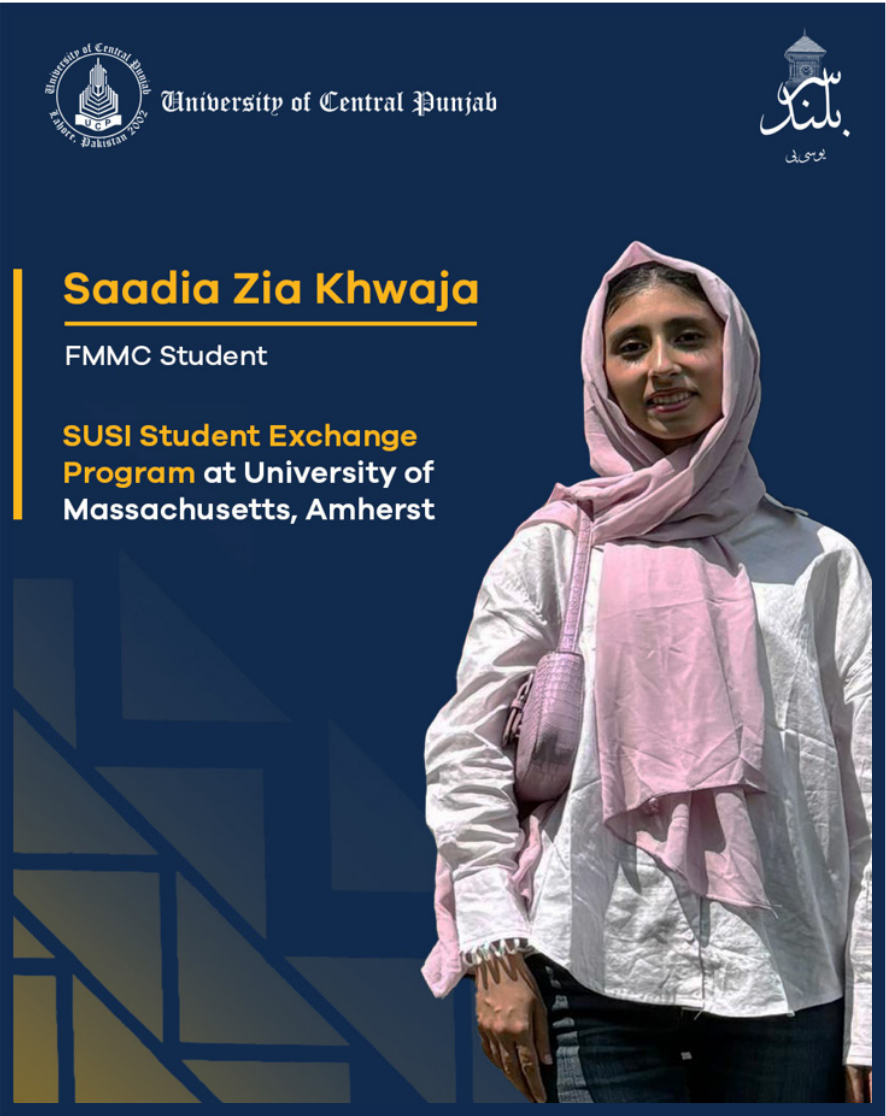
UCP Students Secured Runners-up Spot in National Seminar & Poster Competition



BS Medical Laboratory Technology students under the guidance of Ms. Iqra Jamil secured runners-up spot in the 14th National Seminar and 5th National Poster Competition, organized by the Medical Laboratory Technologists Association of Pakistan (MLTAP). The event was co-hosted by the Department of Microbiology, FOST. It provided participants with a platform to showcase excellence and innovation in clinical laboratory sciences.



Saadia Zia Khawaja’s Selection for SUSI Exchange Program



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed’s Session on “How Machines Work for Genes”



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed, Head of Biotechnology Department led a training session on “How Machines Work for Genes” at the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIT) as part of their Faculty Development Program. The session focused on combining machine learning approaches with gene analysis and bioinformatics research. Furthermore, it highlighted the relevance of interdisciplinary research in computing and life sciences, as well as UCP’s efforts in academic collaboration with international institutions.

FMMC Faculty Members’ Participation in UMT’s 3rd International Media and Communication Conference



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication participated in the 3rd International Media and Communication Conference (IMCC), organized by the Media School of UMT in collaboration with the University of Punjab. Prof. Fawad Baig, Dean FMMC, represented the faculty at the event and served as session chair with Dr. Atif Ashraf. Dr. Sadaf Zahra, Dr. Hina Adeeb, and Dr. Ali Ashraf co-chaired various sessions, whereas Ms. Ashbeelah Shafaqat Ali moderated one of the sessions. 12 research papers were presented by faculty members and MPhil/ PhD from FMMC, and 25 MPhil/MS students participated as attendees.

Faculty Achievements

PDA x GAIN World Milk Day Seminar



Faculty members from Faculty of Science and Technology under the leadership of Dean, Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar attended Pakistan Dairy Association x Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition’s national seminar to celebrate World Milk Day. The event covered various topics, including food safety, nutrition, school milk programs, women’s empowerment, and sustainable dairy farming. It brought together policymakers, industry experts, academia and civil society to explore the dairy sector’s contribution to improving public health, and nutrition.

Mr. Aideed Bashir Joins FCCU Business & Innovations Conference as a Panelist



Mr. Aideed Bashir from Faculty of Management Sciences participated as a panelist at the FCCU Business & Innovations Conference 2025. Speaking on “Blockchain for Secured Financial Services”, he explored this technology’s role in enhancing impact trust, transparency and the evolving future of finance in Pakistan.

Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal’s Participation as a Guest of Honor in “Epigenetics and Mental Health” Seminar



Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal Wattoo from Department of Biotechnology was invited as a speaker and guest of honor at an Interdisciplinary seminar on “Epigenetics and Mental Health” hosted by the Department of Psychology, COMSATS University, and the Department of Biological Sciences, Virtual University of Pakistan. He spoke on the role of mental health in influencing gene expression in response to environmental factors and how this can affect susceptibility to mental health disorders.



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication Faculty Members’ Participation in ISPR’s Hilal Talks



Dr. Fahad Anis, Dr. Ali Ashraf, Ms. Yakhshi Saleem, Mr. Muhammad Shahid and Ms. Mariyam Idrees from Faculty of Media and Mass Communication represented UCP at the “Hilal Talks” hosted by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate, Lahore Cantt, on media’s role in fifth-generation warfare.

Dr. Imran Sajid’s Participation as Keynote Speaker at the Institute of Public Health (IPH)



Dr. Muhammad Imran Sajid from Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was invited by Dr. Saira Afzal, Dean, Institute of Public Health (IPH), to represent UCP at the capacity-building workshop. He served as the keynote speaker at the workshop, conducting a hands-on session on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Public Health for the faculty and postgraduate students of IPH. The session featured details on the use of AI tools available to users, enhancing the quality of practices involved in learning.



**Student and Faculty Participation
in The Inaugural Pharmacy
Exhibition and Inter-University Quiz
Competition**



**Career Services Office
Initiatives**

**Profile Interviews and Personal
Development Plan Activity**



Career Services Office organized Profile Interviews and a Personal Development Plan activity for first-semester students of the Faculty of Media & Mass Communication. The session explored students’ future aspirations, goals, strengths, and areas for improvement, helping them plan their professional growth to achieve long-term success.

**Mock Interview Session for FOPS
Students**



Guest Interviewer, Ms. Saiqa Rani, Director of Programs, Bargad Organization conducted a Mock Interview Session for Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences’ students. Her feedback and insights helped students boost their confidence and prepare for fulfilling real-world hiring expectations.

**Mock Interview Session for FOIT&CS
Students**



Career Services Office organized a mock interview session for 6th-semester IT students to bridge the academic-industry gap. The session was led by industry professionals, including technical and non-technical recruiters who offered students the experience of being a job interview candidate. This session boosted students’ confidence and sharpened their communication skills, preparing them for future career opportunities.

COMSATS University hosted the Inaugural Pharmacy Exhibition and Inter-University Quiz Competition, where two UCP PharmD teams participated. The teams, mentored by Dr. M. Shafeeq Ur Rahman and Dr. Zaib Ali Shaheryar, demonstrated their knowledge, collaborative abilities, and analytical skills in the competition. Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean, FOP, also represented UCP by serving as a Subject Expert.

**Department of Food and Nutritional
Sciences’ Participation in GAIN
Pakistan Workshop**



Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences’ faculty under Dr. Kanza Aziz’s leadership participated in a national-level two-day training workshop titled “Building Capacity of Academia on Food System Transformation” organized by GAIN Pakistan. Faculty members from selected universities across Pakistan engaged in teaching food systems-related courses, with a focus on strengthening academic capacity to drive change in Pakistan’s food landscape.



Mock Interview Session for Psychology Students



Career Services Office hosted a Mock Interview session for Department of Psychology’s students. It bridged the gap between academic learning and real-world application by providing students with industry exposure and helping them fulfill career expectations. Ms. Asia Batool, Clinical Psychologist & Certified CBT Specialist, and Ms. Afifa Noreen, Clinical Psychologist, joined the session representing the Learning Institute of Special Care and Attention (LISCA), Lahore.

Mock Interview Session for FOMS Students



Career Services Office organized on-campus mock interviews for Faculty of Management Sciences’ Business Analytics students. The interviews led by Mr. Zaid Malik, Business Analyst, Lulusar, provided students with the opportunity to experience real-time interviews and receive feedback to boost their confidence and prepare them for their careers.

CSO’s Workshop for FoLL Students



Career Services Office hosted various workshops for second and third-year BS English students. Students were taught how to communicate effectively and prepare for interviews to enhance employability. Additionally, tips for professional branding and resume writing were shared, helping students navigate their career paths.

CSO’s Interview Preparation Workshop



Career Services Office hosted an Interview Preparation Workshop to equip FMMC students with knowledge on the pre-interview, interview etiquette, and post interview stages. The session included insights on the importance of researching company and job descriptions, crafting resumes, and presenting oneself professionally.

CSO’s Industry Talk on Building a Job Winning Tech Portfolio



Career Services Office organized an industry talk on Building a Job Winning Tech Portfolio. Speakers, Mubashra Bashir (Pure Logics), Asim Rahim (Rolustech), and Reena Khan (Knowledge Studio) shared hiring insights, industry trends and practical strategies to help students enhance their professional portfolios. The session equipped students with the tools and confidence needed to excel in the competitive tech job market.



QEC Initiatives

Biotechnology Department Conducts QEC PREE



Department of Biotechnology conducted the Quality Enhancement Cell's (QEC) Program Review and Evaluation Exercise (PREE) for MS Biotechnology program. The quality assessment, led by Prof. Dr. Hamid Mukhtar, External Evaluator & Director QEC at GCU, aimed to evaluate academic standards, curriculum design, faculty competencies, and student outcomes in alignment with HEC quality benchmarks.

Director QEC's Participation in PGPR Visit to FAST-NUCES



IQAE organized the Post Graduate Program Review (PGPR) visit to FAST-NUCES, Lahore. Mr. Asim Azhar, Director QEC, UCP, and Dr. Nosheen Sabahat, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, Forman Christian College, were invited as external evaluators to review 14 MS and PhD programs. The evaluation aimed to ensure that FAST's postgraduate program offerings met the standards set by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) for curriculum design, faculty engagement, academic resources, and student outcomes.



QEC Conducts Assessment Team Visit for M.Phil. & PhD Pharmacy Programs



Quality Enhancement Cell conducted an Assessment Team visit for M.Phil. and PhD programs in Pharmacy (Pharmaceutics) as part of the Self-Assessment Cycle 2024-25. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, nominated Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Majeed as the internal and Dr. Omer Salman Qureshi, Chairperson and Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy, Forman Christian College, as the external member. The visit aimed to evaluate progress, review academic documentation, and develop strategies for improvement. The recommendations provided by the Assessment Team are expected to contribute to refining academic practices and enhancing institutional performance.



Director QEC's Participation as External Evaluator of Postgraduate Programs at FC College



Mr. Asim Azhar, Director QEC, UCP, and Dr. Nikhat Khan, Director QEC, Kinnaird College, served as external evaluators for the Postgraduate Program Review organized by the Institutional Quality Assessment and Effectiveness. 28 postgraduate programs were evaluated to ensure the curriculum development, faculty contribution, and academic resources aligned with the benchmarks set by the Higher Education Commission. The reviewers conducted in-depth assessments through meetings with faculty and students, providing insights into the programs' strengths and areas for improvement.

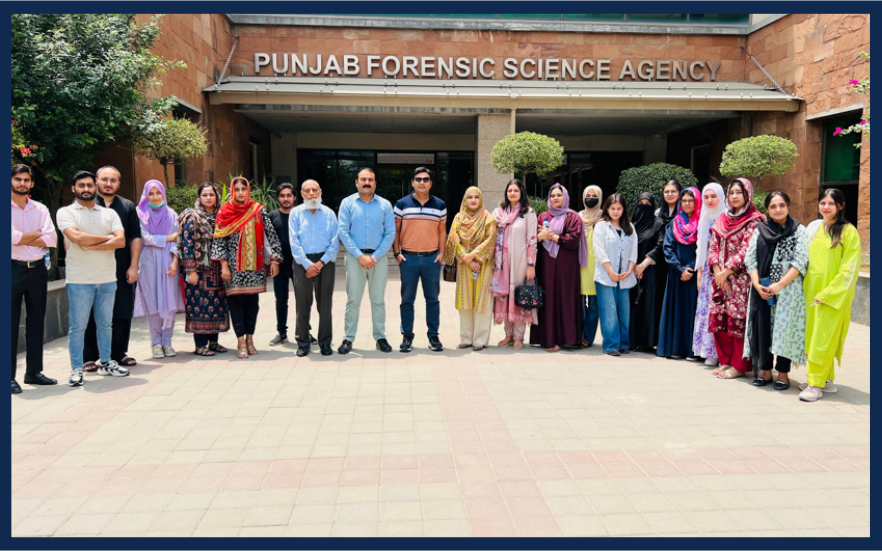
Industry Visits

Department of Psychology's Educational Visit to MAF Carrefour



Department of Psychology organized a visit to MAF Carrefour for second-semester students of the MS Organizational Psychology program. It provided students with an opportunity to understand organizational structure, workplace dynamics, and employee well-being practices in a corporate environment.

MS Forensic Science Students Visit PFSA



MS Forensic Science students from the Department of Biotechnology visited Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA). The students experienced real-world forensic science practices and interacted with experts from different sectors, including DNA analysis, toxicology, crime scene investigation, and trace evidence.

Mechanical Engineering Students' Industry Visit to Atlas Honda



Mechanical Engineering Department organized an industry visit to Atlas Honda Ltd to provide students with insights into real-world industrial practices and modern manufacturing processes in the automotive sector. The tour offered exposure to lean manufacturing techniques, supply chain operations, and automation in a high-volume production environment. Students also engaged in a productive Q&A session with Atlas Honda engineers and plant managers, who shared their professional experiences and answered technical questions.

Faculty of Management Sciences' Industry Visit to Fatima Fertilizer Limited



BBA and MBA students visited Fatima Fertilizer Limited in Sheikhupura for a study tour. Senior plant managers conducted detailed briefings on key aspects, including health and safety protocols, recruitment procedures, training systems, and performance appraisal mechanisms. The session was followed by a guided tour of the facility, during which students participated in discussions and asked questions regarding Human Resource Management practices.

Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences' Industry Visit to Shahi Enterprises



Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences organized an industrial visit to Shahi Enterprises' production plant at Sundar Industrial Estate, for 5th and 7th semester students under the guidance of Dr. Ayesha Murtaza, Dr. Muhammad Akhtar, Ms. Itrat Fatima, and Ms. Maria Haris. Students gained insights into extrusion technology and its applications in food processing, enabling them to connect theoretical concepts to real-world industry practices.

Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Sciences' Industry Visit to Netsol



Ms. Aneela Mehmood in collaboration with Tycoon UCP, organized an industry visit to Netsol to bridge the gap between academia and the corporate sector by integrating classroom learning with real-world industry practices. Students explored potential internship opportunities and engaged in a guided industry tour. Following that, participants were guided on how to create impactful resumes.

Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences’ Industry Tour to Citro Pak



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences organized an industrial visit to Citro Pak under the guidance of Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan. Students observed real-time processing of juices, spices, and noodles, bridging academic knowledge with hands-on industry experience.

FOLL’s Industry Visit to British Council Lahore



Faculty of Languages and Literature organized an industry visit to the British Council Lahore. The visit provided final-year BS English Language and Literature students with an opportunity to connect their academic studies with real-world experiences. Through this visit, students gained direct insight into the British Council’s scholarship programs, digital and physical library resources, and cultural events.

Tycoon Society’s Indusry Visit to Acrosoft & Workpod



Tycoon UCP arranged an industry tour to Acrosoft and Workpad for female students at UCP. This initiative empowered women by providing them with real-world industry exposure. Participants visited both companies, engaging in discussions with industry professionals and exploring potential internship opportunities.

MOUs

UCP x Shalamar Hospital MoU



University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with Shalamar Hospital to create new opportunities for academic collaboration, clinical training, and research. As a not-for-profit tertiary care facility, Shalamar Hospital brings expertise across 25+ clinical specialties, backed by PMDC, CPSP, and Punjab Healthcare Commission accreditations, along with 24/7 emergency care, ICU services, private clinics and diagnostic facilities.

Takhleeq x Pakistan Games Collective MoU



Takhleeq signed an MoU with Pakistan Games Collective to promote game development, innovation and entrepreneurship. This partnership will address industry issues through student-led startups and final-year projects. Both parties will organize seminars and engage in joint research and projects. A key feature of the MoU is its project-based approach, which requires no immediate legal or financial obligations.

FoE x Creative Group MoU



Faculty of Engineering has signed an MoU with the Creative Group of Companies to promote product localization, joint research projects, and training opportunities for engineering faculty and students. Creative Group delegation was also given a tour of UCP’s Engineering labs and Space Research Center. The visit highlighted UCP’s advanced labs and ongoing research and development in industrial automation and localized manufacturing.

UCP x Dysol MoU



University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with Dysol Global Pvt Ltd to enhance student learning through internships, mentorships, and innovative opportunities. The collaboration includes internships, startup mentorship at Takhleeq Business Incubator, and joint initiatives in research, innovation, and funding. Both parties have agreed to resource sharing through seminars, publications, and development content.

Pakistan Agile Education and UCP Partner Up



University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with Pakistan Agile Education to promote agile practices and practical learning at UCP and to collaborate on research and development projects. By sharing resources such as publications, seminars, and ideas, this partnership aims to empower students and startups to address real-world industry challenges.

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization

ORIC's Pre-Placement Meeting



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization organized first pre-placement meeting under the Faculty Industry Placement Program 2025. Key points in the discussion included collaborative research, faculty placements, aligning academia with industry demands, and overcoming challenges in student induction. Industry representatives included Mr. Ahmad Azhar, Manager Sales, Electrification & Automation, Siemens; Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Head of Corporate Business Development, Siemens; and Mr. Qazi Ammar Arshad, Co-Founder & President, ML Bench.

International Office Initiatives

Campus France's Session for Study Opportunities



UCP International Office organized a session with Campus France Office on study and scholarship opportunities in France. Mr. Hamza Khan Khattak, Campus France Officer, shared details of higher education and research opportunities with UCP students.

Mr. Xuchunhui’s Visit to UCP



Mr. Xuchunhui from China visited UCP for a cultural exchange. During his visit, he observed Chinese language classes and offered feedback to students on their presentations on Chinese culture and language. He also met with Mr. Sahir Mushtaq, Lead Chinese Lecturer, and shared insights to encourage our students.



Opening Ceremony of the Pak-China Maritime Silk Road Cultural Exchange Program at GDOU



UCP officials attended the Opening Ceremony of the Pak-China Maritime Silk Road Cultural Exchange Program, hosted by Guangdong Ocean University, China (GDOU). The ceremony commenced with a speech by the Director of GDOU, followed by an address from Sahir Mushtaq Malik representing UCP as International Liaison Office, and an introduction of UCP by Ms. Nayab Afzal. The event concluded with the exchange of souvenirs and gifts, symbolizing friendship between the two nations.



UCP Students Embark on Cultural Journey through Chinese Summer Camp Experience



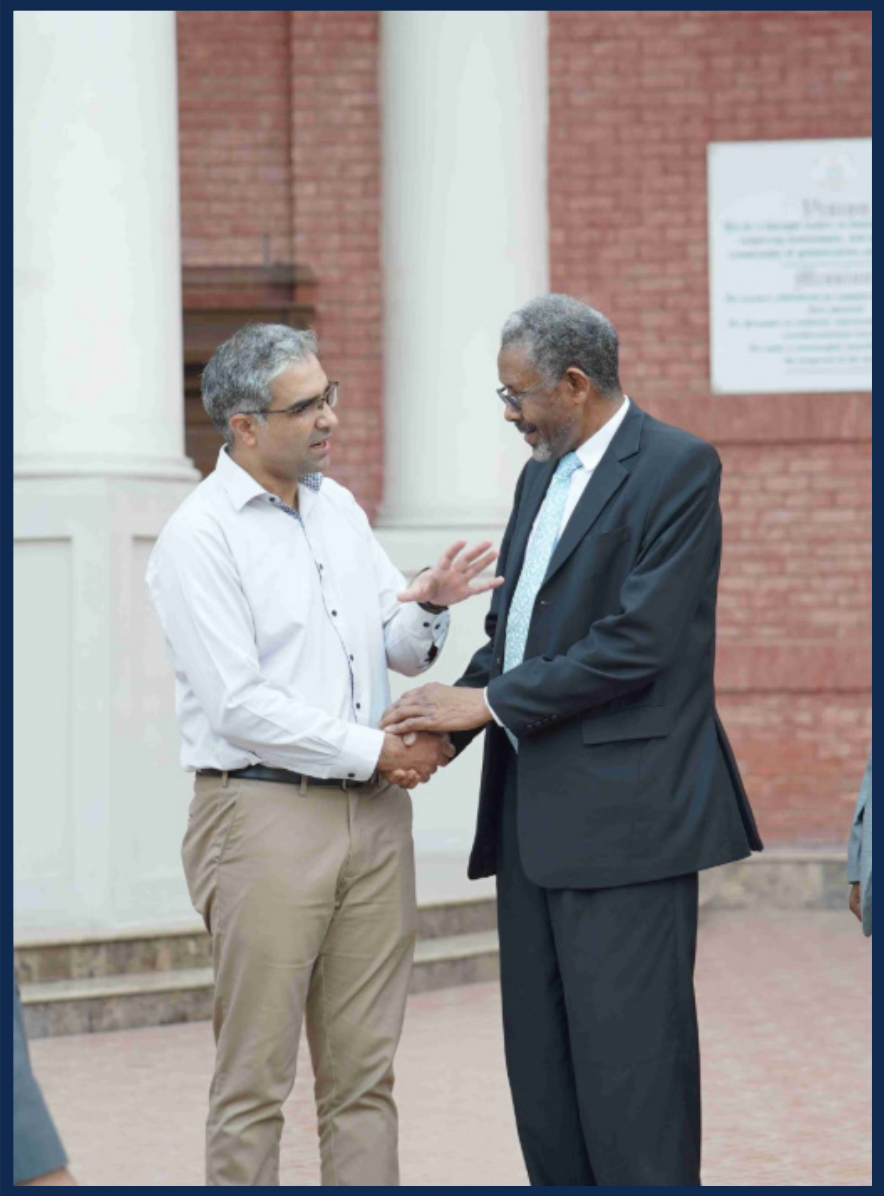
Students from different departments were selected through a competitive process and sent to China to participate in the Chinese Cultural Camp. This unique experience will allow them to explore Chinese traditions, interact with international students, and engage in academic and cultural exchange. Through this journey, they will learn about a new culture, build global connections, and broaden their perspectives. This initiative reflects UCP’s commitment to providing students with international learning opportunities.

Visit of the Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan to UCP



Dr. Hammad Naveed, along with the International Office and Administration team officials, accompanied His Excellency Mr. Salih Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Siddig, Ambassador, Republic of Sudan in Pakistan; Mr. Abdelbagi Mohamed Elnour Abdelbagi, Counsellor; and Mr. Amjad Haider Ahmed, Second Secretary, on a campus tour. Mr. Salih admired the UCP facilities available on campus, which promote a culture of experiential learning and address real-world challenges in food security, engineering, and sustainability. He also expressed a strong interest in “Made in UCP” products created by the faculty and students through collaborative efforts and conveyed his intention to export some of these products to Sudan once their product lifecycles are complete. In the end, Dr. Hammad Naveed thanked the delegation for their visit to UCP and assured full support in attracting talented Sudanese students to UCP.

UCP x Embassy of the Republic of Sudan MoU



UCP International Office invited His Excellency Mr. Salih Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Siddig, Ambassador, Republic of Sudan in Pakistan; Mr. Abdelbagi Mohamed Elnour Abdelbagi, Counsellor; and Mr. Amjad Haider Ahmed, Second Secretary, for a meeting with UCP leadership to sign an MoU offering international scholarships to Sudanese students pursuing education at UCP. This was followed by a guided tour with Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, Provost, along with Deans and International Office staff, exploring the various initiatives and campus facilities, which were greatly appreciated by the Sudanese officials. The meeting concluded with a souvenir exchange and Mr. Salih’s assurance of his full support in directing young Sudanese talent to UCP for quality education.



Alumni Relations Office Initiatives

UCAA FOL x Chai Khas and Siddique Law Associates MoU



Career Advancement Association – Faculty of Law under the leadership of Mr. Bazaf, President, UCAA FOL, signed MoUs with Chai Khas and Siddique Law Associates. As part of the agreement, Chai Khas will offer exclusive discounts to the UCP community, while Siddique Law Associates will provide internships, placement support, legal advisory services, and guest lectures.

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication’s Alumni Forum



Alumni Relations Office hosted an Alumni Forum for FMMC’s accomplished senior alumni who are CEOs, anchors, journalists, broadcasters, and leaders in their fields. The event fostered dialogue on engagement, recruitment, and paid internships for students.

UCP Alumni Association Leadership Meets with Senior Alumni to Discuss Collaboration and Endowment Growth



Provost, Muhammad Yaqoob and President UCP Alumni Association, Iftikhar Hussain, met with senior alumni from the Class of Fall 2006: Arslan Barry, Director of Barry Furniture & Sports Arena, and Hafiz Waqas Ayub, Director of Landmark Developers to explore avenues for collaboration and brainstormed ideas to enhance alumni engagement. They discussed about finding ways to increase the endowment fund to provide greater support for underprivileged students.

AI in Law: Future-Proofing Your Legal Career with Smart Tools



UCP Faculty of Law Alumni Association hosted a session with Muhammad Danish Ghaffar, CEO, Digi Lawyer. UCP Law students gained valuable insights into how artificial intelligence is changing the way law is researched, drafted, and practiced in Pakistan. Students explored how platforms like Digi Lawyer, an AI-powered legal platform, are transforming the legal landscape by providing instant access to laws, precedents, and templates.

On-Campus Recruitment Drives

FMMC x Green Entertainment Auditions



Faculty of Media and Mass Communications, in collaboration with Green Entertainment, hosted auditions for Season II of the drama series 'College Gate'. The auditions provided students with the opportunity to showcase their talent. This initiative was coordinated by Dr. Fahad Anis, HoD, FMMC, with support from Mr. Muhammad Shahid and Mr. Irfan Aslam.



CSO x Berger Paints Recruitment Drive



Career Services Office hosted Berger Paints for an on-campus recruitment drive featuring a written test. It provided students with the opportunity to showcase their knowledge. Students engaged with an established brand and explored potential career paths.

CSO x TCL Recruitment Drive



Career Services Office hosted TCL Electronic Pakistan for an on-campus recruitment drive to select candidates for the Management Trainee Officer (MTO) Program. TCL conducted an aptitude test followed by on-spot interviews with the shortlisted candidates.

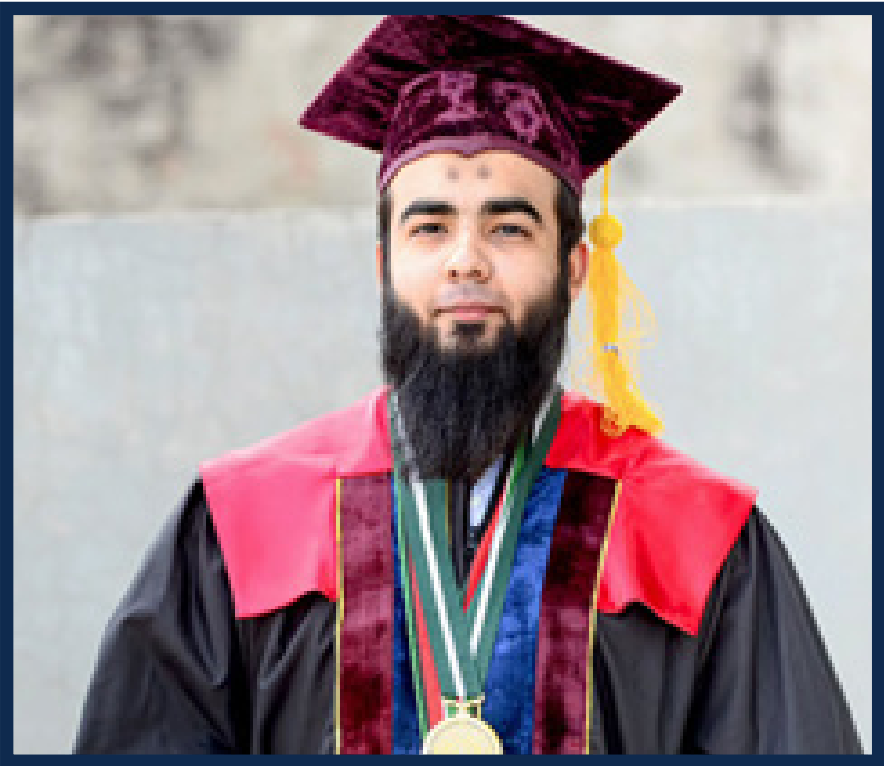
CSO x Devntech Recruitment Drive



Career Services Office hosted Devntech for an on-campus hiring drive, offering FOIT's final-year and graduated students a valuable opportunity to begin their tech careers as Associate Software Engineers (Ruby on Rails) and engage directly with industry professionals.

Pride of UCP

Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry



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Department of Zoology

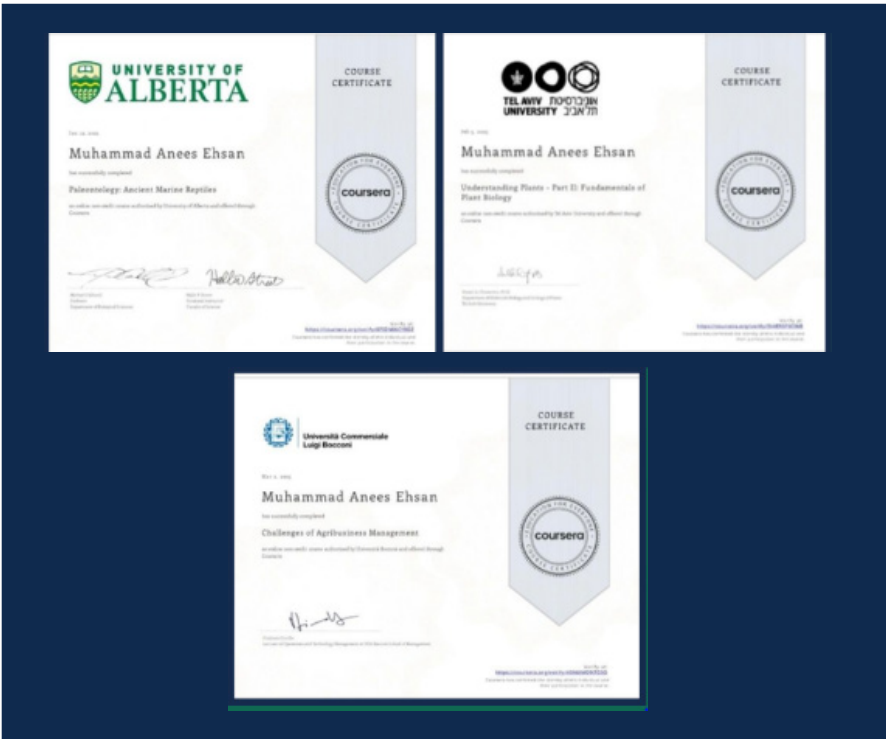


Department of Zoology’s students Javeria Khan, Damna and Hoorya’s selection in the CM Punjab Wildlife Internship Program 2025 (Batch 1) highlights their dedication to wildlife studies and consistent academic performance. Their achievement reflects her passion for contributing to conservation and biodiversity initiatives.

Department of Biotechnology



Department of Biotechnolgy’s student, Shafaq Zahra represented University of Central Punjab at Young Leaders Conference (YLC) held in Karachi. The six-day event centred on the theme “Ikhtiyaar” (Circle of Influence), provided her with enriching experiences through workshops, discussions and networking. Currently, Shafaq is serving as a Research Assistant at Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), selected through the highly competitive PUAN National Internship Program. She was among the top 200 students chosen from over 700 applicants across Pakistan.



Department of Biotechnology’s Anees Ehsan has strengthened his academic profile by earning international certifications in Paleontology from the University of Alberta and Challenges of Agribusiness Management from Bocconi University. His commitment to continuous learning and interdisciplinary exploration reflects the academic spirit encouraged at UCP.



Department of Biotechnology’s 6th-semester student, Rabia Asad was selected among the top ten ambassadors in a six-month-long program with Inspiring Women Pakistan, earning a fully funded retreat to the northern region as a reward for her outstanding contribution. She is also selected for the prestigious Qimam Fellowship Pakistan, standing out among thousands of applicants, and will represent UCP in the upcoming sessions in Karachi.



Department of Microbiology



BS MLT students participated in the 14th National Seminar of MLTAP on Allied Health Professionals: The Pillars of Modern Healthcare and the 5th National Poster Competition. Khadija Khan, along with Habiba Yasin, Ali Hamza, and Awais Siddiqui, secured runners-up spot in the poster competition for their innovative presentation.

Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences



BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics student, Minahil Zahid was awarded a Consolation Prize in the English Category at Decrodeo'25, organized by the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS).

Department of Biotechnology's 6th-semester students, Yasmin Younas and Abnar Walayat founded Empower Through Literacy, a student-led initiative selected for incubation under the Femtech Innovation Hub x Idea Launch cohort at LUMS and represented at a consultative session by the Women Development Department Punjab. They led the Kary Kary fermented drink project, which is currently incubated at Takhleeq for market launch. She co-designed innovative classroom activities for the Student Pedagogy Partnership Program (Spring 2025). They authored and submitted a review article on multi-omic approaches in lung cancer, completed climate change summer school at NUST. Yasmin earned certifications in bioinformatics, nanotechnology, nutrition and freelancing and Abnar completed a summer school on climate change at NUST and certified courses in project management, Python, and Excel. Yasim also developed the Bio-Quest Ladder, a STEM-based educational game showcased at UCP Science Fest 2024.

Department of Physics



Department of Physics' 7th-semester student, Beenish Farooq, earned prestigious Youth Innovator of the Year 2024 by the Pakistan Youth Parliament. Beenish's dedication, leadership, and service has brought national recognition to her department and UCP.



Exploring the Future of Work at LUMSX Nexus 2025

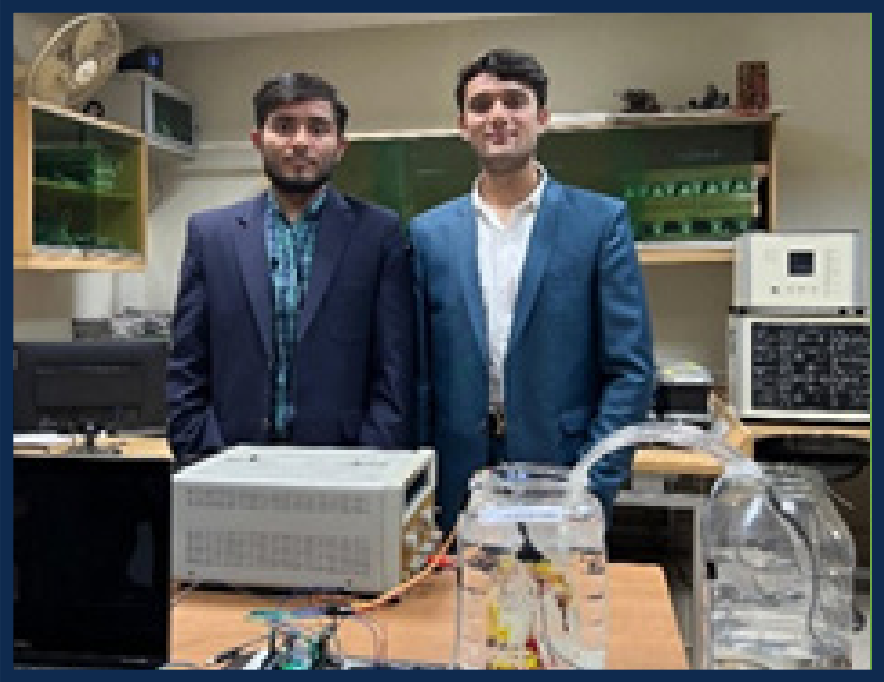


Mr. Wasi Haider from Electrical Engineering Department attended the LUMSX Nexus 2025 event, engaging in discussions on career growth, inclusivity, and the impact of AI and digital tools. The event aimed to bring together students, educators, and industry leaders to explore the future of work and learning in Pakistan. Additionally, the panel talk by the Learning Imperative and Upskilling for Growth encouraged participants to consider how they can prepare themselves for a rapidly changing world.

UCP Students Showcase Innovation at Electrical & Electronic Equipment Exhibition



Taha Hussain, Waleed Mujtaba Awan, Syed Ali Asad, and Muhammad Ahmad Islam from the Electrical Engineering Department attended and displayed their semester project “Water Level Indicator” at the Electrical and Electronics Exhibition at Expo Centre, Lahore.



Engineering in Action



Muhammad Muneeb Razzaq from the Civil Engineering Department addressed the problem of cracking in silos in his analysis. The theories and principles learned in class proved to be directly relevant to the tasks performed in real-world scenarios, helping the student in tech transfer.



Excellence in Action: Academic and Field Achievements of a Future Engineer



Muhammad Hamza Chatha, a Civil Engineering student with holds a CGPA of 3.95/4 and was recognized as the Best Surveyor of his batch. He has served as Director of Logistics and Management in SOCE and was the Event Head for Earthquake Design Building and Traffic Design competitions during the Engineering Olympiad 2024. Professionally, he worked as a Site Engineer for six weeks on a JV project with SWEG, a Chinese company, in the summer of 2023, and completed a 7-week internship at WAPDA in the summer of 2024. His academic excellence and diverse practical experience highlight his potential as a future leader in the field of civil engineering.

Student Leadership in Civil Engineering



Hasina from the Civil Engineering Department has shown exceptional leadership, serving as Vice President of the Society of Civil Engineers for 2 years and as Manager Communication for 1 year, leading events like the Engineering Olympiad 2024. She introduced International Braille Day at UCP and organized STRUCTIFY at Taakra 2025. Hasina also arranged a Sidra and GIS workshop, alumni interaction, and hosted technical sessions at an international civil engineering conference. Beyond campus, she volunteered as a career counsellor for the Hazara Student Federation and taught in Quetta. Currently, she leads her Final Year Project on an innovative technology unique both in Pakistan and internationally, and has earned the Dean’s Award for academic excellence.



Excellence in Service, Leadership, and Cultural Representation



Recognized on the Dean’s List at UCP for academic and extracurricular excellence, Zulfiqar Ali has shown remarkable leadership and community service. As Rover Scout at the Baluchistan Boys Scouts Association, he joined multiple rescue missions during COVID-19 and earned a Medal of Honor. He led logistics operations for the Clean Pakistan Mission, praised by the Deputy Commissioner, Quetta, and represented Hazara culture as UCP’s Cultural Ambassador. Throughout his journey, Zulfiqar served as Head Boy in school and college, then as President and Vice President of the Society of Civil Engineers, organizing major events like the International Conference on New Trends in Civil Engineering. An active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, he continues to contribute to professional growth and networking.



Shahzaib Ali’s Path to Excellence



Shahzaib Ali holds an impressive CGPA of 3.95, demonstrating his academic excellence. He has served as Director of Finance in the Society of Civil Engineering and contributed greatly to the Engineering Olympiad.





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